

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday October 13, 2016 at the Village Hall on Main Street, Interlaken, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Kempf, Rich Richardson, Keith Jay, Bill Maguire

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

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

Public Linda Blossom, Mike Covert, Barry Ford, Dennis Carbone, Mike Reynolds, Krys Cail, Shad Ryan, Tony Del Plato, Charles Bosman, Glynis Hart

Deputy Mayor Rich Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Keith Jay with the correction to the survey costs for the sewer plant, not cost for the sewer plant and seconded by Bill McGuire to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meetings. Motion approved unanimously.

#### PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Dennis Benjamin of Benjamin & James of Waterloo, represent Town and Village of Waterloo. Deal with municipal issues of local laws, zone, inter-municipal agreements, also experience with police and fire departments. Retired from State Police, with 15 years legal experience, including assistant DA for Seneca County fee is \$150/hour, door-to-door fee. Bar Association, significant litigation would be handled by other firms that have specific experience in that issue.

Dave Garwood of Pinsky Law Firm, from Syracuse our practice, two lawyers, two para-legal. Heavily into fire departments, they do not generally deal with planning and zoning issues; we do fair amount of litigation, large scale items are filled outside the office. Travel fee bill one way, for time, mileage at IRS rate, rate \$230 per hour. Bill in 6-minute intervals. Number of clients 100 fire districts, which is similar to village laws, financial issues as well.

Bill: any additional fees Dave: copy fees, time talking or responding to emails

Dennis other items would be postage costs,

It talking to the para-legal the rate could be less.

Dave: Usually the cost is only for the attorney, not for the para-legal.

Retainers: Dave sign an agreement, does not require upfront funds. Some items are done on a flat fee basis, no additional,

Dennis one support staff, does not do billable work. Retainer with other municipalities, spell out number of hours per month, review at quarter or 6 months and update as needed.

Are there conflicts? None noted.

Dennis noted that if one firm would provide continuity that may be a better fit, i.e. the fire department already works with Pinsky's firm.

Rich thanked both gentlemen coming and meeting with the board.

Barry Ford asked if either had worked with Pat Morrill, Town of Covert attorney Dennis has, Dave has not.

Krys Cali presented information on Solar Consultant DE Squared, provided written materials as well. NYSERTA should be bringing funding for developing locally owned and regionally financed renewable. Virtual new metering: electric bill, your share of the community is subtracted from the bill. Both renters and homeowners can participate in load zone C. Low income collaborative. All electric users are eligible businesses, non-profits, churches. Some purchase panels, or own a percentage. Price/financing: state making pre-development funds available, renewable the costs are capital, fossil fuels are yearly costs. Cooperatives are a way to set up program, allow for investment as well as owner.

What are hopes for pre-development? Letter of interest to send to NYSETA, DE Squared will be the applicant, not looking for village or other government to be lead. Doing due diligence with people who have trust and respect within their communities.

What does pre-development cost: \$80,000, with the plan that 50% will come from grant funding.

Are there other agencies/firms doing similar things? Yes, one is working with City of Rochester.

How are the fees calculated: \$60 per hour, plus mileage. Noted that Renovous has model that you own the panel on their farm, not as fluid, power purchase agreements.

Presentations are being made to all governments within South Seneca County.

What are the costs into future: pre-development phase, development phase to build cooperative, and then putting it out to bid/construction stage? In pre-development cost estimates are developed.

Who owns the panels? All people in the cooperative own a share.

Are panels damaged by hail, no hail does not damage the panels; tree branches can be a problem.

Coop structure banks overages for times when it does not or when a subscriber leaves and waiting for a new subscriber.

Chuck Bosman: movie theatre: In 1933, this board approved using the theatre at night. 1960s became a laundromat, and then bought by "Ziggy" to turn it into machine shop. About 6 years ago county determined to tear down buildings, tore down one building quickly. Building is dangerous, driveway is blocked off, and it blocks the handicapped access to the library. If the building were to catch fire, lose the west side of Main Street. It is also haven for animals.

County is working with Onondaga County to serve notice to owner to answer charges in Town of Covert court. Chuck planning to attend next county meeting to discuss the process.

Suggestions for tearing the building down to be shared. Should be able to tear down in one day, plus day before monitoring. Town to take care of hauling it away. Seneca Meadows has given towns free disposal in past so would expect that could/should happen on this project as well.

Expecting funds could be gotten through a grant, to include demo and asbestos removal. Would like to see the building down before next year's Olde Home Day

Mike talked about the Land Bank program. Take Ziggy to court and the fines will mount. Ziggy could then sell the property to the Land Bank, which would tear the building down and re-sell to a community organization.

Tony and Chuck STEPS brought in experts to observe the three towns with six two-person teams to evaluate the properties and buildings, re-valuate in two years. Tony and Chuck will be doing Interlaken and Lodi. The forms go to Rochester, for complying reports etc.

Glynis is leaving the community newspapers.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A **Fire** Jim concerned Old Hotel more hazardous than theatre

Received rebate funds for the pages, and put it into equipment fund.

Hose testing was done yesterday, only lost three sections of the 8000 feet tested, it will be done each year, going forward.

B **Water report given by Rich Richardson**

41,000 hits on the webpage, it looks great. You can now pay your water bill on-line.

Rich talked with Hunt Engineers to review the grant and how we can add more points. Check with NYS to see what might be a better plan for the grant applications.

Currently getting estimates for updating the water tower

The mandatory restrictions are being downgraded to voluntary restrictions.

Halloween party and parade October 29<sup>th</sup>

Rich did attend the county meeting to hear the discussion on tax sharing.

Wes: annual health department inspection. Running pump at lake

Parts are in so work can be done.

Meters were all read.

#### **Library**

New front porch, Bill McGuire will be overseeing the project. Library is appreciative of the village, Bill McGuire and Tetratch.

They will be replacing the front lawn sign,

Monday morning story time will be ending, looking for funding to continue

Sandi VanEtten has resigned; the library is looking for a new Library manager.

Chuck noted that the library is closed tonight because we do not have enough volunteers.

Could this be a part of the required community service program for the school?

#### **Sewer**

Trip to monitor the commercial buildings within the community.

No problems noted, we have helped clean the digester.

Have we gotten a competitive quote recently for the hauling?

Two bills from Hunts, we will be getting a total of \$30,000 for the survey costs. Reaching out to J C Smith to get funds.

### **Streets**

New asphalt on Clinton, Lake View and Knight Streets. Thank county, towns of Covert, Lodi, and Ovid for their help and equipment. We had just under 18,000 in CHIPS funds, cost for work below that so other items can be taken care of.

Picking up brush and leaves as needed.

Some of the edging done, some still to be done on the new roads.

One load of tires taken to Seneca Meadows, cost \$50.00

### **Police**

Leon shared his monthly report.

Have we gotten the grant funds for the police car, Robert Welcome is processing the grant reimbursement check.

Aneta complimented Leon on the Homecoming events and the respect given him by the students.

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

### **Approval of bills**

Motion by Bill McGuire, second by Chris Kempf to pay the bills, carried.

### **Old Business:**

Village Attorney see comments above.

Received library porch plans: see comments above, Bill reported on necessary changes in the building plans. Spoke with five contractors and got four bids. One bid out in left field, the others were competitive. Work starting week of the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Review the revised water permit. Question: #7 is that part of the \$800, or the current rate for the meter will be charged

#9 a refundable fee of \$800 if permit denied. Excavation not execution, 12.5 feet from water or sewer main, village board approval, all taps up to 1" to be done by village, #12 back flow prevention supplied by owner. Owner vs consumer (#3 & 8)

### **Nancy has the corrections**

Animal permit for rabbits: Bill: by approving this are we setting a precedent. Subject to yearly review is required by code. KJay second by to approve the permit with, tabled to next month, need number of animals to be known.

**New Business:**

Water/sewer bills were mailed on 10/6/2016 with Fall News and Notes.

Table to November Motion for unmetered sprinkler service fee quarterly at \$11 per square inch

Table to November meeting: Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ that hydrant water (bulk water) hook-up/disconnect \$200 plus \$20 per 1,000 gallons.

Brian Phelps of AFLAC is will to visit with anyone interested in joining ALFAC.

Painting parking spaces in front of the library: Wes is looking into it. Minimum space for painted spots is 18 feet per space.

WHEREAS the Police Chief is also the School Resource Office, and cannot cross children, and

WHEREAS during the 2015-2016 school year there was a volunteer filling that position, and

WHEREAS In the past a crossing guard was paid by voucher, and

WHEREAS It has been determined that the crossing guard is an employee, and Seneca Co Personnel Department has supplied a job description

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that funds from the police salary budget is used to pay a crossing guard.

Motion by Chris Kempf, second by Bill McGuire to approve the resolution.

Board agreed to appoint Richard West to the position of crossing guard.

Budget modification: New Water Customer

BUDGET MODIFICATION		WATER	FUND	
	DEBIT	F2142	849.62	
		CREDIT	F8340.2	[849.62]

NEW WATER CUSTOMER MATERIALS

Motion by Keith Jay second by Chris Kempf, carried

Account for income from Fire Department

BUDGET MODIFICATION		GENERAL	FUND	
	DEBIT	A1589.1	3,603.50	
		CREDIT	A3410.2	3,603.50

Fire Dept Grant monies

MOTION

\_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_

10/13/2016

Motion by Bill McGuire, second by Keith Jay

Account for income from Fire Department

DEBIT	A1589.1	400.00	
	CREDIT	A3410.2	400.00

Fire Dept Rebate on Equip  
purchased

MOTION

\_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_

10/13/2016

Motion by Chris Kempf, second by Keith Jay approved

Nancy The door was not shut tight, concern that no one had been in recently. Do we need to look into creating secure areas, or at least getting a new lock? Keys to be issued to Nancy, Diane, Leon, Wes, Tom, Mayor.

Beautification program ends the end of October, Bill will check with the only applicant to see if he will be completed.

Additional public comment:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn Keith Jay and seconded by Bill McGuire at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bassette Nelson

Deputy Clerk

