

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday September 21, 2017 at the Village Hall meeting room.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Richardson with the Pledge of Allegiance, MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Rich Richardson, Trustees, Chris Kempf, Tony Del Plato, Keith Jay, Bill McGuire.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Swartwood, Clerk Treasurer, Leon Anderson, Chief of Police; Aneta Glover, reporter; Jim Borden, Fire Chief; Wes Ahouse, DPW Supervisor, Diane Bassette Nelson, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Public: Caroline Peterson, Richard Ike, John Everhart, Barbara Butterer, Theresa Lahr from STEPS, Linda Blossom, Mike Reynolds Town of Covert Supervisor, Lydian Green.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Tony Del Plato and seconded by Bill McGuire to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: Theresa Lahr from STEPS, doing village conversations, reviewed the observation data collected, see attached copy. Tony Del Plato and Chuck Bosman collected the data.

Micro-enterprise grant/loan for \$3,000 for businesses. Shared good news about Interlaken, life expectancy Seneca County 76.8 years Ovid 74.3 years, 79.1 years in Interlaken.

Application information for loans, grants, etc. is available from the website.

John Everhart owns property on Mechanic Street, concerned about the culvert during the storm in August, the creek was covered over and some places there is collapsing. Tenants did lose some items, is there a maintenance plan for the storm sewers. Is there something that can be done, can Soil and Water Conservation help.

Drainage ditches on Seneca Street, are they cleared. Caroline also commented on the open ditches at the west end of Mechanic Street. Especially noticeable when we have "weather bombs," hard quick rains. Concern about new sidewalks within the Safe Routes to School grant work, compounding the drainage issues.

Should we get Hunt Engineers in with a Site Review of the overall scope? In the last 30 years that Jim Borden has been in the Fire Dept. the Dept. has not flushed the drainage systems. It is possible that prior DPW employees may have used IFD equipment to flush the system.

Discussion on the replacement of a culvert with a smaller pipe system.

We will be contacting Cornell Roads and Hunt Engineers.

Caroline thanked the DPW staff for their responsiveness at the time of need.

Thanked the people who came to the meeting.

Barb Butterer items being left on the curb, could we have a fall dumpster day and hopefully eliminate some of the junk. Rich did note that if you call AWS they will pick up extra items.

Mike Reynolds and Rich noted that the county has accepted the bid to tear down the theatre building.

Lydian Green, live on West Ave fairly new to Interlaken concerned about her water being contaminated. Did research on both hard water, chlorinated water issues, and health issues. Is there any research being done on purifying the water and stop using chlorine? Wes noted that it is a state mandate, and we can't get around that mandate.

Linda Blossom: How was the notice sent out about last week's meeting change.

- Clerk's response:
  - April Edition News & Notes in with water sewer bills
  - Website on calendar
  - Post Office bulletin board
  - Complete list of meeting dates published in the Shopper May 2017 and this list is also on the front door of Village Hall

Open meeting on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the codes. Shared a report on lawns and mowing.

May need to consider a larger venue for the Nov 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

C. Peterson: Do we need to be posting the agenda online?

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Library report submitted to the clerk and Rich shared.** Tony told Chelsea that he cannot work on a Friends of the Library. He will be attending the board meeting next week.

Is there a possibility to expand the current library position to a full-time position?

DPW mounted the plaque

**Fire** been busy, almost a call every other day, worked 3 nights at Trumansburg Fair, truck repairs on 501, 504 lost pressure relief valve, it is a warranty item. Sensor on the light tower is being repaired. Nine people are attending the EVOC course on Saturday.

Grant from Sen. Helming. 70 departments in district to get \$5,000. Will be using for new cutters.

May need to add to the grant funds with department funds.

October 28<sup>th</sup> parade etc. for the Halloween event. The Historical Society has purchased a popcorn popper for community use, a hot dog cooker was donated to ICAG. ICAG is looking for a chest freezer, need a place to put it. Fire house is very tight on space. One idea might be basement of town hall.

Has any research been done on the pulse hose? Certain fires it might work ok, not sure on building fires. Not sure if any current vendors are offering.

The fire house generator worked to specs during the extended power outage.

#### **Water report given by Wes**

Waiting to hear on the grant application for tower and pump needs. We have had questions asked by the reviewers which has not happened in the past.

Working with community folks to learn more about the system.

Wes looking for leaks, found one at Persoon, and shut off part with leak.

Blown out meter in vacant house  
Pin hole leak near a prior repair.  
Helped Hector replace a hydrant,  
Replaced 3 relays at plant, replaced the meter on pump one at water plant.  
We know we need to replace the line from beach well to the pump house.  
Also new plug in place to borrow Ovid's generator to power the pump house. Eventually, we would like to have a permanent generator  
Installed a new service for the Pine Tree at Clinton Street, Meter and shut off in place, Back flow preventer to be installed. Inspection is done by licensed inspector.

**Sewer** have not had major problems since last meeting. One person asked about a sewer back-up. Wes checked and it was the home owner's issue.  
Bill has looked at the study on the sewer system, including different approaches that could be taken. Pros and Cons to each approach. There are trade-offs for each system. There is a lot of information in the report. Infrastructure is old and has issues throughout the village. We are getting infiltration from ground water at the joints in the clay piping.  
County is doing sewer upgrades in their districts, why aren't they looking at the south-end of the county. Bob Hayssen, Town of Varick Supervisor, is in support of a countywide system.  
DEC asked about taking/pumping to Willard. It could save funds in the long run.  
Rich has put together a resolution to ask for inclusion.  
New dehumidifier installed, trying to get the heat working.

**Streets** Chris: Conversation with DEC on the storm drain in front of Mama Mia.  
Problem with storm drains in front of bank and Gun Black, suggestion to call Chris Covert at DEC and Pam Helming.  
Recent quotes for the backhoe, need to review and take action.  
Helped Ovid with sidewalks.  
making adjustments on safe routes to school grant.  
Ovid assisted with the Pine Tree tap.  
Cayuga County has a tub grinder which can be rented \$2,750 vs \$5,000 from private. Jim also had comments on trying to burn the pile.  
Equipment: new battery in the John Deere, new battery for jack hammer.

### **Police**

Leon shared his monthly report.  
A fun run is coming up and the department will be assisting.

**Treasurer** Balances in all accounts were reported.

### **Approval of bills**

Motion by Tony Del Plato, second by Bill McGuire to pay the bills, carried.

### **Budget modifications**

- One placed in the drop box: Budget does not have the crossing guard factored in:

DR. A1990.4 3565.36

CR. A3120.15 [3312.00]

CR A9030.8 [253.36]

Motion by Keith Jay second by Tony Del Plato, carried.

- Estimate for year-end extended day receivable was low, received \$1313.78 more.

DR. A2660.1 1313.78

CR. A3120.13 [1313.78]

Motion by Chris Kempf, second by Tony Del Plato, carried.

- Olde Home Day, we purchased the safety signs needed for traffic control.

DR. A2770 150.00

CR. A1620.43 [150.00]

ICAG has been billed

Motion by Chris Kempf, second by Tony Del Plato, carried.

- Police Uniforms/Equipment paid by Police Officer Recruits

Officer Worrell

DR. A2771 765.71

CR. A3120.41 [765.71]

Officer Marzan

DR A2771 514.68

CR. A3120.41 [514.68]

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DR. A2771 940.93

CR. A3120.41 [940.93]

Motion by Chris Kempf, second by Tony Del Plato, carried.

- Water meters for Pine Tree Farms

DR. F2142 900.58

CR. F8340.2 [900.58]

- Water meter for 3748 Cayuga St.

DR. F2142 200.00

CR. F8340.2 [200.00]

Motion by Bill McGuire, second by Keith Jay, carried.

Accounting entry for moving funds for village hall renovations (board approved August 2017 meeting)

DR. A511 4000.00

CR. A1620.41 [4000.00]

Spent 4135.04 to date. (original budget A1620.41 750.00)

Williamson Law Book is doing a demo on their Capital Assets program October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Shared Services Agreement still working on this with attorney

**Code Workshop Date** Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

**New Business:**

Bill: the new door is in and it needs a ramp. We may need to have a survey done, but first need to find out if a prior survey was done. Try to get concrete work done prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our beautification program has a deadline end of October, requesting permission to get re-usable presentation checks, Bill to get three checks. The village residents will vote on best project completed. The project has to be funded by the owners, the awards are recognition not funds to do the work.

Discussion on using the beautification to upgrade properties where there is a need for assistance. Renewal application from Messmer for their rabbits. Motion to approve by Bill McGuire, second Tony Del Plato, carried.

Resolution to the county on the engineering report of the sewer plant: to be inserted

**WHEREAS** Seneca County has started a Preliminary Engineering Report for Sewer Districts in the south end of Seneca County;

**WHEREAS** the Request for Proposal calls for an assessment of current and future demand of sewer treatment;

**WHEREAS** the Village of Interlaken is maintaining an outdated marginally sufficient sewer plant which is due for replacement, there is no time better than now to include the Village of Interlaken into the study;

**WHEREAS** consolidation of districts is being studied in this Preliminary Engineering Report then this is the time to possibly include the Village of Interlaken as a sub-district and then into consolidation;

**WHEREAS** funds expended by Seneca County will be reimbursed after a district is formed and bonding takes place, therefore this will not be a burden on Seneca County tax payers;

**WHEREAS** Seneca County has expended up to \$8 million of taxpayer's dollars for the Route 318 project, a few thousand for these projects is not unreasonable;

**WHEREAS** a few other areas should also be studied;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Interlaken, like the Town of Fayette, and the Town of Varick DEMAND that Seneca County include ALL potential areas in their Preliminary Engineering Report;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Request for Proposal is a Professional Services Contract and rebidding is not necessary, all that is necessary, if needed, is expanding the scope of the existing report.

AYE Mayor Richardson  
Trustees:  
Kempf, Del Plato, McGuire and Jay

NAY None

Motion by Keith Jay, second by Bill McGuire, carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Tony Del Plato second by Keith Jay to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Bassette Nelson  
Deputy Clerk