

**Regular Meeting
March 8, 2022
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: Chief Ron Johnston, Highway Superintendent Shawn Hansen, IT, Dennis Hudson, Robin Hill, Codes/Assessor Aimee VanWie, Parks Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti, and Peter Funk.

Official's present were Supervisor Frey, Councilman Levi, Councilman Townsend, Councilman Schmid via Zoom, Councilman Brownsell and Town Clerk Yvonne Lutz.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR UKRAINE

MINUTES REVIEW – Supervisor Frey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February meeting minutes. Councilman Townsend pointed out that the minutes should reflect that Councilman Schmid was present in person, not via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

LIVING ADK – Robin Hill updated the Board regarding the mobile integrated health program. Still working with Midstate EMS for the pilot program. Also working with insurance companies and Smullen, Tedisco and Stefanik for letters of support. Conversation followed about losing Tedisco with the re-districting that is taking place. Robin stated that Dan is working extensively with not-for-profits and grant opportunities. He has met with Mike in Parks a few times regarding opportunities available.

COVID – Supervisor Frey stated that we are fairly “back to normal”. The mask mandate has been lifted, even in schools. He stressed again how strongly he believes in vaccinations.

COMMUNICATIONS –

Still working on the GIS mapping with the APA. Frey hopes to still see the permit before summer.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – Park's Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti reported that he has been meeting with Dan at Living ADK for different grant options. Recently looking into the T-Mobile Hometown Grant for possibly \$50,000. It would not require matching. Would like to see it used for a new playground in Arrowhead. Bartolotti has handouts of ideas for the playground if anyone would like to approve. The equipment is approved by insurance companies.

BATHROOMS – RESOLUTION #22.11 – Bartolotti shared with the Board. Would be about \$3,900 at Lowes and about \$800 for incidentals. There was discussion regarding proposed materials to use. Councilman Levi made a **MOTION** to proceed with bathroom remodeling not to exceed \$5,000. Councilman Townsend **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

TRACKS FOR SIDE BY SIDE – Mike Bartolotti reported that the tracks would \$5,800 and it would cost another \$8,000 for a cab kit and heater. The vehicle doesn't have power steering, therefore, it won't work with tracks, it would max out the vehicle. Discussion followed regarding ideas on equipment needs for grooming.

WATER PUMP – RESOLUTION #22.12 Mike asked for permission to purchase a new pump and waterline for Arrowhead. It has been spliced too many times. They will keep the current pump for the backup. Councilmen asked some questions. Bartolotti stated that the Inlet Fire Department is donating the old fire hose to sleeve the line. Cost of the line approx. \$675 and pump \$724. Councilman Brownsell made a **MOTION** to permit the purchase of new pump and line, Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

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 mentioned that Barry is coming down to meet and help with land tables. There is the possibility of a re-valuation in possibly the next two years.

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 thanked the information office, parks dept and highway department for all their hard work on the Fire & Lights, as usual, it was a huge success. Supervisor Frey expressed how successful the outhouse races were and offered a public apology for not allowing an outhouse to go by the road to advertise the event.

HIGHWAY

Supervisor Frey presented RESOLUTION 22.13 for the year 2022
REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY HIGHWAY
SUPERINTENDENT TO POST WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON TOWN ROADS

FOR THE YEAR 2022

DATED: March 08, 2022

BY: Councilman Townsend

WHEREAS, Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 41, Section 1660 gives authority to the Town Board to post weight limits on Town Roads when the Board deems necessary to protect roads from harm during spring break up, and

WHEREAS, Vehicle and Traffic Law Article 40, Section 1650 gives authority to the county superintendent of highways to post weight limits on County Roads when the superintendent deems it necessary to protect County roads from harm during spring breakup, and

WHEREAS, the Town would need to place an ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such postings, and

WHEREAS, the County Superintendent places a legal ad in the local newspaper notifying the public of such posting on County highways, and

WHEREAS, the Town roads are typically posted for the same duration as the County roads, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Town Highway Superintendent believes that it would be in the interest of the Town if the County Superintendent post weight restrictions on the Town roads in conjunction with the County Roads during spring break up, be it
RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Inlet hereby requests and authorizes the County Superintendent of Highways post weight restrictions on Town roads within the Town of Inlet when he deems necessary for the calendar year 2022.

Seconded by Councilman Levi

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion Carried

GROOMING – Dennis Hudson asked if conditions warrant, will groomers still go out and groom. The Board reported they would try to keep conditions good as long as possible, or until trails close.

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

- Plowed snow
- Cleared sidewalks and parking lots
- Hauled garbage and recyclables

- Moved snow from spots it gets piled up in town to make room for more
- Replaced an alternator on our Mack snowplow. I apologize for the conditions of the roads while we dealt with this issue.
- Cleared snow and sanded for Frozen Fire and Lights

Coming up

- Plow snow
- Clear sidewalks and parking lots
- Haul garbage and recyclables
- Soon the roads will be posted for the spring breakup to avoid damage to our highways

Transfer Station

- Open 4 days a week from 8AM-11:45AM then 1PM-6:45PM Closed from 12-1 daily for lunch. Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.
- We have some new lights for the ends of the building. They are the same as the one we have at our shop. LED with dusk to dawn eyes.
- Place is clean and orderly

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM – RESOLUTION #22.14 HIGHWAY Shawn Hansen present the Board with two quotes for the new fire alarm at the new building. TAS was \$17,474 and Johnston Controls \$20,405. Councilman Schmid made a **MOTION** to hire TAS and councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

HIGHWAY PLOW LETTER OF INTENT RESOLUTION #22.15 – Highway Superintendent Hansen present the board with pricing of a new plow truck through Utica Mack. It will take 14 months for a new truck, at this point we need a letter of intent to order the truck. Cost is approximately \$284,522. There was discussion on the prior trucks and our needs, in addition to the State reimbursement for plowing. Councilman Brownsell made a **MOTION** to give a letter of intent and Councilman **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

WOODEN DOOR – OLD HIGHWAY BUILDING – The overhead door in the old highway building needs to be replaced. Shawn presented two quotes, one with an R7 and R13 insulation. Councilman Herb would like to see another quote and table until next meeting.

POLICE – Chief Johnston reported that it appears we will be given the waiver for Officer Shean.

SEARGEANT – Supervisor Frey presented the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION #22.16
MARCH 8, 2022**

TOWN OF INLET POLICE DEPARTMENT, SERGEANTS POSITION

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman John Townsend, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

WHEREAS: The Town of Inlet Town Board endeavors to provide for the general public safety by employing a full-time police department,

And WHEREAS: The Town of Inlet Town Board acknowledges the benefits to be realized by the establishment of the position of Sergeant within the ranks of the Town of Inlet Police Department.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Inlet Town Board hereby establishes the internal position of Sergeant upon attending New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Supervisor's school within two (2) years of appointment.

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

Chief Johnston gave an awards presentation to show recognition for his officers for different incidents in the past couple of years. Officer Shean was not able to attend, however, is being recognized for his job well done. Chief Johnston also recognized Shawn Hansen with a plaque for assisting the police department with evidence being stored safely.

TOWN CLERK -

Reported revenues for the month of February.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT EMPLOYEE INCIDENT – Don Haehl had a comprehensive claim on his vehicle where he hit a deer on the way to the WWTP. The damage was a little over \$3,000. Discussion followed and no decision will be made until we check with our insurance to see if it would cover his vehicle.

JUSTICE AUDITS – Supervisor Frey reported the revenue amounts for the Town Justice offices for the year of 2021. Schofield had revenue of \$8,821 and Arey \$10,298. The reports are in the Town Clerk office for the Board to review in detail if desired. Councilman Brownsell made the **MOTION** to accept the audits as presented. Councilman Townsend **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION – The Town Clerk asked if the Town would donate an off-season weekend rental to the silent auction for the Epilepsy Foundation Chocolate Gala on April 2, 2022. The Board was concerned that this would start a precedent that we would donate to all causes, and we don't want to do this. It was ultimately decided to allow a weekend off season that is not typically rented.

Dennis Hudson asked when reservation invoices typically go out. Town Clerk has the system trigger the reservation invoice 120 days before arrival.

Dennis expressed the trouble and the amount of work File Maker has caused recently. He is hopeful that online permits will be available to purchase from Inlet. Supervisor Frey stated that he made a good faith offer to help pay for the new software should there be a better software program that could be used by Inlet and Old Forge to sell permits.

SUPERVISOR –

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – The Library Board has asked to appoint Barb Thibado on the Board. Supervisor Frey thanked Edie Schreppel for her years of service on the Board and thanked Barb for coming forward to be on the board.

RESOLUTION #22.18 – Councilman Townsend made a **MOTION** to appoint Barb Thibado to the Library Board and Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

911 CELL PHONE CALLS - Still working on how the cell phone calls in Hamilton County get routed and expressed his concern that with the lack of responsiveness in the call and the calls being routed to the incorrect call center will cause someone's life. It isn't about the money that is received for hosting the calls.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Dennis Hudson from Eagle Wireless stated he did not submit a bill this month, however, did work on moving equipment out of the DANC room and thanked Mike for his help in relocating everything.

Robin mentioned that the cell tower coverage seems to help. She had cell coverage up at Red Dog Tavern. Discussion followed.

A **MOTION** to pay highway bills as 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 Townsend **SECONDED** by Councilman Schmid

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Townsend made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:40 pm and **SECONDED** by Councilman Schmid, however, was called back to order at 8:40 pm to reschedule the next regular board meeting to April 19, instead of April 12, due to vacations.

All business having come before this Board, Councilman Schmid made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**. Next meeting will be held April 19, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk