

Public Hearing on the draft comprehensive plan started at 6:45 pm February 12, 2015.

Public in attendance were William McGuire, Keith Jay, Charles Bosman, Mike and Tammy Reynolds, Tony Del Plato, Gina Nigro, Tillie Baker and Chuck Franzese from Hunt Engineers and Wes Ahouse

Tillie Baker opened with a brief summary of the plan. Plans are recommended, but not required by New York State. A comprehensive plan is a good tool to have in order to obtain grants. She indicated that the plan should be consistent with our village code.

Public input:

Charles Bosman pointed out that the Town of Covert including the Village does not use the 5 Town Assessment Group, the Town used Tompkins County Assessment Association, but sometime in mid-summer will be using Garr Associates.

Mr. Bosman's concerns included lack of village resident's participation in the village. Including the Interlaken Public Library, none of the board members reside in the village limits. One half of the volunteers are village residents while the other half are not. Interlaken Community Action Group, again there is a lack of village participation. There are 4 or 5 residents that take active involvement. This makes it very difficult to operate the Olde Home Day event. The VITA program (preparing income taxes for senior citizens) is ending this year. There are 2 individuals that are involved with this. The STEPS program, again when there are meetings in the village, there is little resident participation. South Seneca School Board, no one in the Village of Interlaken is on the school board, all board members are from Ovid. Major concern with all Ovid resident board members, the elementary school, which is in the village, will close and all the grades will be located at the Ovid campus.

Another concern of Mr. Bosman is finance. The ideas on the plan will cost money, where will this come from? Village water and sewer lines are old; the water tower is also old. These items would run into millions of dollars. The future casino being built in the Town of Tyre who will be getting the benefit of sales tax revenue-currently the Village does not receive any sales tax revenue from Seneca County. Mr. Bosman suggested a group of persons to attend the County board meetings.

Mr. Bosman suggested merger of facilities-Town Clerk and Village Clerk sharing office space. There is a recommendation from NY State that all municipalities comply with 1% of shared services. He also mentioned the Dog Control Officer. The Village has their own officer, while the Town has a town wide officer, this could also be a shared service.

Mr. Bosman is also concerned about the cost of the village police department. Interlaken is the only small village in the county to have a department. He did mention that both the Village of Waterloo and the Town of Seneca Falls has a full time police department these have larger populated areas.

Ultimately, Mr. Bosman would like to see more village resident's participate in the community.

Although it took ten years from an idea to finish, Conifer Village Senior Apartments is one of the best things to happen in the Village. Mutual concern from Town and Village boards that our senior village residents needed affordable housing in the village that they have been part of for many years, can remain in the village.

Tony Del Plato indicated that inter municipal cooperation is needed. He also commented that there was not a lot of public awareness of this public hearing.

Renewable energy; with help of the STEPS program, he has obtained a \$5,000 grant through NYSERDA for "Solar Seneca". This would service Towns of Covert, Lodi, Ovid and Romulus. He also mentioned wind energy on farm lands. Bring local farmers into the community and would also create jobs.

Mike Reynolds, Town of Covert, Mr. Bosman already stated his concern about who is in charge of assessing the Village.

William McGuire commented that this plan would fit any village. Needs to show how to implement the plan. To maintain low village taxes need to increase properties on the tax rolls and cut costs. Committees needed to accomplish items on the plan. Land use: is this zoning? Village Board replied zoning is not the direction we are taking.

Tillie Baker took all comments and will resend the revised draft plan as soon as possible. Was pleased to receive these comments.

Public Hearing ended at 7:55 pm and the regular monthly meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Motion to approve January Minutes by Barb Stewart, second by Chris Kempf, carried.

Public to be heard: Chuck Franzese, Hunt Engineers, came to finalize paperwork on the CFA Grant and Study.

Motion by Mike Covert, second by Chris Kempf to approve the following resolution:

**Authorization for representative to sign documents**

**Whereas**, the Village of Interlaken has applied for and subsequently received notice of award of an engineering planning grant, and,

**Whereas**, implementation of the planning grant will enable the Village of Interlaken to collect information about alternatives and costs to address operation and performance deficiencies of the wastewater system serving the Village of Interlaken, and,

**Whereas**, the Village of Interlaken must identify a local contact authorized to sign a grant agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED** that Mayor Bill Larsen of the Village of Interlaken is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the Village of Interlaken's obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement.

Motion by Barbara Stewart, second by Mike Covert to approve the following resolution:

**Authorization and appropriation of Local match (20% local match)**

**Whereas**, the Village of Interlaken has applied for and subsequently received notice of award of an engineering planning grant, and,

**Whereas**, implementation of the planning grant will enable the Village of Interlaken to collect information about the condition and needs of the Village's sanitary sewer system, and,

**Whereas**, the Village of Interlaken must provide a minimum local match of \$7,500 to enjoy benefit of the maximum grant award of \$30,000 from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED** that the Village of Interlaken authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Wastewater System Deficiencies Planning project. Under the Engineering Planning Grant Program, this local match must be at least 20% of the total project cost. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any changes agreed to by the Village of Interlaken shall not exceed \$7500 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$37,500. The Village of Interlaken may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Village of Interlaken.

Motion by Mike Covert, second by Rich Richardson to approve the following resolution:

**EQR Type II Determination Resolution**

**Whereas**, 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:**

**RESOLVED** that the Village Board of the Village of Interlaken hereby determines that the proposed Interlaken Sanitary Sewer Collection Study, which constitutes the collection of basic data and research, and conduct of concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c)(18 & 21) and is therefore not subject to review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

CFA Grant, I & I Study  
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A. *Resolutions for EFC*

- a Authorization for Representative to Sign Documents
- b. Authorization and Appropriation of Local Match (20% Local Match)
- c. SEOR Type II Determination Resolution

B. *Village of Interlaken Match (20%)*

- a) In Kind Services by crew, actual cost with description, estimated value  
\$4100
- b) Metering of Sewers and Report, estimated \$7500
- c) NY Rural Water TV of Sewers, estimated 500
- d) Miscellaneous Equipment needed for Study 500
- e) Total \$8500
- f) f. Funds Available from Grant \$5100
- g) g. Actual estimated outlay of cash from Village funds: \$3400

C. *HUNT Amended Agreement*

- a) Original Agreement signed June 9, 2014 \$39,000
- b) Amended agreement for approval tonight \$24,900
- c) Reduction in contract \$14,100
- d) Eliminated TV Monitoring, Flow Metering & Smoke Testing
- e) This is all covered under the \$30,000 grant
- f) Engineering agreement must be signed to complete the grant contract.]

D. *Schedule*

- a. Project Initiation March 2, 2015
- b. Completion of San Sewer Mapping March 18, 2015
- c. Inspection of MH & Mains April 4, 2015
- d. Smoke Testing, if needed April 24, 2015
- e. Start Flow Monitoring May 1, 2015
- f. TV Monitoring, if needed June 13, 2015
- g Completion of Flow Monitoring June 30, 2015
- h Preliminary Engineering Report w/ I&I July 31, 2015

E. *Investment in Infrastructure*

- a) EPA; NYS Envir. Facilities Corp & USDA Rural Development
- b) Requiring Short Term Asset Management funds in place to approve new contracts
- c) Grant's reduced! They only grant where routine maintenance is kept up.
- d) Expect rates set as a commodity, not a tax. Therefore, users pay costs and inflation.
- e) If not, they will fund according to the State & National User ceiling costs.

F Example:

- a) Cost of Project Estimated at: \$1,000,000
- b) Capital Reserve to replace short term assets' 100,000
- c) Funding Applied for: \$900,000
- d) Example:

- 1) Current Annual User Costs: \$420
- 2) Current State Comptroller Annual Ceiling Cost 5750
- 3) Loan/Grant would be offered to allow the rates to be raised to \$750 annually before offering grants.

Chuck explained to the public in attendance the scope of the project.

Chuck also commented to the board why we did not receive grant monies on the Hardship Grant Reasons: NYS Comptroller has recommendations on water/sewer rates. We need to be very near these rates. We are not near these rates. Our frugality is hurting the village. Moderate increases to put funds into the capital reserves and raise the water sewer rates are highly recommended.

Barb spoke highly of Hunt Engineers to the three trustee candidates who attended the public hearing as well as continuing on into the regular meeting. She would like to see that Hunt Engineers continue to work with and for the village in future projects.

**Fire:** members attending training for Fire Officer 1 and grain bin rescue.

Also classes with Lodi, Ovid and Interlaken on OSHA and PESH training.

Trucks passed NYS inspection. 5 AED and training grant (DCJS): one AED in each truck, one at station and one with trainer.

No new members yet.

Shared service: Fire mutual aid plans in effect.

Leon Anderson thanked the fire department for their quick response to his home.

**Water:** Barb commented on our streets being cleaned of snow quickly nicer than Ithaca and Trumansburg.

Water meeting last week with Ray and Wes. Highland Heartstrong is the new director.

Water tower paint testing being done as to the lead content.

\$50,-60,000 SCADA system, electronics for water system. New testing laws coming out will be required to attend meetings and classes.

**Library:** New Library Manager is Sandra VanEtten. She started February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Sewer:** DEC inspection – Jerry Smith replied to their letter on the fixes that are needed.

Hipshot is blocking up – they have to flush every three months at their own expense

Streets: Chris Kempf-Very snowy, Jeff McCheyne helping out.

Snow removal and safety – not enough lights on the backhoe, now there are flashing lights on along with more lights going onto the John Deere.

DPW: municipalities have the right of way on snow removal, Mayor: too many times backhoe backs up with oncoming cars approaching. Town has offered to help remove snow on streets. Directive from Mayor, do not back out onto Main Street with oncoming traffic.

Over time – snow plowing issue: No snow plowing under three (3) inches. Over time not allowed under 3 inches. DPW believed that there was to be no overtime at all. (Clerk will look into past minutes to see what was said.)

Library snow removal, Library board wants all sidewalks done. Mayor directive: DPW will only remove snow from the driveway and the sidewalk from Main Street to the front steps of the building.

**Police** – Report attached

Motion made by Barbara Stewart to authorize Officer Potter to work details and events, second by Mike Covert carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Village of Interlaken has created a permanent part- time police officer position for Taylor Potter; AND

WHEREAS, there is need on occasion for permanent part-time police officer Potter to work DWI detail and local events; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Village of Interlaken Board of Trustees does hereby authorize Officer Potter to work such details and events,

**Treasurer** – Report attached

**Old Business** – Water Sewer rates to be discussed during budget workshops.

**New Business**

Motion by Barb Stewart, second by Chris Kempf to approve the following resolution:

WHERE AS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Interlaken secured financing for the 2015 Rescue/Pumper truck and;

WHERE AS the Board of Trustees now need to make the down payment required;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015 by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Interlaken, Seneca Co., NY take \$45,000.00 out of the Capital Equipment Reserve to pay the required down payment.

W. Larsen	Yes
M. Covert	No
B. Stewart	Yes
R. Richardson	Yes
C. Kempf	Yes

Motion carried

Motion by Barb Stewart, second by Chris Kempf to accept nominating petitions from the following:

Keith Jay 8306 Main St., Interlaken, NY

William McGuire 8268 Main St., Interlaken, NY

Tammy Reynolds 3522 West Ave., Interlaken, NY

Public notice to be posted in the Interlaken Review and the Shopper.

Resolution on polling place has been posted in all required locations

Publish notice for 2015-2016 Trash Bid. Bid opening will be during the Mach 12, 2015 meeting

Motion by Chris Kempf to adjourn at 9:50, second Barb Stewart

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Swartwood  
Clerk-Treasurer