

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday, 14 March 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: Kyle Black (Seneca Meadows, Inc. District Manager), Sarah Banfield. via GoTo Meeting: Barry Banfield, Mark Benjamin @ SMI, Michelle Henry, Michael

Reynolds, Phil Stannard.

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to accept the minutes from the 08 February 2024 Regular Board Meeting; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Public to be Heard:

Sarah Banfield spoke about having a police officer go door-to-door to preemptively remind residents to bring in their trash can, per § 122-7, is a bad look and a waste of resource for a trivial matter. She spoke of the number of codes not being enforced within visual sight of her house and how this is inconsistent. Richardson advised the code enforcement duty falls on the police officers.

Kyle Black spoke about how Seneca Meadows, Inc. (SMI) feels unfairly represented because they were not provided an opportunity to speak with the board before the resolution. He said he did not have a problem with the resolution, but he did have an issue with board members actively petitioning other towns to push the same resolution.

Black spoke of SMI being a very viable business that is tax paying and law abiding. As a privately owned and publicly traded (WCN) facility, the third largest solid waste company in the country, they do not have to let anybody in. Recently a resident was stopped at the scales, but, in the end, SMI did take their trash.

When asked about the origins of the trash SMI receives, Black said it comes from as far as New York City, Boston, and Canada. As a regional facility, the largest permitted landfill in the state, they can receive 6000 tons daily.

When asked about the process of when the landfill closes, Black spoke of the closure fund, the amount of money needed to properly seal the landfill, and the minimum 30-year post closure fund which is annually updated to NYS DEC.

Del Plato spoke about his support of the closure is about considering the risk to the health and well-being of the residents and what kind of community we want.

Library:

DPW got the gutter ice melters working. They removed a widow maker from the maple.

Limbwalker Tree Care has the tree work on the calendar for spring or early summer; they will advise when the date approaches.

Fire:

There were 5 calls in February, which is quiet.

Richardson will work with Jim Wyckoff on the website to address new requirements for members.

Members in training have a couple more weeks to go; they are doing a good job.

Garcia motioned, Del Plato seconded, to accept Matt Haviland and Chase Sirianni as new members of the Interlaken Fire Department; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

The new training stipend is now available for members who complete certain state classes completed on or after 30 August 2023. SOPs and guidelines have been established for using these state monies. The fire chief has a year to submit the appropriate documentation after the member completes the course.

During the 08 April eclipse, a small crew will be on standby; along with Lodi and Ovid, they will cover the south end of the county.

There will not be any news on the cab and chassis for the new truck until next winter or spring.

Two batteries, dated 2018, were needed for Engine 502.

Engine 504 needs a new charger, costing around \$800, for the thermal imaging camera. Pepper motioned, Kempf seconded, to approve, up to \$800, the purchase.

The spring chicken barbecue starts at noon on 24 March and continues until all the birds are sold.

The banquet will be on 06 April at the Interlaken Sportsmens Club.

Water:

AQUASTORE will schedule the water tank inspection. They would not meet the lowest bid, but they reduced their bid to \$2200, a reduction of \$300. Ahouse signed a purchase agreement. Video of the inspection will be made available.

Brian Baxter reduced his invoice to \$1000, a reduction of \$600.

Helped Ovid with a water main repair, and to help clean sand filters.

NY Rural Water helped locate the leak near the school that amounted to the 10k gallons above normal usage. The leak, on a service line to the back of a house, did not surface because the water leak had cut a hole in a drain line that drained into the catch basin. The owners were notified, and they had it fixed that afternoon.

Three new accounts were created: two new meters were installed on Mechanic

Street; three, on Main Street. A meter on Cayuga Street was repaired. Shutoff valves on Lakeview Street and West Avenue were replaced. Valve boxes on Main Street were cleaned.

New meters and other inventory needed for 4-inch pipes were ordered.

Del Plato asked about the water project related to Majoros and Flagg. Richardson advised he and Ahouse have comments on the design, particularly regarding the need for a larger line into the lake to reduce the frequency of clogs from zebra mussels. HUNT EAS is also working on addressing comments or questions from NYS DEC. Richardson added a grant extension is necessary, but the project is nearly ready to go out for bid.

Sewer:

Michelle Henry has almost completed GPS mapping relevant landmarks. There is a subscription cost to using the mapping program, ArcGIS, on an interactive level. The landowner is willing to sell the land the Village needs for the new sewer plant, but they want to ensure they have right of way to allow them to get through to the rest of their land.

HUNT EAS is looking for discharge samples around town to see if any special changes need to be made to the sewer use law NYS DEC is mandating.

The current plant requires somebody to be at the plant one hour daily. If the new plant is rated at 3A, somebody will need to be at the plant four hours daily. The operational cost will triple or quadruple. Camden Group provided a quote for 3A. Four interested contractors met with Tim Steed and looked at the site. Awaiting bid submittals. Ahouse is very concerned about the budget since the funding was almost five years ago and costs have increased.

Sewer lines laid out on Main Street per UDIG NY.

Filled potholes in the sewer plant driveway.

Pump was plugged at the grease trap. Brewers Septic pumped the trap and digester cone. Pump casing had to be split to unplug the pump.

Injection pump needed a new diaphragm; cleaned lines at the same time.

Streets:

The streetlight that is out on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Prospect Street and the one staying on all day in front of the school have been reported.

Filled in the washout around the corner of Knight and Mechanic Streets.

Cleaned gravel from the ditch on Mechanic Street.

Straightened the stop sign on Mechanic and Knight Streets blown over by the wind.

Removed tree debris from the streets after the two windstorms.

Ahouse advised, when Garcia asked, the plug at the culvert on Main Street has not been cleared.

Ahouse spoke of the intermunicipal agreement made a year ago for the purchase of a hot box which did not materialize. The group recently came across a used NYS DOT unit but intend to see what is available at the Hard Hat Expo. The board

members said they remain committed to the mutual aid but would like more information, including cost.

Police:

There were 147 calls for service, 17 traffic citations issued, 3 arrests made.

Residents were given reminders about the garbage can ordinance.

Seneca County Code Enforcement advised appearance tickets will be issued for the condemned building on Main Street if the windows are not covered.

Dwello would like the ability to track people entering the village office

Dwello advised lost or found property brought to the village office should only be accepted by a police officer to protect the chain of custody. Property can also be given to either the Sheriff's Office or the State Police.

Kempf motioned, Richardson seconded, to approve the purchase of a radar antenna with a 20-foot cord, one new radar unit with front and rear antennas, and one bulletproof vest for Worrell, with a total equipment cost of \$3988.58 covered by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Treasurer: balances of accounts read.

Approval of Bills: Del Plato motioned, Kempf seconded, to approve vouchers in: General Fund (#277-301: \$17,759.83), Water Fund (#87-102: \$16,385.34), Sewer Fund (#60-68: \$4,487.63) for payment, Water Project (#8-9: \$11,280.), Sewer Project (#7: \$252.70); Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Budget modifications are necessary for insurance that was overpaid.

Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to approve the budget modifications; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Old Business:

- ◆ Letter from Paul Flagg and Chuck Sumner: they would like a 30-day advance notice for construction. They do not want anything left that would impede access to their house.
- ◆ Employee manual.
 - Credit card: Staples is cancelled/defunct, Home Depot is added.
 - Safety equipment: Ahouse would like to update the policy to specify as needed rather than always required.
 - Harassment policy updated by the state.
- ◆ Cat spay neuter program.
 - The policy will be posted on the website. Local law to follow.
- ◆ Fisher Associates: no update on BridgeNY grant.
- ◆ Camden Group: update proposal. Awaiting level classification of the plant.

- ◆ Memorial Garden posts: Village will make the purchase; DPW will replace them as scheduling allows.
- ◆ Budget workshop will be at 6 PM on 28 March; public hearing will be 14 April.

New Business:

- ◆ Alarm system donation from Alarmtech.
 - Donation includes installation. Monitoring is \$28.99 monthly.
 - The system can track ingress and egress. Additional environmental sensors can be added.
 - Del Plato asked if this was an upgrade or in response to a security issue. Kempf noted the newer system will provide monitoring that is consistent with other municipalities. The added security may lower the insurance premiums.
 - Borden advised a KnoxBox will need to be installed.
 - Garcia motioned, Del Plato seconded, to accept the donation of the security panel/keypad from Alarmtech Systems and pay for the monthly monitoring. Richardson: abstain, Kempf: abstain, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Additional Comments:

Adjournment: Pepper motioned, Garcia seconded, to adjourn at 8:04 PM; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk