

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, 15 August 2024 at the Village Hall and via GoTo Meeting.

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

Others Present: DPW Supervisor Ahouse. Fire Chief Borden, Police Chief Dwello, Clerk/Treasurer Swartwood, Deputy Clerk Quan.

Public Present via GoTo Meeting: Ben Calkins, Phil Stannard.

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

A moment of silence was observed for Ovid Fire Chief William J. "Bill" Palmer Sr. who responded to his last call on earth.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to accept the minutes from the 11 July 2024 Regular Board Meeting and the 30 May 2024 Year-End Meeting; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

### **Library:**

DPW cleaned out the basement, removing materials left from a contractor. Ahouse noted the library steps were taped off while a contractor made repairs.

### **Fire:**

There were 19 calls in July.

Borden spoke of how Fire Chief Palmer was an asset to this county and local communities.

Members will work with the fire departments of Trumansburg, Enfield, and Mecklenburg at the Trumansburg Fair. The interdepartmental work is particularly good for new members, which will also provide them with additional SCBA, hose, and pump training.

Along with regular fire training, members have done rope rescue training and water rescue training; they used rope rescue to assist somebody last week.

Borden met with Congresswoman Tenney on the proposed OSHA regulations.

Borden spoke of everybody's interest in keeping everybody safe, but said there needs to be more consideration with costs relative to PPE and equipment use in order to not bankrupt all of the local volunteer firefighters.

Estimates for the light replacement on Engine 503: Firehouse Apparatus, \$7,912.25; Gorman Enterprises Service Repair, \$6,826.37; Jerome Fire Equipment, \$9904.50. Firehouse Apparatus will guarantee their estimate. In addition to at least an additional \$100 for fuel costs for transporting the vehicle, Gorman cannot guarantee their estimate. Borden noted the retrofit is estimated to take 13 hours to complete. Garcia motioned, Kempf seconded, to award the bid to Firehouse

Apparatus; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye. Lighting in the office has been replaced with LEDs. The Auto Show and Flea Market went very well in spite of some people's concern about weather. The barbecue sold out.

### **Water:**

Ahouse said VanNederynen and Ovid did a great job replacing the 2-inch service line to Hipshot Products. The long overdue (during the time of former DPW Superintendent Langlois) replacement reduced water consumption by 3,000-5,000 gallons daily. A temporary repair blew out while waiting for the service line to be repaired. The shutoff valve was replaced and connections made. VanNederynen installed a new meter.

Ahouse put a stop work order on a project at the school. To stop flood waters, a berm was being built over a transmission line. HUNT-EAS is working on an alternative solution.

The school wanted a riser instead of a new hydrant for their project.

Tamped, graded, seeded, and watered areas where there were repairs.

Solenoid valve on the Ross valve was replaced; new ones need to be ordered.

The water plant's dehumidifier is not working well.

Garcia asked about the log and stone build up at the culvert crossing West Avenue; Ahouse will follow up with NYS DOT.

### **Sewer:**

Sediment from water runoff plugged the low lift pump; Brewers took care of it.

YAWS Environmental helped keep the plant under control during the high flows.

Located all drains and sewer lines for the school project.

Once a school courtyard drain was located, the contractors dug up and repaired the pipe they broke.

Repaired lawn on Leroy Street from a repair made last year.

Richardson advised the Wastewater Permit (SPDES) expires in November; NYS DEC has granted extensions because of the planned construction of the plant. They will renew the permit for another year if they see action to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I), including replacing pipes under creek crossings in the village. Failure to take action could result in being penalized \$37k daily by the state.

### **Streets and Equipment:**

Cleaned out the dumpster behind the firehouse.

Mapped a lot of underground utilities (UDIG NY), especially for the First Baptist Church and the school.

Forms and stone moved to a sidewalk customer.

Del Plato asked about taking debris to Seneca Meadows. Ahouse reported Mark Benjamin wanted to speak with the mayor and have the board of trustees make a resolution in their favor.

**Police:**

There were 199 calls for service, 15 traffic citations issued.

Some residents were notified of violations in village ordinances.

STOP-DWI campaign began and continues until 02 September.

A detail was conducted for the funeral of Fire Chief Palmer at the Interlaken Reformed Church.

A dog was attacked by a raccoon. Testing showed the raccoon was rabid.

Discussion about equipment related to the Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) grant: body worn cameras and automatic license plate readers. Dwello spoke of car mounted switches that activate the camera and an automatic activation feature of body worn cameras within a defined radius. Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to approve the estimate for body worn cameras and the additional costs for switch installation in the cars; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Dwello advised Waterloo Police Department will sell their TASER 7 when they have the TASER 10 in service. After March, the model Interlaken Police have will no longer be supported: cartridges and batteries will be unavailable; Dwello would be able to surplus existing TASERs and cartridges. Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to approve the purchase of three TASERs; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

**Treasurer:** balances of accounts read.

Money received from Auctions International (\$5301.50) deposited into IPD equipment reserve.

The DCJS LETECH award (\$58,991.82) deposited into general fund savings.

Nixle, the community alert system, was acquired by Everbridge. Joan Hendrix, Village of Ovid Clerk-Treasurer, advised Everbridge charges \$5k to set up the alert system. Alternatives to be reviewed.

**Approval of Bills:** Pepper motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve vouchers in: General Fund (#52-89: \$18,972.36), Water Fund (#13-23: \$7,162.07), Sewer Fund (#12-15: \$3,816.35), Water Project (#2: \$596.70), Sewer Project (#10-13: \$8,391.31) for payment; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

**Old Business:**

- ❖ Richardson advised he will set up a meeting with South Seneca Elementary School Superintendent Zielinski to discuss the potential use of the school for meetings and office spaces as well as an increase in the pay for the crossing guard.

- ❖ Richardson advised the village was not awarded the Bridge NY Program. Reapplying is necessary to help cover the costs for the work necessary on the culvert on Main Street by Bixby Home.

**New Business:**

- ❖ Richardson asked Giurastante if she would write the grants for NY Forward and Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). Property owners would need to commit to making the financial match.
- ❖ The cost of the lights for the fire truck and the costs for the police cars not covered by the grant will be added to the ARPA committed projects.
- ❖ Garcia motioned, Pepper seconded, to approve the estimate from Alarmtech to install cameras and a recorder at the firehouse; Richardson: abstained, Kempf: abstained, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

**Executive Session:**

Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to enter executive session to discuss personnel and potential property sales at 7:51 PM; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Garcia motioned, Del Plato seconded, to exit executive session at 8:17 PM; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to accept the purchase offers for the parcels on Tunison Road (tax map 452089 07-1-04) and on Darling Road (tax map 452689 13-1-07) as long as the buyers agree to terms from the village attorney; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

**Adjournment:** Kempf motioned, Richardson seconded, to adjourn at 8:19 PM; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk