

**Regular Meeting
May 10, 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: Connie Perry, Gary Zawatski, Peggy Brownell, Dan Kiefer-Bach from Living ADK, Dennis Hudson from IT, Aimee VanWie Codes/Assessor Via Zoom and Highway Superintendent Shawn Hansen.

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

MINUTES REVIEW – Supervisor Frey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April meeting minutes. No changes noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

COVID – Covid seems to be back in Inlet. The Hamilton County DMV has limited hours due to problem with staffing. Make sure to check with the office before going to the offices.

COMMUNICATIONS –

As Councilman Schmid reported at the last Board meeting, Supervisor Frey announced again that the APA has approved the two towers on Corasanti Hill. Discussed the importance of the 911 communications going through Herkimer. Someone is going to lose a life with the calls being misdirected.

PUBLIC COMMENT

TOWN SEND TRAIL – Peggy Brownell asked about the status of the Townsend Trail. The Town Clerk is still working on securing the easements that were not yet secured and obtaining the form on the ones that were needed. These should all be secured and recorded before the Highway Department can begin construction again this Fall.

RECREATIONAL GRANT – Peggy asked about the grant we were looking into and the different ideas at Fern Park. She emphasized how popular pickle ball is and would like to see something at Fern Park. Dan Keifer-Bach spoke for Mike because he is helping with the grant and Mike is at Fire Essential training. He explained that they are applying for 3 different recreational grants. Supervisor Frey stated that himself and Mike will set up a time to meet with Peggy to discuss the possibilities that she is interested in.

BATHROOMS SIGN – Gary Zawatski asked about signs to direct people to public restrooms.

INFORMATION OFFICE - Dennis Hudson mentioned that the Black Fly Challenge is the second Saturday in June and they are always looking for volunteers. Fire and Spice was a huge success and the new venue worked great. Publicity Director, Adele Burnett gives a detailed monthly report which is available online and attached to the Agenda package each month.

FUNDRAISER – Connie Perry mentioned that \$1622 was raised at Fire and Spice for Lee Schultz Haynes.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – Park's Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti had provided estimates for the clay in the ball fields of \$1765 and Fern Park Pavilion siding of \$985. He had reported that they would like to do more work on the bike trails and use the funds that were budgeted. A full report is attached to the Agenda package.

ASSESSOR/CODES - Assessor and Codes/Zoning Officer, Aimee VanWie provides a report each month and is available online and attached to the agenda packet.

HIGHWAY

Plowed snow

Hauled Garbage and recyclables

Cleaned up brush on sides of roadways after snow

Storm

Swept Rt 28, town and county roads. Only road left is Uncas and we are on that today. Have parking lots left to do

Started to break down equipment coming out of winter

Raked the gravel section of Uncas Rd, Evans Dr, and Gilbert Rd

Put the dock in at 4 th lake boat launch

Coming Up

- Haul garbage and recyclables**
- Finish our sweeping, Uncas Rd, Parking lots.**
- Clean up Townsend trail and freshen up the trail surface where needed**
- Going to head into the Moose River Plains to clean up the road and get it raked in hopes of gates opening on time. The gates usually open on the Wednesday before Memorial Day**
- Have a culvert on Uncas Rd to replace**
- Regrade the beach at Arrowhead Park**
- Repair a culvert on Gilbert Rd gravel section**
- I have been in contact with Scott Irish from Rocky Point about a location to hang the banners instead of overhead. It sounds like we will get the nod to do this. The plan is to set two posts with cables attached so that they can be put up easily.**
- Storm damage brush pick up will be the week of June 6 th . Please have brush out by the road and call the Highway Department office (315-357-4541) to get on the list.**

Transfer Station

- Open 7 days a week from 8 AM – 11:45 then 1PM to 6:45 PM. Closed from 12 PM til 1 PM daily for lunch.**
- We are still waiting for the hydraulic cylinder for the garbage compactor to finish being repaired so we can put it back together. I would like to apologize for the inconvenience.**

TOWN CLERK -

Reported revenues for the month of April

OTTER BROOK BRIDGE – The Town Clerk mentioned she spoke to Dave Corr and he would like support in having the bridge at Otter Brook repaired for vehicles. The Board stated they are in full support.

MAINTAIN THE CHAIN - The Clerk read some information from Maintain the Chain and asked if the Board would help support the cause financially. Councilman Brownsell made a **MOTION** to give the organization \$1,000 and Councilman Levi **SECONDED** the motion.

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

CLIMATE SMART - Connie spoke about the initiatives for community composting. She attended a meeting in Saranac Lake and there is a huge push for communities to start composting. She spoke that there are groups that offer assistance in getting started and it is a great way for restaurants to get rid of their food waste for food prep, etc. There was a second presentation on May 17 regarding the heating and cooling initiatives, which also can offer a free energy audits. More information is also available through Living ADK.

SUPERVISOR

GRANT IDEAS – Supervisor Frey mentioned to Dan Keifer-Bach that he would like to meet regarding some grant options.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Denny mentioned that the Eagle is open again.

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 Schmid **SECONDED** by Councilman Brownsell

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

All business having come before this Board, Councilman Townsend made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**. Next meeting will be held June 14, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk