

INLET TOWN BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday September 14th 2021

7:30 P.M. - Call Meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Minute's Review – 8/10/2021 Town Board meeting minutes

See attached pages 2 - 5

Public Comment – Regional covid-19 updates – Testing & Vaccination schedule

Communications - Verizon Tower work continues - Tarpon Towers progress????

Assessor/Codes, Parks/Building/Information

See attached pages 6 – 9

Highway Department – Fall projects

Transfer/Recycling - Fall Hours 7 days a week 8-11:45 ,1-6:45

Town Clerk Report – Rental & revenue reports, youth commission report

Supervisors Report – Access issue next to Post Office

- Unified Solar Permit - adopting will help score points toward a \$5,000 GRANT

See attached page 10

- Townsends - land swap with town.

- Set 2022 Budget Meetings

Public Comment –

Executive Session –

Audit Bills - Highway, General & Sewer

Next Regular Meeting– 10-12-2021 – 6:45 Bills & updates, 7:30 Meeting

**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

**ASSESSOR/CODES
MONTHLY REPORT
August 2021**

CODE ENFORCEMENT

A copy of the monthly report for permit activity is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

There are 3 new homes underway with foundation work started. I have had preliminary parcel reviews of 2 more new home projects that will be started later this fall. Rocky Point will be starting to build the O Plex, which will add 6 more Townhomes, they are already being advertised for sale with a starting price at \$989,000.

ASSESSOR

Barry Baker and John Stack from ORPTS will be having a meeting with all Hamilton County Assessors 9/16 or 17th. The meeting will be about maintaining our Assessment Rolls at 100% of valuation because of the amazingly high sale values experienced this year. A property owner on Uncas Road just sold his house in 12 hours for more than \$200,000 over his assessed value. The entire Adirondack Park is seeing homes selling this year for double and triple the value from 2019.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is ready to submit the Town of Inlet Short Term Rental Law to the Town Attorneys for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee VanWie

Inlet Parks Department Report for August 2021

Michael Bartolotti - Parks Department Supervisor

1. Full summer swing of cleaning bathrooms and picking up garbage daily
2. Mowed and weed wacked regularly
3. Installed new stove in Cottage #2
4. Repaired/rebuilt broken screen door on Cottage #3
5. Replaced more boards on the Arrowhead Boardwalk
6. Closed Arrowhead Beach for the season
7. Painted and repaired six picnic tables
8. Started to sand/repaint all the interior doors in the pavilion at Fern Park, two down, three to go
9. Rain /Storm cleanup in Fern park, removal of downed trees, culverts cleared, many washouts repaired
10. Trees fell in the Lighted Loop and destroyed 2 6x6 light poles and took down 500ft of electrical line, the 2 light poles have been replaced(Thank You Highway) and the rest will be fixed ASAP
11. Trail work was done on the NW Perimeter Trail at Fern Park, trail has been cleared of downed trees, trimmed back and re-trail marked from intersection 28 to 48
12. Work was done on the baseball field at Fern Park, sand was dug up and removed and replaced with clay between 1st and 3rd base.

Information Office Report
Submitted by Department Head

of the month August 2021
Inlet Tourism Director Adele Burnett

1. Balance in **Petty Cash** on August 31 was \$28.44.
2. From April 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021 this office processed 0 **snowmobile permits** for the 2020/21 season. The Information Office will continue to sell 2020/21 Snowmobile Permits for the preseason rate of \$80 each until November 15, 2020. Permits can also be purchased at the Town of Webb Visitor Center and online at OldForgeNY.com. Stickers will be printed sometime in September and will be then be mailed to anyone who has purchased one prior to printing. **I am still hoping Inlet might be able to offer an online shopping cart for snowmobile permits.**
3. During August 2021, \$554 was collected towards the **summer concert series**; and was given to the clerk to be deposited into the Publicity account 6410.412.
4. During August 2021, \$380 was collected from 6 vendors to reserve 6 spaces at Fall Festival. On August 31, there were 9 spaces available for Fall Festival including 1 indoor and 2 food. Only

one vendor had pulled out with COVID-19 concerns. A total of \$380 was deposited into the Concessions Account 2024.000.

5. **The IABA's next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 3rd at Screamen Eagle.** There currently are 94 paid members. After Labor Day, dues collected will be put towards 2022. The location for the October 5 has yet to be determined.
6. I will continue to try and keep **Inlet's Update Page** www.inletny.com/inlet/inlets-covid-19-updates updated with information about who's open.
7. **New Yorkers age 12 & up are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.** Kinney Drugs in Old Forge is still offering Pfizer and the Hamilton County Public Health has access to all three vaccines. Town of Webb has also been hosting vaccination PODs with both Pfizer and J&J available. If you are not vaccinated by now, what are you waiting for?!
8. The **Sunsets by the Lake** Summer Concert Series will conclude on September 4 with The Jam Bones. Concerts for 2022 have already begun booking.
9. **Events coming up** that I am working on or helping with include Inlet Fall Festival, Adirondack Kids Day, Adirondack Christmas on Main Street and New York Shootout. Soon I will also be working on Frozen Fire & Lights, which means we need to start thinking about 2022's Frozen Royalty.
10. The **sign in front of the Town Hall building** (the one showing where the offices are) has begun to rot and needs to be updated.
11. I am still trying to get **webcams in Arrowhead Park** - one looking towards Legion Square, one looking at the beach and another looking at the baseball field/playground. We also have been having trouble with phones and copiers this month.
12. **Brittany DePasquale** has been hired as the Tourism Director Assistant in my office. She started part time on Tuesday, August 24 and will be full time starting Friday, September 17.
13. We are planning a **retirement party for Mitch** on Tuesday, September 21 at Fern Park starting at 5:00 p.m. There will be burgers & dogs - BYOB - and let me know if you would like to bring something to share. Please also RSVP to me by 9/17. Hope to see lots of people there!
14. Reminder - In addition to the calendar that hangs outside my office, there is a **google calendar** that shows when the **meeting room and the senior room** are being used. This makes it easy for those who have access to schedule meetings from anywhere without conflict. There is also a **Vacations/Out of the Office calendar** where it can be posted when employees will be out on vacation. This also is helpful, when it is used, for other departments. All inletny.com emails can access these calendars. If you need the link, let me know.
15. **Information Office Window Hours** for September will be: Saturday-Monday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
16. **Margie** will continue to have regular hours until September 5th and will fill in extra hours as needed after that until she returns to regular hours in January.
17. Like **Inlet, NY Information & Events on Facebook** and then subscribe to our events to always know what's going on! Inlet is also on Instagram and Twitter!
18. Some **events & meetings** between this and the next town board meeting:
 - September 17 - American Legion Post #1402 7:00 p.m. @ Inlet Town Hall
 - September 18-19 - Inlet Fall Festival @ Fern Park
 - September 20 - Inlet Volunteer Ambulance 6:30 p.m. @ IVES Building
 - September 21 - Retirement Party for Mitch 5:00 p.m. @ Fern Park
 - September 23 - CAP-21 & Central Adirondack Housing Committee 5:30 p.m. @ Zoom
 - September 24 - New York Shootout Planning 11:30 a.m. @ Inlet Town Hall
 - September 28 - Adirondack Kids Day Bag Stuffing 6:30 p.m. @ Inlet Town Hall
 - September 29 - Inlet Planning Board 7:00 p.m. @ Inlet Town Hall

- October 2 – Adirondack Kids Day @ Arrowhead Park
- October 5 – Inlet Area Business Association 6:30 p.m. @
- October 6 – Climate Smart Task Force Harvest Dinner 6:30 p.m. @ Seventh Lake House
- October 12 – Department Head Meeting 10:00 a.m. @ Inlet Town Hall

Dates for 2021-22: (all dates are being monitored and will only take place if circumstances allow)

- September 18 & 19 – Inlet Fall Festival @ Fern Park
- October 2 – Adirondack Kids Day @ Arrowhead Park
- October 2 – IVES BBQ & Clambake
- October 29 – Halloween Parade & Party @ IVES Building
- November 26-28 – Adirondack Christmas on Main Street
- November 30 – Holiday Open House
- December 11 – New York Shootout @ Chip & Cindy’s Track
- December 12 – Cookie Swap @ Inlet Town Hall
- December 31 – Champagne Bus
- February 26 – Frozen Fire & Lights
- March 12 – “Let’s Get Crooked!” @ Inlet Town Hall
- April 23 – Egg Hunt @ Arrowhead Park
- April 23 – Adult Egg Hunt @ Fern Park
- May 1 – Local Appreciation “Jon’s” Party @ Screamen Eagle
- May 4 – Community Pride Day
- May 7 – Fire & Spice @ Seventh Lake House
- May 13-15 – The “Otter” Paddlesports Event @ Frisky Otter Tours
- May 27-29 – Great Adirondack Garage Sale
- May 30 – Post #1402 Wreath Laying Ceremony @ Legion Square
- May 30 – Memorial Day Parade @ Inlet?
- June 11 – Black Fly Challenge @ Inlet & Indian Lake
- July 2 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 4 – Live Music & Fireworks @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 9 & 10 – Maintain the Chain @ Fulton Chain of Lakes
- July 9 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 16 & 17 – “Arts in the Park” @ Arrowhead Park
- July 16 – Dan Duggan & Peggy Lynn @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 23 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 29 – “An Evening with the Symphony” @ Arrowhead Park
- July 30 – Inlet Classic Car Cruise & Show @ Arrowhead Park
- July 30 – Shakespeare in the Adirondack Park @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 30 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 5 – Aloha Friday @ Inlet
- August 6 – 6th & 7th Lakes Improvement Association Picnic @ Fern Park & Fireworks over Seventh Lake
- August 6 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 7 – Ice Cream Social @ Inlet Public Library
- August 13 – Dan Berggren @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 14 – Gary Rudd Memorial Golf Tournament
- August 20 – Bill Staines @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 27 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- September 3 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- September 9 – Adirondack Canoe Classic passes through Inlet

RESOLUTION NO. _____

ADOPTION OF THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT

WHEREAS, The Town of Inlet has duly adopted the "NYS Fire Prevention and Building Construction" code to provide minimum requirements to safeguard the public safety; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Inlet Code Enforcement Officer, who administers and enforces all provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, the New York State Energy Code, and the Town of Inlet Code; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Inlet requires the issuance of a building permit for the construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, removal or demolition of any building or other structure; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code regulates the design, construction, installation, alteration and repair of equipment and systems using solar systems; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has developed a New York State Unified Solar Permit that reduces the cost for solar projects by streamlining municipal permitting processes: and

WHEREAS, The Town of Inlet desires to promote the streamlining of the application process for small-scale photovoltaic system installations under 25 kW in size by adopting the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and implementing the new procedures,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Inlet Town Council hereby adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and procedures for the installation of small scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, The Town of Inlet Code Enforcement Officer is hereby directed to use said New York State Unified Solar Permit application for and procedures in the issuance of building permits for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

RESOLVED, Any further actions required of the Town of Inlet to effect the foregoing are hereby authorized and the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any instruments, documents or the like as required to effect the same.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes _____ Nays _____

This resolution was adopted. _____