

**Regular Meeting/PUBLIC HEARING
July 13, 2021
Inlet Town Board**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Frey, at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Highway Superintendent Shawn Hansen, Tourism Director, Adele Burnett, Lynn Durkin, Codes Assessor Aimee VanWie, ZBA Chairman, Ray Kopp, Parks Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti, and John Maestri, Robin Hill of CAP21 and Officer Chris Shean.

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 –

CAP21

RELIEF FUND – Robin Hill gave an update on the Covid Relief Fund that was terminated June 30. They had announced that anyone that needed it to please apply before June 18. There is about \$16,500 left and they are discussing offering any not-for-profit organization apply for the funds.

COMMUNICATIONS –

The question was asked if the Barnstormers will still contribute to the Communication Tower. Supervisor Frey felt that it would ultimately depend on if the tower will be utilized for their communications while maintaining the trails.

Supervisor Frey reminded the public that the Verizon Tower being built behind St. Anthony's Church is NOT the project that the fundraising drive was to contribute to. That is the Tower/towers that will be ultimately built on Corasanti Hill or Funk Hill. The only money spent at this time on the Inlet Tower project is Town funds.

Photos of the Verizon Tower base/project is attached to the agenda. They are doing a nice job. This is a separate tower that is referred to as the "Eagle Bay" tower and will probably serve more toward the direction of Eagle Bay than much of Inlet.

Tarpon Towers (the Inlet project) is not required to go in front of the Zoning Board, however, Ray Kopp mentioned again that the right-of-way access does still need to be addressed.

CAP21 - Robin Hill stated that they have a new employee fitting in very well. His name is Dan Kiefer-Bach. Everyone please welcome him.

PUBLIC HEARING – FERN PARK MASTER PLAN

Councilman Schmid made a **MOTION** to open the Public Hearing regarding the Fern Park master plan. Councilman Levi **SECONDED** .

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

Adele spoke about the various addendums to the Master Plan. It was noted again that majority do not want a snowmobile trail going through Fern Park. Lynn Durkin spoke about the value of Fern Park and remarked how much it is being used in the Winter now. Several conversations followed as to how to protect and promote Fern Park as our "un-discovered" jewel. Ray Kopp spoke in length about the asset Fern Park is and some of the suggestions that were given. It was a unanimous feeling that there should be a task force established to see that the Park is not neglected and positive changes continue moving forward. Discussion followed on the Master Plan and all the ideas, including how to possibly obtain funding and

grants. Supervisor Frey thanked the committee and everyone involved in the Master Plan for all of their hard work. Public Hearing remains open throughout the meeting.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – Park’s Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti thanked the Board for the purchase of the new UTV and expressed how helpful it has been already.

ASSESSOR/CODES - Assessor and Codes/Zoning Officer, Aimee VanWie mentioned that the “table” at the Transfer Station could be considered a Climate Smart initiative and should be considered as being allowed to remain there with supervision of the “traffic” going by there and keeping people moving along. Supervisor Frey had asked Shawn Hansen to remove the “second hand” table, however, asked the Board how they feel. There was discussion on the congestion it causes, but also the benefit of having it. It was decided to manage a smaller table in the same location and if it gets out of hand, it will be removed.

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. Adele expressed her excitement that events were being held again and successful.

HIGHWAY

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

Hauled garbage and recyclables

- Swept Downtown and TOBIE
- Brush mowed a section of Uncas Rd, will continue to do that as time allows
- Cut grass on roadsides and trails
- Fixed washouts and dragged the Townsend Trail
- Cleaned up downed trees from wind storms
- Cleared trees, fixed washouts, raked, and Opened Rock Dam Rd in the MRP. The road is open the earliest it has been since we started taking care of it. I think the dry spring helped.
- Graded and raked Uncas Rd. Thank you Webb highway for grading it for us. Want to give it a really good raking but the weather has not cooperated
- Hauled in gravel to put on the Uncas Rd
- Helped Webb Highway with their milling and blacktop project by providing a truck or two
- Put up “No Parking on Pavement” and “Park Parallel” signs on Sixth Lake Rd
- Put up Arts in Park banner
- Pulled posts in Fern Park with the Parks Dept

Coming Up

- Haul Garbage and recyclables
- Sweep Town and TOBIE on Thursdays
- Have some culverts to clean the ends on and do some ditching up on Uncas Rd
- Cut grass on roadsides, Tobie, and Townsend trails
- Grade and rake the Uncas Rd and spread some gravel
- Take down the Arts in the Park banner and put up Symphony banner
- Hopefully our culverts show up so we can install them on Uncas Rd.
- Help Webb Highway finish their paving by sending

trucks

- Keep hauling in gravel for the Uncas Rd
- Would like to purchase a 2 stage, one way snow plow from Viking. Cost is \$8,500.10 and we will be reusing our existing moldboard. This is a way to make an effort to reduce salt usage. The state is ordering all their plows this way from now on.

TRANSFER STATION

Open 7 days a week from 8AM-11:45 then 1PM to 6:45PM Closed from 12pm-1pm daily for lunch

- Place is neat and orderly
- Part time employees are working out really well.
- We have the refrigerators and freezers spread out behind the metal and C&D bins so that the freon can be drawn out of them so we can discard them. The company was here once but they left before they finished. Will try again July 21.

2 STAGE PLOW - Councilman Brownsell made the **MOTION** to purchase the 2 stage- one way plow from Viking at the cost of \$8500.10. Councilman Levi **SECONDED** the motion.

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Levi asked how the employees are compensated for working holidays. Shawn said they are given a different “holiday” day off.

TOWN CLERK -

Reported revenues for the month of June

AUD - Town Clerk reported that the 2019 AUD was done and audited and they are working on 2020.

DRUG TESTING – Town Clerk reported that she will be taking a webinar on what municipalities should be doing or considering in their drug testing moving forward now that marijuana is legalized. How the Board feels about a dispensary in the Town also needs to be discussed in the near future.

TOM GRECO – Tom Greco is looking at buying the old “Coffee Cup” and running a restaurant that would not be open too late. Because of the location, they will need to address if the Church is in favor of the location. Supervisor Frey made a **MOTION** that he is in favor of him being granted a liquor license at that location as long as the church gives approval. Councilman Brownsell **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

RIGHT-OF-WAY - The Town Clerk read the portion of the deed that addresses the right-of-way in between the Firehall and Adirondack Reflections. It clearly shows that the ingress and egress should not be blocked or “inconvenienced” at any time in that location. The Town attorney has been given the deed for interpretation and will advise.

SUPERVISOR –

**IVES RESOLUTION #21.32
JULY 13, 2021**

**MOTION MADE BY: Councilman Schmid
SECONDED BY: Councilman Levi**

WHEREAS, Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services was incorporated as a 501-c-3 Corporation on May 5, 2003, and
WHEREAS, the Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services, Inc. are comprised of both Inlet Volunteer Hose Company and Inlet Volunteer Ambulance Squad, and
WHEREAS, the Town of Inlet has for many years contracted with them for Fire and EMS Services. , and
WHEREAS, the contract for 2021 is \$67,000/ year for Fire Protection and \$67,000 /year for EMS protection, and
WHEREAS, the Town regularly increases the contract at budget time to reflect the new cost of living rate.
And
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this reolution act as a binding contract between the Town of Inlet and Inlet Volunteer Emergency Services, Inc.

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

Councilman Schmid added that there is a Notice of Public Hearing for July 19th at 6:00 pm at the IVES building. Councilman Schmid explained that the reason is for the purchase of a new fire engine.

IVES will be using Bank of Greene for their financing. Supervisor Frey added that we use the Bank of Greene also because not many banks like to loan to municipalities and 501c companies.

TOWN HALL USAGE - The use of Town Hall spaces is basically back to normal. If not vaccinated, please wear a mask. Supervisor Frey stated again how important it is for everyone to get vaccinated. Hamilton County does a great job in getting anyone that would like to be vaccinated, vaccinated. The “spike” that is being seen in NYC is a small spike and Adele and Supervisor Frey reiterated that it is amongst the unvaccinated population.

RETAINING WALL AT ST. ANTHONY - **Supervisor** Frey stated that there is nothing to report this meeting on the retaining wall.

LAND SWAP – TOWNSEND no update on the land swap from the attorneys. the Town has not received the final maps for the proposed land swap with the Townsend Estate.

AMBULANCE VOLUNTEER SHORTAGE – Big Moose Ambulance is looking at a program/study to see if and what areas should do differently and effectively for ambulance services. IVES is running on a skeleton crew and it is very hard to get people to volunteer now. Councilman Schmid expressed that the idea, such as having employees from the town being permitted to also be ambulance personnel. Councilman Schmid will be our representative from the town and each town will have a representative to discuss ideas. Robin Hill added that there will also be a Zoom meeting with MVHS, Old Forge EMS and Inlet EMS.

TRAILS – Will bring a Fern park report to next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

5th LAKE - Lynn Durkin asked if there is a way to mark 5th Lake as a no wake zone. Conversation followed about residents putting buoys out, however, the Town is really not permitted to do so.

CHARGING STATIONS - Aimee VanWie updated the Board that the contact has not gotten back to her regarding the questions on the charging stations.

BANK OF GREENE, 4th OF JULY - John Maestri stated that he was a retired banker and spoke very highly of the Bank of Greene and was glad to see the Town using them. He also commended the Town for a great job on the 4th of July Fireworks and added that it was great to see all the people. Supervisor Frey thanked all the departments that helped with 4th of July Fireworks and Chip Sauer for the use of the barge. Frey added that the employees take pride in their job and do a great job for the Town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Supervisor Frey asked for a moment of silence for MaryLee Kalil, who was a Town Board member, Historian and was instrumental in the hanging flower program. He stated how missed she will be.

Supervisor Frey also asked for a moment of silence for Diane Nestico a long time resident of the Town of Inlet.

All business having come before this Board, Councilman Schmid made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**. Next regular meeting will be held August 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk