

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday, 12 May 2022 at the Village Hall and via GoTo Meeting.

Members Present: Mayor Richardson, Trustee Bergren, Trustee Del Plato, Trustee Pepper.
via GoTo Meeting: Trustee Kempf.

Others Present: DPW Supervisor Ahouse, Acting Chief Dinardo, Deputy Clerk Quan.
via GoTo Meeting: Fire Chief Borden.

Public Present: None.

via GoTo Meeting: Phil Stannard.

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Del Plato motioned, Pepper seconded, to accept the minutes from the 14 April 2022 meeting; carried.

Public to be Heard: None.

Library:

There is no report.

The library asked if they could get DPW help with the parking lot—installing the sidewalk and the fence along the telephone company building—to help reduce their expenses. Pending DPW availability, matters of the party responsible for the cost of materials and the equipment needed need to be addressed. Richardson advised they can reassess the request when more information from the library becomes available.

Fire:

There were eleven calls for April, about normal.

Engine 502 is back in service and seems to be working well.

Per verbal approval from Richardson, Kempf, and Del Plato, Borden ordered hose.

Richardson motioned, Bergren seconded, to approve the purchase of turnout gear.

Truck maintenance inspection, pump testing, and air pack service should take place in June; hose testing will be later.

Henry Esh started interior firefighting operations class; he will finish at the end of June.

Borden reported a resident on Orchard Street had an outside fire; the resident said they did not know burning was not allowed in the village.

Water:

Richardson reported a meeting with HUNT Engineers, and three lake property owners to discuss easements and design of the water project. Minor changes to the documents will be given to the attorney for them to negotiate for the easements. Ideally, the first part (pump and pump house) will go out to bid this year; the second part (lake line) in 2023.

Ahouse and VanNederynen attended an OSHA safety class, which included workplace violence and sexual harassment training, at the County Highway Department. Additionally, they attended a hydrant valve and pipe class in Watkins Glen.

Leak Detection found a leak on the Persoon line; the Persoons made the repair.

Richardson will put up a pool notice on the website.

Assisted Hector with a repair.

The line freezer is priced around \$800. Instead of purchasing a new CO₂ tank, a tank exchange can be done at Airgas.

They replaced an ASCO solenoid valve on Ross Valve Pump 2. Replacements are occurring more frequently. Inventory on hand would be ideal in the event of a water main break. Pepper motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve purchase of new valves and fittings; carried.

Sewer:

They were shown the basics of the H₂O Engineering system at Hamlin Beach State Park; it is smaller than what DPW has, but it works similar to the Kubota system.

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

A lateral plug on Orchard Street was determined to be on the homeowner's side; they took care of it.

Ahouse announced a virtual meeting with HUNT Engineers on design will take place on 11 May. Del Plato asked about how work with HUNT Engineers is progressing; Richardson and Ahouse reported things were proceeding well.

Streets:

After finishing sweeping streets and lots, they removed the sweeper and installed the loader. Flags were hung on Main Street.

Oil changed on John Deere 4300.

Replacement tags for the pickup truck were ordered because the old ones were peeling; the process took time because Albany needed to approve the emergency responder/management tags.

A representative from Ford reported the truck on order (from August 2021) should start mid-June, with a no guarantee delivery within three months.

Dumpster Days on Saturday, 7 May was successful. The two 30-yard dumpsters were barely enough; next time, a 30-yard and a 40-yard dumpster will be ordered. Ahouse expressed gratitude to Seneca Meadows for absorbing the dumping fees and accepting the televisions and tires. DPW transported two loads of electronics and metals for scrap recycling; next week they will transport the tires and televisions.

Ahouse inquired about the brush pile. The contractor that put in a bid to grind the pile two years ago did not respond to an e-mail inquiry sent last week. Other contractors Ahouse contacted do not work in the Interlaken region. Richardson spoke of a conversation with Mike Reynolds: if Seneca County Soil and Water does not have a grinder, perhaps the Town can help haul it away. Conversation continued about solutions.

Police:

There was one service call this month due to a lack of manpower.

Two officers will be available for Olde Home Day Festival; a request has been made to the state and the county for additional officers for the event. The DOT permit to shut the road down for the event has been submitted, but there has not yet been a response; a request by the mayor may be needed. The signage for the road closure, including detours, is ready and available.

Dinardo requested a conversation about adding—not requesting—a personnel position.

Seneca County permanently loaned replacement TASER batteries and holsters, saving a couple of hundred dollars.

The computer was picked up, but the mount does not work; one will be customized, costing less than \$500.

Treasurer:

No reports; the reports, including end of year, will be presented at the end of year meeting; scheduled at 6:30 PM on 26 May.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Richardson, Bergren seconded; carried.

Old Business:

- Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO)
 - Six or seven people applied for the management position; a hire is likely sometime in June.
 - A draft statement contributing to Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) is in process; it will be presented during the June meeting.
- A third estimate for a replacement boiler (repairs cannot be made because parts are obsolete) will likely be required because of cost.
 - Conversation about alternatives to using propane, including electric renewables. Del Plato will investigate alternatives.
- NRCS Mechanic and Knight Street culverts
 - A meeting among the five parties directly affected by the work needs to occur because one of the parties refuses to sign the documents necessary to review the properties to ensure nothing of historic value could be destroyed.

- Ahouse advised two 48-inch pipes would address concerns about the water and sewer lines in the area and be less expensive (~\$7k) than either an aluminum or box culvert (\$26k).
- Reapplication for the Main Street grant can occur once residents grant permanent right-of-way; once given, the attorney will draft up a legal document for them to sign.
- Library Parking Lot: there is no intermunicipal agreement; this will hold up the project. There are from them yet. Which will hold up the project.
- FEMA Clinton Street culvert has been extended until January 2023. The project ideally will be bid at the same time as bids for Mechanic Street and Knight Street, but it will be dependent on timing. Creek cleanouts will need to be revisited as an option because other projects are not progressing as quickly as hoped. Richardson will get an updated price from the contractors. Not all easements have been signed, so some areas will not be cleaned.

New Business:

- Del Plato motioned, Pepper seconded, that the village of interlaken trustees support a resolution to remove Clint Halftown; carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Richardson, Del Plato seconded, to adjourn at 7:16 PM; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk