

**Regular Meeting
August 9, 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: Parks Supervisor Mike Bartolotti, Highway Superintendent, Shawn Hansen, IT Dennis Hudson, Gary Zawatski, Peter Funk, Peggy Brownell, and Julie Nelson.

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

MINUTES REVIEW – Supervisor Frey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the July 2022 meeting minutes. Julie asked for clarification on how it was left at the July meeting with applying for speed reduction studies. It was explained that we are going to keep it uniform on all roads, unless Tracey from the County recommends something different.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

SPEED ZONE IN DOWNTOWN – Julie expressed that she would really like the Board to re-consider not making a request to lower the speed zone in town. She expressed how dangerous it is and people are going way too fast to stop for pedestrians. Discussion followed.

PARKING – Julie asked about the parking situation in town. Shawn reported that he should have the signs soon. Julie thanked Shawn and the Board.

BOAT LAUNCH – Julie asked the town involvement in the boat launch closure. He expressed how heavily it impacts their property. She has a lot of concerns and wondered if the Town could help in getting answers. She has a contact, however, as responsive as he is, he can't seem to get all the answers. She is also concerned about the number of fights during the summer at the boat launch and asked if there could be a police presence more often. Supervisor Frey will look into it. There was also discussion on snowmobiles and how they will have access to the lake. Supervisor Frey explained that he has not seen the budget or plans for all the work to be done.

TOWNSEND TRAIL - Peggy Brownell asked about the status of the missing easements to continue on the Townsend Trail. Bonnie explained that the easements are in pretty good shape, however, a form to record them is needed and that requires the people's social security number, which some are hesitant to give. She will ask the County Clerk if there is another way around this requirement. Peggy expressed how frustrated she is that this is taking so long, and the construction has been so slow. Supervisor Frey explained that there have been many roadblocks that have delayed the construction. Discussion on the use of NYS DOT right of ways followed.

PARKING - Supervisor Frey mentioned the frustration of parking in downtown again. He discussed that delivery trucks need to consider delivering much earlier in the day and find better locations to stop while unloading.

COMMUNICATIONS – A copy of the plans went out and construction should begin soon. Recently had a walk-thru with Tarpon. Everything is on schedule at this point now, however, electricity could be 4-6 months to run it. AT&T wants the tower to be live by the end of the year.

INFORMATION OFFICE - Information office report, provided by Publicity Director, Adele Burnett, is attached to the agenda packet and also available online.

ASSESSOR/CODES OFFICE – Assessor, Aimee VanWie provides a report each month and is attached to the agenda packet.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – PAVERS Park's Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti reported that he is running into problems installing the pavers. The driveway mix is impeding the excavation enough to place the pavers without causing a tripping hazard. Cannot go any further toward the public restrooms because they will be damaged by the plowing. He cannot think of a good place that is level to install the pavers. The program will be put on hold until there is an adequate solution.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS - Mike stated that he is having some issues with the outdoor public bathrooms being open 24 hours/day. He is recommending that next year they be closed at 10:00 pm and open possibly 7::30 in the morning.

ANIMAL PROOF OUTDOOR TRASH RECEPTICLES – Mike would like to look into animal proof receptacles that will also help with the water that collects in the garbage after rain. He is looking into grant money.

GREAT TEAMWORK - Supervisor Frey thanked Mike, Patrick and Shawn for all of their extra work and efforts for Art's in the Park. Mike in turn thanked Shawn for all his help.

TEMPORARY POSITION - Mike reported that he has people interested in the temporary position with Park's only if it goes to a permanent position.

HIGHWAY

Hauled garbage and recyclables

- Shipped a load of bailed cardboard
- Swept downtown, sidewalks and TOBIE every Thursday
- Swept Town Hall parking lot before car show
- Paved a section of Uncas Rd. I'd like to thank Hamilton County, Town of Long Lake, Town of Lake Pleasant, Town of Webb, and Town of Indian Lake for the trucks and drivers to haul the blacktop for us. Like to thank The Gorman Group for a nice end product.
- Backed up driveways on newly paved section. Shoulders will be added when county shoulder machine frees up
- Hauled gravel for shoulder back up and Uncas dirt section
- Spread some gravel on the dirt section of Uncas Rd
- Brush mowed a section of Uncas Rd
- Mowed Townsend, TOBIE and roadsides.
- Raked Moose River Plains roads. County is hoping to bring a grader in at some point
- Assisted Parks by filling in a sinkhole that formed between cottage 1 and 2
- Assisted Town of Long Lake with their paving project

- Repaired a culvert up on Gilbert Rd
- Took down Arts in the Park banner and put up Symphony banner. Will put up next banner when we get a chance.

Coming Up

- Haul garbage and recyclables
- Sweep downtown, and TOBIE every Thursday.
- Hoping to see the shoulder machine from the County for Uncas Shoulders

- Install a new culvert up on Uncas Rd
- Grade Uncas Rd rough spots
- Cleaning ditches on many different roads
- Put up posts and rig them for the road banners

Transfer Station

- Open 7 days a week from 8 AM until 11:45 AM then 1 PM until 6:45 PM
- Closed from 12 – 1 daily for lunch
- The place is clean, and the staff has been doing a great job.

Would like to remind everybody that all vehicles are to enter through the building so that the attendants can inspect the loads. If you have any questions about anything please ask. We are here to help.

Shawn would like to express his condolences to the family of the Long Lake Transfer Station employee that was killed in an accident at work. His thoughts go to his family.

TOWN CLERK -

Reported revenues for the month of July.

KOGUT FAMILY - The Town Clerk read a letter from the Community Foundation that a grant was awarded from the Kogut Family for the purchase of beach equipment in memory of their daughter.

SUPERVISOR –

ARROWHEAD BALL FIELD DEDICATION - Supervisor Frey stated he would like to see the ballfield dedicated to the Marleau family, as they have done so much for the program and the field. He would like a picnic to be held in honor of them also. Possibly name it Marleau’s Field.

TOWN HALL SIDEWALKS - Lenny from Hamilton County Soil and Water is helping us possibly secure a grant to help pay the costs of a new, and possibly heated, sidewalk. Will need to meet with concrete guy to discuss the different areas and options.

911 CALLS – Supervisor Frey is still trying to get answers on the 911 calls that are being routed incorrectly if a cell phone is used in the Town of Inlet. He is frustrated that money seems to play a role in this issue and money should not be an issue if a person’s life is at stake. Would like to remind anyone that, if possible, to use a landline when making a 911 call, or tell them where you are located and it should be Herkimer County 911.

TOWNSEND TRAIL - Supervisor Frey apologized to Peggy for “losing his temper” with her earlier and conversation continued on options on how we can move forward with the trail. Bonnie will be talking to Jane at the County Clerk’s office about the options on forms needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Julie Nelson stated how proud she is of the Town of Inlet and how efficiently everything runs in the town. She loves the town and loves living here. Supervisor Frey added that he was afraid with all the new businesses that we would lose that small town charm, however, that did not happen. Many spoke of old times in Inlet.

PICKLE BALL/RECREATION GRANT - Peggy Brownell asked if there was any movement on the recreation grants and further development of activities at Fern Park. Mike stated he has not heard back but is working on it and should have more information soon.

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 Brownsell **SECONDED** by Councilman Levi

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

All business having come before this Board, Councilman Townsend made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**. Next meeting will be held September 13, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk