

**Regular Meeting  
April 19, 2022  
Inlet Town Board**

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

Present were: Snowmobile, Chip Sauer, Patrick Quinn, Peter Funk Parks Supervisor Mike Bartolotti, VIA Zoom, IT, Dennis Hudson, and Julie Nelson.

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

**MINUTES REVIEW** – Councilman Schmid asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March meeting minutes. Councilman Townsend pointed out that there was no second shown for the resolution for the new tandem truck. Clerk will review and add the second.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

**COMMUNICATIONS –**

The APA has approved the two towers on Corasanti Hill. The process has been in the works for 14 years and initially started working on it 25 years ago. Supervisor Frey added a huge thank you to everyone that sent comments to the APA, all the donors and everyone that had a hand in helping make this happen. Councilman Brownsell asked if the Northern Borders grant is still in place and Supervisor Frey responded that it is. Finances for the towers was discussed.

**INFORMATION OFFICE** - Publicity Director, Adele Burnett gave a detailed monthly report attached to the agenda packet and online. She added that she is still anxious to get a shopping cart online for snowmobile permits and a better system. She would love to see a stronger relationship with Town of Webb and work closer and jointly with the entire process. Discussion followed.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT** – Park's Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti reported that the new windows were installed in Adele's office and the men's bathroom remodeled. Currently waiting on supplies for the women's bathrooms. The Park's department is losing Frank for several weeks for medical reasons. Stephen Cole will fill in most of May, but it may be difficult in June. Adele added that the Black Fly Challenge is taking place this June and is starting in Inlet, which will be a little less work for the Park's Department.

**ASSESSOR/CODES** - Assessor and Codes/Zoning Officer, Aimee VanWie provides a report each month and is available online and attached to the agenda packet. Councilman Schmid had some questions on the wording of her report, which was clarified.

**HIGHWAY**

Garage door quotes were presented again and Adk Garage Doors was the lowest quote, however, there were some questions if the doors were all comparable or if some had differences. Councilman Townsend made a MOTION to purchase the best door choice and one that matches the others as best as possible, not to exceed \$8,000. Councilman Levi SECONDED.

5 AYES 0 NAYS **Motion Carried**

Town clerk presented the highway report on Shawn Hansen's behalf:

- Plowed snow
- Hauled garbage and recyclables
- Started sweeping downtown and Rt 28 corridor

- Installed new yard lights on ends of transfer station building
- Continued servicing trucks and equipment
- Patrolled Moose River Plains Road

Coming Up

- Plow snow
- Continue sweeping
- Haul garbage and recyclables
- Cleaning up roadsides after this storm
- Paint the chipper and plows
- Fix spots that plows dug up

**Transfer Station**

Open 4 days a week from 8 AM to 11:45 then 1 PM to 6:45 PM Closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

- Starting on the first week of May the Transfer Station will be open 7 days a week with the same hours
- As many of you know we have the garbage compactor apart to repair a leaking hydraulic cylinder and repair some other components on it before the busy summer season kicks in. We are currently waiting for the hydraulic cylinder to be rebuilt so it can be put back together. We apologize for the inconvenience but this is a necessary repair that is better done now and not in an emergency.
- We sent out a load of bailed cardboard

**PARKS** – Mike presented a quote for the new pillars in front of the town hall. The others are rotting. The quote is for 4 installed cedar posts (that match the pavilion). Councilman Brownsell made a MOTION to approve the quote for the new cedar pillars and Councilman Townsend SECONDED.

**5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED**

**LIQUOR LICENSE 30-DAY WAITING PERIOD** – Tom Greco requested a waiver for the 30-day waiver for the NYS liquor Board. Councilman Brownsell made a MOTION to waive the requirement for a 30-day waiting period. Councilman Levi SECONDED the motion.

**5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED**

**POLICE** – The waiver for Officer Shean to be permitted to earn over the maximum allowed for a retired civil service position was approved, however, has to be looked at again January 31, 2023 to make sure there are no eligible applicants for the civil service. Supervisor Frey thanked Clerk Lutz and Chief Johnston for the work on the waiver.

**TOWN CLERK -**

Reported revenues for the month of March and reported that the Epilepsy Foundation sent the Town a thank you letter for help with their silent auction.

**SUPERVISOR** – Supervisor Frey wanted to clarify that the employee at the transfer station that has been using the CTS vehicle has the permission to do so. It is owned by Hamilton County and they also insure the vehicle. There is no abuse of the privilege, however, may have to clarify and remind the employee how many days it can be used.

**911** – Supervisor Frey said they are still working on the issue that if you call 911 with your cell phone in the Town of Inlet, it is directed to the wrong 911 call center. People need to tell the call center that they should be directed to Herkimer County call center and exactly where they are.

**SNOWMOBILE GROOMER** – Chip Sauer presented the quote for a new snowmobile groomer. The issues the current one could have in the near future because of its age was discussed and availability of new machines is very limited. There is one payment left on the newer of the two groomers we own, which will be paid in May. Need to get an order in asap if we are going to see a new one this Fall. They were offered \$55,000 for a trade-in value on the older groomer, but would get more money if sold outright and will explore that avenue. Will consider using Bank of Greene for the financing instead of Key Govt Finance. Councilman Townsend made a **MOTION** to purchase the new groomer at a cost of \$262,000 less trade-in guaranteed of the \$55,000 for the 2010 Pisten Bully. Councilman Levi **SECONDED** the motion.

**5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Julie Meeks asked what the status was of Officer Terpening with Officer Shean getting the waiver and the hiring of the new full-time Sergeant? Supervisor Frey explained the several avenues were explored for Officer Terpening to obtain a waiver and he is not eligible. He explained that he was always hired as a part-time officer, and we appreciate all his time. Julie expressed that she was concerned there would not be enough hours for him and thanked Supervisor Frey for the clarification.

**STORM** – Mike Bartolotti stated that the firewall is open to anyone and has heat, internet and phone. Adele mentioned that Inlet Community Church was also. Bonnie added that Water’s Edge was offering rooms to people without power/heat for \$25/night. Supervisor Frey stated it could be days before the power was restored.

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 Levi **SECONDED** by Councilman Brownsell

**5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED**

**EMPLOYEE VEHICLE DAMAGE -** Councilman Brownsell asked what the decision is on reimbursing the employee for their deductible for the damage the personal truck sustained while working for the Town of Inlet. Discussion followed. Supervisor Frey made a **MOTION** that we reimburse the employee, paid to the body shop, for the deductible on his auto insurance not to exceed \$500. Councilman Levi **SECONDED** but clarified for just this case.

**3 AYES 2 NAYS MOTION CARRIED**

All business having come before this Board, Councilman Levi made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Councilman Townsend **SECONDED**. Next meeting will be held May 10, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk