

**Regular Meeting  
September 13, 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, Codes/Zoning Aimee VanWie, IT, Dennis Hudson, John Maestri, Peter Funk, Peggy Brownell, Julie Meeks, Tommy Hugh, Dan Kieferbach, Snow Supervisor Chip Sauer, and Sgt. Toby Lindfield.

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

**MINUTES REVIEW** – Supervisor Frey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August meeting minutes. Julie Meeks pointed out a sentence in the paragraph discussing the boat launch, that a pronoun was incorrect. It said he and should be she. Noted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

**TOWNSEND TRAIL** – Peggy Brownell stated she is happy to see progress started on the Townsend Trail and wanted to know if we are still putting money in the budget each year to continue the project. Supervisor Frey stated that \$15,000 is still being budgeted. Peggy asked if blacktop will be laid on the entire trail. Supervisor Frey stated that as long as there is enough in the budget because the grant money will also be used for Eagle Cliff Trail, however, Townsend Trails is the first priority. The Town Clerk spoke that she has personally spoken with Jane at the County and about having trouble obtaining social security numbers for the easements. An affidavit stating that they will not provide a social security number will be sufficient.

**FERN PARK/RECREATION GRANT** – Dan Keiferbach spoke on the progress of the grant for recreational items at Fern Park. Mike Bartolotti has been continually sending prices for the different recreational needs and Dan is looking to make it fit within the grant guidelines.

**SUMMER PARKING POTENTIAL ISSUES** – Supervisor Frey stated that he appreciates the online discussions regarding the parking in Inlet, mostly from Julie Meeks and Adele Burnett. The Town is looking at the options of extending the parking lot further by the bathrooms. Julie Meeks stated that she had talked to Sue Huber and that they do notice an increase in usage in their parking lot. Supervisor Frey stated that the Town will help with maintenance of the different lots being used for overflow municipal parking. Discussion followed. There was discussion on whether the lines in front of the Caboose and Mary's could be removed to allow people to park there, because they are no longer using those driveways. Supervisor Frey stated that those are State decisions and future use might affect those decisions. The parking issue in front of the Post Office was also discussed. People are staying too long in front of the post office, even though there is a sign to limit it to 15 minutes. The location of the sign was discussed, that it was a poor location because of visibility. Frey stated that it was a decision that the State made.

**COMMUNICATIONS –**

Supervisor Frey reported that blasting and drilling for the towers has started. National Grid has not confirmed when they will bury cable and do the boxes. Tarpon still plans on having the tower up by year end. Supervisor Frey needs permission to accept quotes for the work for the shelter, etc. The Town will utilize the Northern Borders grant for these expenses.

Councilman Schmid made a **MOTION** to allow the Supervisor to approve bids/quotes for the work being done, Councilman Levi **SECONDED** .

**5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATION OFFICE** - Publicity Director, Adele Burnett gave a detailed monthly report attached to the agenda packet and online.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT** – Park’s Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti’s report is attached to the Agenda. Mike stated that he had been looking for temporary help, however, have been unsuccessful.

**HIGHWAY**

Report was attached to the Agenda. Shawn is looking at one candidate for the open position. November 1<sup>st</sup> the hours for the transfer station will change to the winter hours.

**JUSTICE -**

**RESOLUTION #22.44  
JUSTICE GRANT APPLICATION**

The Town of Inlet Justice Court hereby requests the following resolution by the Town Board of Inlet:

On a **motion** offered by Councilman Townsend, **seconded** by Councilman Brownsell, the following motion was **ADOPTED**.

**WHEREAS**, the Unified Court System has a grant program to assist towns and villages in the operation of their Justice Courts and betterment of the offices, **AND THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, The Board of the Town of Inlet authorizes the Inlet Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-23 grant cycle up to \$10,000.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

**CHARGING STATIONS** – Aimee reported that she met in regard to the charging stations for EV. She gave the Board the presentation and quotes. Discussion followed regarding the different options, locations and grant money available. With the grant money, the Town of Inlet’s cost is estimated at \$5,700. Supervisor Frey made a **MOTION** to support the EV charging stations not to exceed \$6,000. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

**HIGHWAY TRAILER** – The Highway needs a new trailer and is obtaining quotes.

**PROPANE TANKS -**

Shawn would like to replace the two propane tanks. He is being offered an even trade for the two above-ground tanks for one tank underground.

Councilman Townsend made a **MOTION** to accept the trade. Councilman Brownsell **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

**POLICE** – A representative at Four Rivers Alliance has offered a Narcan box to the Inlet Police. They have installed one in Speculator and two in Indian Lake. Sgt. Lindfield would like the Board opinion on this. The use of this Narcan is covered under the good Samaritan law. Sgt. Lindfield explained what Narcan does and the reason there is a need. Peggy Brownell expressed concern that we would encourage drug use, however, Lindfield explained that it is an addiction and a loved one of the person addicted would find comfort in this being available. Discussion followed on who would oversee this box and how more Narcan is obtained. The box is at no cost to the Town.

Councilman Brownsell made a MOTION to get a box for the Town of Inlet and Councilman Levi SECONDED.

**5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Frey introduced Sgt. Lindfield and added he is an asset to the Town. Sgt. Lindfield is teaching a hunter safety course on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Fire Hall.

**SNOWMOBILE** – Chip Sauer stated he needs a heater for snowmobile garage. Has a quote from Helmers for \$2,700. He would put the wood splitter out to bid.

Councilman Schmid made a MOTION to purchase the heater and have a minimum bid of \$1,000 for the wood splitter. Councilman Levi SECONDED.

**5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED**

Chip also stated that he is working on the lower trail toward Moose River Plains and needs planking for bridges and trail work. He has an estimate of \$1500.

Councilman Schmid made a MOTION to purchase the lumber and Councilman Levi SECONDED.

**5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED**

#### **PARKS -**

Employee from parks is still out. Would like to possibly sell the snowmobile groomer and get a groomer similar to what the snowmobile dept. has. It could be used on all the trails. Dave Corasanti is investing a significant amount of money to improve the trails. The single tract trails are being used quite a bit. This groomer would help them take care of the trails in a more efficient manner significantly.

#### **TOWN CLERK -**

Reported revenues for the month of August.

#### **SUPERVISOR –**

Supervisor Frey highlighted some areas of the rough draft budget for 2023. He mentioned that sale values have increased our valuation significantly, therefore, should not see any increase in Town taxes. Cannot speak for County. NYS requires that each town have 100% valuation, which is what the Town of Inlet is at. The snowmobile permit program was discussed and the options we may have. He discussed the proposal to increase employee's salaries by 7.5%, which is below the federal level for COLA, which is 9-11%. Even the County is looking and changing the entire pay scale.

Councilman Schmid spoke about the Fire and EMS budget. They started a program that someone is on call most days 24/7 either at the station or on call elsewhere. It is very difficult to get volunteers. This coverage is costing the ambulance \$110,000/year, which is a huge increase. He is suggesting that the Board consider increasing the support to the agencies.

**BOAT LAUNCH** - The boat launch is closed. There had been a sailboat there after closure, however, were told to remove it and has. Julie Meeks stated that she was informed that it would be open for snowmobile passage. Supervisor Frey wanted to stress that the Town cannot advertise or report that there is access to the lake.

**DEDICATION PICNIC** – Supervisor Frey reported that the picnic will be postponed until Spring.

**SIDEWALKS** – The cost of the sidewalk in front of the Town building is higher than anticipated. Hopefully there will be some grant money to help with that. The sidewalk in front of the Town Clerk office should be grinded down.

**911 CALLS** – Still working on the problem with 911 calls being routed incorrectly. Councilman Schmid stated possibly a letter with a cc to all involved would be appropriate to get some action. Supervisor Frey commented that possibly passing a local law to enforce the use of the correct 911 call center.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-**

**SPEED STUDY** – Peggy Brownell asked if we have any news on the speed study. Town Clerk stated we have not heard back yet, however, eliminating the passing zone between Drake’s and Deerwoods has been approved.

Mike thanked the DEC for replacing the outhouse.

Supervisor Frey thanked all the staff, IABA, the Board for all the hard work. He added he loves Inlet.

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 Levi made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Councilman Schmid **SECONDED**. Next meeting will be held October 11, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk