

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, 10 April 2025 at the Village Hall and via GoTo Meeting.

Members Present: Mayor Richardson, Trustee Kempf, Trustee Garcia, Trustee O'Pray, Trustee Pepper.

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

via GoTo Meeting: DPW Supervisor Ahouse.

Public Present: Christopher Thomas.

via GoTo Meeting: Phil Stannard.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Garcia motioned, Pepper seconded, to accept the minutes from the 13 March 2025 Regular Board Meeting; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Public comments:

Thomas said he would like to see costs controlled, perhaps even freezing the budget, because he believes there will be an economic recession or depression in about six years unless the economy improves.

Thomas asked about the progress on the water and sewer rate domicile per unit charge. Richardson advised he has the Trumansburg rates and will have DPW make a list of number of units per building. Thomas believes some meters are not being recorded. Richardson and Kempf spoke about how water usage accountability was a necessary component to receive grant funding.

Library:

DPW replaced the light on the side entrance.

Richardson reported a potential fire in the upstairs office, which was once a storage space, prompted Director Hastings to request an assessment of hazards and the life safety system. Alarmtech Systems provided a quote to change out the heat detectors for smoke detectors (the detectors are tied into the existing fire alarm system) and a cellular dialer. The \$800 upgrade, which would require a \$10 cellular service (so the calls would not be reliant on the physical infrastructure) fee, would be a first step in upgrading the life safety system to address current use. Fire Chief Borden will conduct a fire safety inspection.

Fire:

There were 14 calls in March; 45 calls calendar year-to-date.

Department physical examinations are scheduled for 08 June.

14 people, including two from outside the county attended a joint Confined Space Rescue Training at the station using a newly configured training trailer.

Results of the 2025 elections:

Operations

Chief Jim Borden

First Assistant Chief Chris Nelson

Second Assistant Chief Ralph Bailey

Captain John Hillman

Lieutenant Jasson Lisk

Administration

President Matt Barkee

Vice President Chris Percy

Secretary Chris Vogt

Treasurer Nicole Nelson

Trustees: Wendi Buss, Keith Jay,
Henry Esh

Garcia motioned, Pepper seconded, to approve the results of the election and to accept Scott Vesley as a new member of the Interlaken Fire Department (Fire Police); Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Garcia: aye, O'Pray: aye, Pepper: aye.

Engine 501 cab and chassis is expected to be delivered on 07 September.

Repairwork on Engine 503 was extensive and expensive; a few small things need to be done during inspection.

The fire company agreed to match the Village's \$30k contribution on a new pickup truck for the Fire Department. The cost from Maguire Ford is \$50,863.23 (originally quoted \$53k). The order needs to be placed by 08 May, but there is an administrative issue that needs to be resolved with Ford.

Quote for fans for the station are around \$2,900 each plus labor for removal and installation. Work is expected to not begin until after June.

Upcoming event: Chicken BBQ is at noon on 13 April.

Water:

NY Department of Health sent back questions on the new water plant.

Aqualogic installed and set up the SIM for telemetry.

Marked water lines on Main Street for the new power pole. Observed the installation of the pole because the pole was close to the lines.

Water plant lost a phase (power) and could not pump. NYSEG made the repair.

Transfer well pump and booster pumps seem okay.

Met with the developer for the West Avenue project.

Replaced ASCO Solenoid Valves on the Ross Valve. Richardson motioned, Kempf seconded, to approve the purchase of a replacement unit for stock; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Garcia: aye, O'Pray: aye, Pepper: aye.

Assisted Ovid in freezing a service line in order for them to make a repair.

Attended a lab class and chemical reaction class.

Completed the annual water quality report; results need to be posted on the Village's website.

Sewer:

Met with Julie Thompson about the Village's interest in the land. No updates on the land purchase from Doan Appraisal Consultants.

Informed Don Cardinal (NYS DEC) about the progress of the new plant.

Design is complete; awaiting final review from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other financiers before going to bid.

Brewer's Septic Services jetted lines, clearing a root ball plug on Main Street.

Pumped down the sewer plant and the grease trap.

Streets and Equipment:

Cleaned up the yards from plow damage. Swept streets and walks. Picked up leaves and sticks.

NYSEG fixed the light that has been out for a year.

Dumpster needs lids. It should be included in the next trash bid contract.

Replaced the snowplow on the tractor with the broom.

Looking into getting quotes for a new tractor and new pickup truck.

Garcia asked about the logs and rocks plugging the culvert under West Avenue.

Ahouse advised he did not have an update on Department of Transportation clearing it.

DPW is looking for summer help.

Police:

There were 482 calls for service, 34 traffic citations issued (including 8 during 14-15 March STOP-DWI detail).

Enforced overnight parking and trash and recycle bin codes.

Conducted lockdown drills at both South Seneca Central School District campuses.

John Park has been a ride-along; he would like to be a member of the department.

Car 401 passenger side mirror emergency light is not working; rear wiper replaced.

Clyde Police Department Officer in Charge DiSanto requested the loan of an unmarked car.

Treasurer: balances of accounts read.

Approval of Bills: Pepper motioned, Garcia seconded, to approve vouchers in: General Fund (#306-334: \$12,721.15), Water Fund (#86-100: \$14,116.85), Sewer Fund (#65-72: \$5,610.68); Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Garcia: aye, O'Pray: aye, Pepper: aye.

Old Business:

- ❖ The corrected filing error on easements are with the attorney.
- ❖ Richardson will get an appraisal for the Sewer Plant land purchase.

- ❖ Garcia motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve switching from American Power & Gas to Constellation for the three-year quoted rate of 8.186¢/kW-h.
- ❖ Paperwork for Tunison Road is complete; awaiting the closing date.
- ❖ Appropriating sales tax revenue funds for computer purchases. Tabled until costs are determined.
- ❖ Purchase of propane tanks to be tabled until spring.

New Business:

- ❖ Approval of budget postponed until no later than 20 May.
- ❖ Richardson introduced, Kempf seconded, to adopt the Fair Housing resolution and reappoint Village Deputy Clerk Quan as the Fair Housing Officer on 10 April 2025; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Garcia: aye, O'Pray: aye, Pepper: aye.

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act was passed in April 1968 and prohibits discrimination in housing due to race, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability status, etc.: and

WHEREAS, the Village of Interlaken understands the importance of acting to further fair housing in the community:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Village Board designates April as Fair Housing Month.
 2. The Village Board has designated the Village Deputy Clerk to act as the Fair Housing Officer.
- ❖ Trash Bid will be rebid with the same specifications for a one-year contract and a three-year contract
 - ❖ Chemung Soft Water will be the new bottled water supplier for the Village office.
 - ❖ General Code estimate tabled until the May discussion on budget.
 - ❖ Cost to the Village for maintenance of the new sewer plant will double. Notification to residents of additional costs should be by the July billing

Upcoming meetings:

Codes and sewer workshop: 6 p.m. on 01 May.
 Year-end meeting: 6 p.m. on 29 May.

Executive Session:

Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to enter executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 7:41 PM; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to exit executive session at 8:38 PM; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Adjournment: Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to adjourn at 8:39 PM; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk