

**Regular Meeting
August 20, 2021
Inlet Town Board**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Frey, at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Frey apologized for starting the meeting late.

Present were: Highway Superintendent Shawn Hansen, Jay King, Janice Kandor, Paul Derdinski, Peter Funk, John Maestri, Codes Assessor Aimee VanWie, Parks Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti, and Gary Zawatsky.

Officials present were: Supervisor Frey, Councilman Levi, Councilman Townsend, Councilman Schmid via Zoom, Councilman Brownsell and Town Clerk Yvonne Lutz.

MINUTES REVIEW – Supervisor Frey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June meeting minutes. Hearing none

PUBLIC COMMENT –

COVID – Supervisor Frey stated that the increase in the County Covid cases seem to be mostly the Southern Park of the County. There was discussion on the vaccines and the schedule of vaccination and testing clinics. A schedule will be posted soon.

COMMUNICATIONS –

Verizon tower, behind the St. Anthony's church, will be delivered sometime in the 1st or 2nd week of September. It will serve only about 40% of the town because of the height and location of the tower. It will stand about 84-85'. There was discussion regarding the Tarpon towers, which will service the entire town, followed. Not much progress since the last meeting. All fundraising monies for this communication tower has not been touched. All expenses to date have been paid by the Town.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – Park's Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti thanked Supervisor Frey and Lynn Durkin for watering flowers. Also thanked Shawn and the highway crew for help with numerous projects, including the pothole behind the town hall. Full Parks Department report attached to agenda each month.

ASSESSOR/CODES - Assessor and Codes/Zoning Officer, Aimee VanWie provides a report each month and is available online and attached to the agenda packet. Aimee stated that the permits were slow in June, however, are picking up now. Barry Baker will be coming Friday to help install some programs on the Assessor computer.

INFORMATION OFFICE – Publicity Director, Adele Burnett provides a detailed monthly report online and is attached to agenda packet. In addition to past events and information about her department, this report will detail upcoming events. Supervisor Frey summarized the report.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Hansen reported on the numerous projects that they have been working on. In addition:

- Swept downtown, sidewalks and TOBIE
- Hauled garbage and recyclables
- Mowed grass on road sides and trails
- Raked and repaired Townsend Trail when needed
- Cleaned out some culverts and ditches on Uncas Rd
- Touched up the Moose River Plains road.
- Graded and raked Uncas Rd
- Took down Arts in the Park banner and put up Symphony banner. Would still like to find a different place to hang these banners. Somewhere on the side of the road vs overhead.

Striped the basketball court in Fern Park after it was sealed
Striped the school parking lot after it was sealed
Used the material from the counties ditching to fill in the area across from our new facility
Moved an additional barge to Fourth Lake for the 4 th of July fireworks
Helped Webb with their paving project
Hauled gravel into the Moose River Plains
Ongoing maintenance on our trucks and equipment
Moved the towns barge to 7 th lake for their fireworks and brought back to Fourth Lake

Coming Up

- Haul Garbage and recyclables
- Sweep downtown, sidewalks, Tobie
- Haul in more gravel for the Uncas Rd
- Have to prep Uncas Rd for blacktopping. Ditching, culvert work, etc
- Have some culverts to install on the dirt section of Uncas Rd
- Start prepping Uncas Rd for blacktopping
- Our truck should be heading to Viking in Sept for installation of new plow gear

TRANSFER STATION

- Open 7 days a week from 8AM-11:45 1PM-6:45PM closed from 12-1 daily for lunch
- Place is clean and orderly. Things are going well.
- Part time employees are working out well.
- All the refrigerators or anything with freon in them has been pumped down so now we can start to get rid of them to neaten that area back up
- We have a load of bailed cardboard that I will have picked up.

TOWN CLERK -

Reported revenues for the month of July

COTTAGES - Town Clerk reported that the cottages are full.

LIFEGUARDS – Every year we are in need of lifeguards, especially ones that can stay until end of summer. PLEASE consider getting certified or encouraging your young adult children to do so now and apply to work next summer.

VACATION HOME ORDINANCE - The ordinance that the Town currently has for vacation rental restrictions is being looked at the change to town wide. The public hearing will be held possibly in October. To be announced at a later date.

SUPERVISOR –

IVES - The minutes of the Public Hearing held by IVES were reviewed. Supervisor Frey thanked Councilman Schmid for all of his work on the legalities of purchasing the new fire engine. The following resolution was reviewed.

RESOLUTION #21.33

APPROVING ISSUANCE OF TAX EXEMPT NOTE FOR THE Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services Inc

The following resolution was **offered** by Supervisor Frey and **seconded** by Councilman Levi, to wit:

RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF A TAX EXEMPT NOTE BY THE INLET VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. TO THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (250,000.00) DOLLARS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF A PUMPER/TANKER TRUCK.

WHEREAS the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services Inc. (the “Fire Department”), a New York not-for-profit corporation, provides firefighting services within the jurisdiction of the Town of Inlet, New York, for the portion of the Town of Inlet described in the service agreement dated July 12, 2021, between the Town of Inlet (the “Town”) and the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services Inc; and

WHEREAS, the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services Inc is seeking to obtain a loan from The Bank of Greene County by the issuance of one or more notes on a tax exempt basis in an aggregate amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (250,000.00) Dollars (the “Note”) to finance the acquisition of a pumper/tanker truck for the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services Inc, to be issued as an obligation the interest on which will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 150(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, interest on the Note will not be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes unless the issuance of the Note by the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services Inc shall be approved by the Town Board after the President or Vice President of the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services Inc has conducted a public hearing thereon following reasonable public notice; and WHEREAS, that on July 19, 2021, the President of the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services Inc a Department held a public hearing to consider the approval of the Note, after public notice given in accordance with the Code, and a transcript or summary report has been made available to each member of the Town Board prior to this meeting; and WHEREAS, the members of the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services Inc provide firefighting services within the Fire Protection District within the Town pursuant to a written contract for services entered into pursuant to Section 18 of the Town Law; and the Fire Protection District served by the Fire Department is not serviced by any other fire company or department; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

For the sole purpose of qualifying the interest payable on the Note for exclusion from gross income pursuant to the provisions of Section 150(e) of the Code, the Town Board hereby approves the issuance of the Note by the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services Inc in a principal amount estimated not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (250,000.00) Dollars, provided that the Note shall be an obligation of the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services Inc and not of the Town.

THE NOTE SHALL NOT BE A DEBT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR THE TOWN OF INLET, NEW YORK, AND NEITHER THE STATE OF NEW YORK NOR THE TOWN OF INLET, NEW YORK, SHALL BE LIABLE THEREON.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

John Frey VOTING: aye

Herbert Schmid VOTING: aye

Dan Levi VOTING: aye

John Townsend VOTING: aye

Tim Brownsell VOTING: aye

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Discussion on the fire truck and its needed use followed. John Maestri added what a great rate Bank of Greene was offering.

LIBRARY WELL ISSUES - Supervisor Frey stated that the Library is having water issues and the well needs to be replaced. Waiting on Ron Gill records to determine the type of the pump. Discussion on ideas to replace the pump and what is currently there followed. The quote from Amber is about \$30,000 to drill a new well. The library is looking into grants, private money and help from the Stuart Foundation. Councilman Brownsell offered to help securing another quote for the library also. Supervisor Frey asked

the Board if we would be willing to contribute \$5,000 toward any shortage of funds needed. Councilman Brownsell **OFFERED the motion** to help with costs, not to exceed \$5,000. Councilman Schmid **SECONDED** the motion.

5 AYES
0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

LAND SWAP – TOWNSEND Waiting for more paperwork.

UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT - Supervisor Frey mentioned there is a \$5,000 grant available for Climate Smart Communities. We have to look further into what has to be adopted to be eligible for this grant.

5G – Received a letter from an attorney that wanted to know if the Town would like to hire their firm for any 5G rollout concerns and needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

SOUTH SHORE ROAD - Paul Derdinski inquired if we can put a solar speed limit on South Shore Road, or even a temporary speed sign from the County. There is a real problem with excessive speed on South Shore Road and he is concerned someone is going to get injured. Supervisor Frey explained it is a County Road, but would look into what options there are.

EXCESSIVE WATER – Janice Kandor expressed how much water is coming from the Town of Inlet property down the hill right into her basement. Supervisor Frey stated that we have made measures, such as permeable pavers and even had Hamilton County Soil and Water here to try to alleviate the situation. Mrs. Kandor explained that it a huge problem and she wants it fixed immediately. Supervisor Frey will meet with Highway Dept and Parks Department to see what could be done further.

GENERATOR – Mrs. Kandor reported that the generator is cycling at 3:00 am on Monday NOT at 9:00 pm on Sunday as she was told it was programmed to. She is requesting that we change the time of the generator turning on and mentioned that a red blinking light is also on constantly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Councilman Schmid made a **MOTION** to enter into executive session to discuss a legal issue. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

Town Clerk has been directed to send the letter written by our attorney, as written

Councilman Townsend made a **MOTION** to enter into regular session. Councilman Schmid **SECONDED**.

A **MOTION** to pay highway bills presented was made by Councilman Levi, **SECONDED** by Councilman Townsend

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

A **MOTION** to pay General/Wastewater bills presented was made by Councilman Schmid **SECONDED** by Councilman Brownsell

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

All business having come before this Board, Councilman Schmid made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Councilman Brownsell **SECONDED**. Next regular meeting will be held September 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk