

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Thursday, October 9, 2025

Members Present: Mayor Richardson Trustees Kempf, O'Pray, Pepper and Garcia

Others Present: Clerk/Treasurer Swartwood, DPW Super. Ahouse, IFD Chief Borden and IPD Chief Dwello

Online: P. Stannard

Public: Jean Jay, Tony Del Plato, Isaac Walker and Roxy Johnston (CWIIIO)

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion Garcia to approve September 11, 2025 minutes second Pepper carried

Public to be heard:

J Jay spoke of concerns between local police departments. She would like the board to reach out to Seneca Co. Sheriff.

T Del Plato introduced Isaac Walker and Roxy Johnston, Chair of CWIIIO. Roxy Johnston expressed her appreciation that the village has offered a representative and an alternate to join the group. Isaac Walker, Watershed Manager, spoke briefly on the benefits of the organization: assisting with grants, informative workshops and can represent the village to take concerns to regional and statewide authorities. Roxy Johnston stated Seneca Co. paid the dues in the past, unsure if that is continuing – Swartwood indicated they are. Dues have risen slightly over the years. Membership gives participating municipalities a seat at the voting table.

Library:

Ahouse finished the bench, returned when dried. Richardson reported the library will be hosting a Halloween event. Garcia reported the library is joining ICAG with the "Good Neighborhood Program". Frank Becker spearheaded this program.

Fire:

16 calls for September. Three members will be participating in interior training in November. New member Levy Yoder – motion by Garcia to accept, second Kempf, carried. New 501 will be ready for pre-paint inspection end of October. A few items will be added to the truck and still be under budget. Old 501 is listed for sale at Brindlee Fire Trucks. After 501 sales, the department would like to purchase some turnout gear with the proceeds. SCBA (air packs) grant came through, our share is \$80,000 = 10 air packs. Our cost will be approximately \$3,800. Meeting with sales representative on Oct. 21 at the Romulus fire station. Interlaken, Lodi, Ovid and Romulus are benefitting from this grant. The department will need to purchase some extra masks; unsure old one will work. Department okay with the ICAG Halloween Party, will provide trucks to be in front and behind the children's parade. Richardson asked if the department will cook hotdogs provided by ICAG – Chief replied yes.

ISO requesting a date to come to review records, Chief Borden will coordinate the date and time. Serviced rescue tools.

Punch list for the fire house painting project: Second coat of white paint; holes from shutter removal needs to be filled or replace the shutters; seal/trim at back entrance needs to be fixed; vent heater in office needs heat resistance paint. Richardson to email Kevin Black. Chief Borden would like to have left over paint or color codes. Chief also made aware the gutters will need to be replaced in spring.

Water:

Meeting with Harley from Hunt EAS regarding the berm at elementary school. Meter books read. Monthly reports submitted. T VanNederynen went to class at Ithaca water plant. Shipped back old mixer from water tank. Replace LexAir and one solenoid on Ross valve. Getting increasingly hard to get parts for the Ross valves. Spoke to ASCO Co – they manufacture these valves – ASCO does not sell wholesale. Too costly to purchase new valves as new water plant is upcoming. Richardson mentioned HipShot may be able to repair the valves. Missed the lead and copper samples in September, we will get a violation for that. Thought the sampling was in October. Continuing to pump from the lake to recharge well, tables are coming up slowly. Water sample taken on Knight St.

Sewer:

School had issues, found chunks of concrete in manhole and removed them. Advised the school to get the line scoped and cleaned. Assisted Ovid with large sewer tap. Met with contractors at project site. Normal pumping and testing. Closing on sale happening soon.

Streets:

Weed eating Main Street business district. Received pricing for new tractor. Motion by Kempf, second O'Pray to purchase John Deere under 68,000.00 depending on implement selection, carried.

Prices for tires on F550 range 270-385 per tire. F250 will need tires. Cleaned catch basins, mow and weed eating, brush hog sewer plant. Backhoe serviced at 520 hours. Hauled 4 loads of stone and prepared pad for the pavilion at the Water Tower Park.

Police:

The monthly IPD report for September

- IPD handled 342 calls for service
- 98 traffic citations were issued
- 1 Arrest
- Court detail conducted without incident
- Library Bicentennial at fireman's went well it appears all guests had a wonderful time.
- Monthly report submitted to the Department of Criminal Justice
- New command box has been installed in vehicle 402

- 402 has new Tracs scanner installed
- 402 VSS cable installed for radar appears to be working well
- 402 passed the final inspection for the body work portion
- Graphics on 402 were not the proper graphics and not in the proper location so the vehicle had to be taken back to have the graphics removed and reinstalled
- Currently the fobs for 402 are not working it was worked on by T and D fleet to get them reprogrammed but it was determined the reprogramming had to be done at a Ford garage T and D Fleet is trying to get the appointment set up.
- New Weather Tech floor mats installed in 401 and 402
- New license plates made and installed on vehicle 403
- Currently working on getting both vehicle 401 and 402 Krown under coated
- 402 has been picked up and is in currently in service we will be making a punch list of items that need to be addressed and returning the vehicle to all items addressed
- Medical items in the police vehicles have been gone through and thrown out if expired and Officer Park has taken the initiative to get a list of items needed for purchase
- The mayor had been kind enough to order the proper equipment needed to remove the graphics from the old 402 car
- The final voucher has been for reimbursement from Stop DWI and the NYS GTS Grant
- Looking into the purchase of a plate reader and new taser 10's will be working on a grant for the new tasers.
- We have a couple of more items to surplus the old body worn cameras with the docket the data logic scanner and printer
- After brief usage there was an odor of anti-freeze and the vehicle was taken out of service and picked up on a flat bed and returned for repairs
- The juvenile incident I was called in for all juveniles were caught some on the roof still all parents advised along with the school the juveniles will be disciplined through the school
- We will need to order the glow sticks and lanyards for Halloween

Motion by Kempf, second Garcia to pay Ava Richardson \$100.00 for detailing old 402
Aye: Kempf, Garcia, O'Pray and Pepper. Abstain: Richardson, carried.

Motion by Richardson, second Garcia to surplus outdated equipment. List to Swartwood for record, carried.

Glue sticks and lanyards needed for Halloween. Richardson to place the order.

Treasurer:

Balances of accounts read.

Budget Mods:

Approval of Bills:

Motion by Richardson, second Garcia to pay signed vouchers in: General Fund (#118-140 \$12,144.51) Water Fund (#30-36 \$3,780.33) Sewer Fund (#29-33 \$5,624.92) Water Project none Sewer Project (#4-6 \$3,155.40) Sewer CDBG (#1 \$175,750.00) carried.

Old Business:

AlarmTech – tabled to November

Transfer post-employment benefits – tabled to November

Computer upgrades – Contact IT to provide updated list to Clerk for November approval

Equivalent Unit Dwelling – Richardson obtained information from V/Trumansburg's policy.

Board to review and discuss in November.

John Deere Tractor – noted above.

Disaster Recovery motion by Richardson to adopt, second O'Pray, carried

Equipment use policy -tabled to November

New Business:

M. Campbell 3768 CR 150 residential water line connection. This property was paid for when the line went in, no fee due. DPW approved the contractor. Motion by Richardson, second Garcia to approve application, carried.

Clerk forwarded 2026 Fire Contracts to T/Covert \$99,863.68 and T/Ovid \$57,128.80

Additional Comments:

Motion Richardson to move remaining ARPA funds to Cap Highway Equip \$7,407.67, second Kempf, carried.

Richardson indicated R Finch knows an individual from Cornell who is quite capable of grant writing. The Downtown Revitalization Grant is due Nov. 14, 2025. The Historical Society and possibly new fire house would like to try again for this funding.

Water Tower Park – stone and site work provided by the DPW – no cost to WTP.

Richardson shared information from NYSEG – NYSEG wanting to raise 35%. Letter shared with information on an upcoming meeting for public comment.

Letter from Beverly Animal Shelter – no longer housing dogs, effective Dec. 31, 2025. A mention that Dog Control Officer A. Moore is seeking to have a small kennel for dogs she picks up.

Motion by Richardson, second Garcia to enter executive session to discuss litigation at 8:35pm

Motion by Richardson, second Garcia to exit executive session at 9:10pm

Motion by Richardson to adjourn at 9:10pm, second Garcia, carried.

Respectfully,
Nancy Swartwood
Clerk Treasurer

