

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday, 13 October 2022 at the Village Hall and via GoTo Meeting.

Members Present: Mayor Richardson, Trustee Bergren, Trustee Kempf, Trustee Pepper.

Excused: Trustee Del Plato.

Others Present: DPW Supervisor Ahouse, Acting Chief DiNardo, Code Enforcement Officer Jay, Clerk/Treasurer Swartwood, Deputy Clerk Quan.

via GoTo Meeting: Fire Chief Borden.

Public Present: Robert Dwello II, Fred Percy.

via GoTo Meeting: Meg Jastran, Phil Stannard, Tim Steed.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to accept the minutes from 08 September 2022 meeting; carried.

Public to be Heard:

Fred Percy asked about the status of the NRCS creek project. Richardson said the project will move forward once an agreement (to have the property, including the road, be returned to its prior condition and ensure the drain is not blocked during and after the project) between the Board and one homeowner is signed.

Fred Percy asked why the American Legion sign remains on the side of the [Town of Covert Municipal] building when it is not an active post. Richardson spoke about the agreement Interlaken Post 462 made with the Town when the property was sold, advising Percy would need to speak with the Town about the matter.

Library:

Ahouse reported they are waiting for the contractor to finish up and remove their equipment in order for DPW to start working.

Richardson reported the sidewalk was poured at four feet, not the plans specified five feet (to comply with ADA standards).

Fire:

There were thirteen calls in September.

Borden was invited to a lock down drill at the school.

The flagpole is at the station; he would like to have it installed before the weather gets bad.

New gear should arrive by next week.

They took in one new member; Jessica Webster lives in the village.
Two members are taking pump operation at the training center.
FEMA grants are coming up in November. He spoke with somebody in Fayette; they will see if they could help. He added, he was unsure what Jay Grasso, G&G Municipal Consulting and Grant Writing, was working on.
Firehouse Apparatus sent specifications on the new truck; they have been having difficulty working with the chassis, but they are making progress.
Discussion about a Halloween party; Richardson advised there will be one between 5 PM and 7 PM with a parade to be determined.
Ahouse reported DPW cut back trees on the north end of the parking lot.

Water:

DPW identified (with UDig NY) and excavated a power line for the well during a Town of Covert culvert replacement on Interlaken Beach Road.
Brush hogged transmission lines behind the school and fields outside of town.
Read water meters and did shut-offs.
Repaired a leaking shut-off valve on Mechanic Street.
Noted a small leak on the transmission line from the well to the plant; waiting to hear when Leak Detection can locate it. Additionally, they will see if Brian Baxter can perform a leak survey.
A resident filled their pool—the second of the season—without notifying DPW. Resident was notified it was important for them to inform DPW before filling. Conversation about informing DPW and getting a sewer credit ensued. Kempf motioned, Pepper seconded, to allow residents to receive a sewer credit under a conserve water order only if they inform DPW beforehand; carried.
An owner of a duplex requested reverting to one water meter from two. Conversation ensued; unless the complex is being converted into once residence, it would not be appropriate to have only one meter; the number of meters should be the same as the number of units.
A resident is ready to redo his tap; DPW will schedule it soon.
Richardson spoke of two fire hydrants that need replacing. Ahouse reported DPW has the hydrants. Delays from library project have impacted other projects.

Sewer:

Another tree came down; they cut it up and hauled it away.
Brush hogged transmission line behind Conifer Village and the Ditmars.
HUNT EAS is working on the final design for the plant. They drafted a letter to Mrs. Thompson to see if they would be able acquire land for the drying beds.
A plug on Seneca Street turned out not to be on the DPW side.
Normal operation sampling from YAWS Environmental and pumping from Brewers Septic.
A low lift pit pump went down; they found one in the shop that works, but are

unsure how long it will last. A new one, costing \$1800, should be ordered to have one on hand. Richardson suggested they get additional quotations.

Streets:

They have not received a response from CAT re: backhoe repair bill (for an emissions jet injector head determined to be under warranty); when the company said they would cover the part under warranty, they did not advise they would charge for transportation travel time and mileage or the labor for part replacement. Filled pot holes on the east side of Main Street.

Ahouse reported the culvert replacement for the Mechanic Street has been delayed until spring. They hope to get the county's help in March after presenting it for board approval in February.

A paperwork issue between Maguire and DMV should now be resolved.

Auction Unlimited will be here Monday; the truck should be on sale that week.

Conversation about setting reserve cost ensued. Richardson said the highest bid sale should be pending board approval.

They need to replace the pump in the low lift pit; the one they had on hand was a rebuilt unit.

Ahouse circulated the bid (\$20400: three days at \$6800/day) for brush grinding, saying they will not take brush next year if they don't get rid of the pile.

Conversation about costs and alternative solutions to grinding ensued; two days this year and two days next year can address the more than ten-year accumulation.

Jacot replaced a linkage on the mower that connected the choke to the carburetor.

Police:

The department handled three calls of service.

O'neal was cleared to return to full duty.

Court security detail took place without issue.

The firearms arrived. Annual qualifications will be the week of the 17th at the Wayne County Sherriff's Office; once complete, the old firearms will be sent to Amchar for credit.

Discussion about Robert Dwello II as a parttime police officer. DiNardo advised Dwello's availability is conducive to the department: he could work 20-25 hours weekly with a cap of \$35k. Dwello spoke of his training and experiences; retired after 22 years in law enforcement, he could work during the days. Conversation about the needs of day time presence was necessary because of excessive speed of traffic, drug trafficking, and supporting the Code Enforcment Officer.

Pepper motioned, Bergren seconded, to approve Robert Dwello II to the position of part time non-competitive police officer; carried.

Treasurer: balances of accounts read. Swartwood reported a budget modification is necessary to transfer monies to cover insurances costs of \$594.42. Richardson motioned, Bergren seconded, to make the budget modification; carried.

Approval of Bills: Richardson motioned, Kempf seconded; carried.

Code Enforcement:

Jay informed Porter their chickens and ducks needed to be removed by 17 October.

Old Business:

- Kempf motioned, Pepper seconded, to adopt Local Law 1 of 2022, a real property tax exemption for certain senior citizens; carried.
- Steed spoke of the agreement with Terracon. Payment will continue to be held contingent with the Flaggs.

New Business:

- Ahouse will check to see if McDonald's will agree to two days of work re: Brush Grinding Quote.
- Town of Covert Planning Board will meet 27 October to discuss the Variance Request for a property on Interlaken Beach Road.
- Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to move \$7797.84 (the cost of the boiler and installation) from the Capital Building Reserve to the General fund to pay the bill; carried.
- Richardson motioned, Kempf seconded, to accept Jessica Webster as a new member of the Interlaken Fire Department; carried.
- The Village Halloween Party will be on 29 October.

Executive session:

Richardson motioned, Kempf seconded, to enter executive session at 7:14 PM to discuss property purchase; carried.

Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to exit executive session at 7:29 PM; carried.

Adjournment: Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to adjourn at 7:30 PM; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk