

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday, 10 November 2022 at the Village Hall and via GoTo Meeting.

Members Present: Mayor Richardson, Trustee Del Plato, Trustee Kempf, Trustee Pepper.

Others Present: DPW Supervisor Ahouse, Acting Chief DiNardo, Records Management Clerk Lysiak, Clerk/Treasurer Swartwood, Deputy Clerk Quan.
via GoTo Meeting: Fire Chief Borden, Code Enforcement Officer Jay.

Public Present: Peter Garcia.

via GoTo Meeting: Phil Stannard.

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richardson reported Michael Bergren resigned as a Trustee because he moved, adding he would like to appoint Peter Garcia for the remainder of the term. Del Plato motioned, Pepper seconded, to appoint Peter Garcia as Trustee and Streets Commissioner.

Approval of Minutes:

Pepper motioned, Kempf seconded, to accept the minutes from 13 October 2022 meeting; Del Plato abstained; carried.

Public to be Heard:

None.

Police:

The department handled 43 calls of service, including 28 vehicle and traffic stops. Court security detail took place without issue.

The annual firearms qualification was completed with the help of Seneca County Sheriff's Office (they did it without cost).

New firearms and holsters arrived; previous firearms will be returned to Amchar for trade-in costs except for the ones officers are interested in purchasing (for the trade-in value).

O'Neal has 56 hours of field training remaining. The Village of Palmyra agreed to let O'Neal accompany DiNardo for the remainder of his field training. DiNardo advised O'Neal would be paid by the Village of Interlaken, but the field training would take place at the Village of Palmyra. Once O'Neal has completed the field training, he could work in the Village of Interlaken unsupervised, being part of the schedule. Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to allow O'Neal to be field trained in the Village of Palmyra with DiNardo; carried.

Conversation about remaining budget and hours available to work. Residents noticed the police presence during the day; they are pleased. DiNardo advised residents should inform the department of their concerns so the presence of officers is adjusted accordingly.

Library:

Discussion about invoices for concrete and equipment rental. Ahouse advised the invoices should be paid with the library's grant, adding DPW would not have done the work if the parking lot was not done. He also advised an additional invoice for concrete for the apron is forthcoming.

Fire:

There were six calls in October, making the total 105 for the year.

The generator seems to be repaired.

The new gear is in.

Ladder testing is being done in Ovid.

The department will be selling Christmas trees 9 AM–4 PM on 10 and 11 December at Evergreen Acres Plantation (Gary Hunt).

Richardson thanked Borden and the Fire Department for their hospitality and of using the building for the Interlaken Community Action Group's Halloween party and for pulling one of the new wagons.

Del Plato asked if the newly approved volunteer meant they have enough staffing. Borden said all the fire departments in the area could use more help, especially during the day.

Borden spoke with Todd Wyckoff (Town of Covert Board Member who is on the Fire and Ambulance Committee) about adjusting the boundaries of the southern border of the fire district.

Ahouse spoke about creating a form for the flagpole; they are ready for concrete.

Water:

Monthly sample tested positive for coliform. Retested that and additional locations; results were negative. They flushed hydrants to move water through the system. Replaced hydrant on Knight Street. Adjustments were made to the hydrant on Main Street. They have a hydrant in inventory.

Leak Detection did a quick survey around the village. They noted noise by some hydrants, but could not pinpoint the locations because of their small size. They located a leak on the transmission line; DPW made repairs the next day.

DPW picked up sample bottles from Microbac Laboratories (Cortland) to comply with the state's new sampling requirements.

Gatehouse Pumps (Seneca Falls) said the old lake pump worked okay for them; it will be a back-up if the current pump fails.

Chlorine was delivered this month.

Kempf asked if DPW noticed delivery fluctuations in chlorine or other supplies.

Ahouse noted there was a little bit of a problem a few months ago, but it has since settled; additionally, municipalities are prioritized.

Del Plato asked if it was general knowledge in the village fluoride is not added to the water supply. Ahouse advised a lot of smaller communities don't add fluoride, but it would be in their water report if it was.

Del Plato asked about the payment of legal bills for Paul Flagg. Richardson said negotiations were a verbal agreement made under the premiss the village would compensate reasonable attorney expenses as part of the purchase of the property as the project moves forward.

Sewer:

The low lift pump was replaced with a new unit; Gatehouse Pumps had one in stock. They looked at the old pump at no charge.

Cleaned injection pump lines for disinfection.

Cleared clogs at the sewer plant because of leaves.

Normal operation sampling from YAWS Environmental and pumping from Brewers Septic.

HUNT EAS submitted proposal for a screener at the new plant; pricing has not been included.

Discussion about acquiring more land (about two acres in front of the plant) for drying beds (a more cost-effective solution than transporting). Currently, Brewers Septic hauls the sludge from the plant; the newer plant will be more effective so there will be significantly more sludge. Pepper will join Richardson in speaking with the owner.

Streets:

McDonald Contracting used 170 gallons of diesel over two days to grind all of the brush and leaf piles. The five giant piles are more compost than mulch because of how rotten the material was. Richardson will put a notice on the website that informs people they can get as much as they want.

USDA looked at the Knight and Mechanic Streets projects. KJ's Property Care, Finger Lakes Forest Management & Timber Harvesting, and Limbwalker Tree Care have shown interest in the work, but only KJ's Property Care submitted a quote.

The curb and sidewalk have been poured. DPW prepared the forms for the driveway ramp and the other curb.

The old Ford F-250 pickup truck went to Auctions International on 26 October; bids were allowed until 9 November. The ending bid was \$15,800. Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to accept the bid; carried. Auctions International will notify the winning bidder who will then have five days to pay. Kempf motioned, Del Plato seconded, to put the monies from the sale in the equipment reserve; carried.

DPW went the Hard Hat Expo to look at lights and other equipment.

They cleaned culverts and catch basins to prepare for the impending storm.

Kempf asked if the concrete pouring at the library was done to specifications;

Ahouse affirmed, adding NYSDOT approved the work. Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to pay for the brush and leaf grinding using fund balance. \$6k will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. Del Plato asked about sidewalk plowing during winter. Richardson said they will resume looking into the new tractor they have been interested in now that the pickup truck has been sold; they will solicit new quotes. Pepper said he swept glass from the sidewalk in front of 8400 Main St. Swartwood advised Officer Dwello contacted Seneca County Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement served owner Patel, but the issue has not been resolved. Ahouse noted the policy for reimbursing concrete costs when sidewalks are redone; a bill for the concrete used for the sidewalk in front of 8397 Main St was submitted. Del Plato motioned, Pepper seconded, to make the reimbursement for the concrete used for the sidewalk; carried.

Treasurer: balances of accounts read.

Budget modification were necessary because Home and Community Services was overspent and budgeting incorrectly caused the debt service principal and interest to be short. Richardson motioned, Kempf seconded, to approve the budget modification; carried.

Approval of Bills: Del Plato motioned, Richardson seconded; carried.

Old Business:

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - The village received \$30k from the state.
 - The first report was due in April; an accounting report needs to be submitted before 31 December 2024.
 - Monies cannot conflict with other grants; they can be used for the existing infrastructure for water and sewer and the culvert project as long as the expenditures occurred after 31 March 2021.
 - Monies can also be used for the land at the site of the old water tower under Demolition and Rehabilitation for Strong Healthy Communities
 - Tree removal on the stream bank and the culverts can use monies from CHIPS.
 - Monies need to be spent by 31 December 2026.
- HOLDING payment of bills: Terracon, Flagg, Milton
 - Per Richardson, payment will continue to be held.

New Business:

- General Code

- Advised of the new local law, General Code advised a new printing of the Municipal Codes would cost \$640.-750.
- Changes can be reviewed in April and October. A workshop will take place to review the codes.
- NYSLRS Standard Work Day (update)
 - The update eliminates Summer Recreation; remaining are: DPW Superintendent, Maintainer, Clerk, Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, Police Chief, Patrol Officers, and Crossing Guard.

Village of Interlaken Board of Trustees held at their regular meeting on, November 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Village Offices 8369 Main Street to adopt the following standard workday resolution for employees. Motion made by R Richardson, second by T Del Plato, carried.

WHEREAS, the Village of Interlaken no longer has certain positions and new positions have been added; AND

WHEREAS, the Village of Interlaken has to updated the standard workday; AND

WHEREAS, this is a requirement by New York State and Local Retirement System to do so; AND now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Village of Interlaken Board of Trustees to adopt the new standard workday resolution for employees effective November 10, 2022

- Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve the workday update; carried

Additional comment:

Richardson informed Glenn Boyes the Village could not grant him the permanent easement he requested.

Swartwood spoke about the upcoming election, 21 March 2023; Garcia and Pepper will be on the ballot. Collection of signatures on an independent nomination petition (from the Village Clerk) can start on 3 January 2023. The petition needs to be filed with the clerk between 7 February and by 5 PM on 14 February 2023.

Adjournment: Pepper motioned, Richardson seconded, to adjourn at 7:50 PM; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk