

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday, 14 July 2022 at the Village Hall and via GoTo Meeting.

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

Others Present: Acting Chief Dinardo, Code Enforcement Officer Jay,  
Clerk/Treasurer Swartwood, Deputy Clerk Quan.  
via GoTo Meeting: None.

Public Present: Glenn Boyes, Chris Thomas.  
via GoTo Meeting: Phil Stannard, Todd, Todd Maslyn.

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to accept the minutes from 19 June 2022 meeting; carried.

### **Library:**

There is no report.

Richardson reported of Marty Schlabach's inquiry on why the Village has not changed their budget to address their request for additional funding. A letter will be drafted, receiving input from other members, addressing the budget request.

DPW agreed to do the apron for the library's driveway, but there has been no word on when and if the project is moving forward. The agreement was made because it was deemed an easier solution than having a contractor get a permit for the Department of Transportation right-of-way. Because the labor (the library will pay for materials) is outside of the regular duties of DPW, it is, ultimately, their decision.

### **Fire:**

There were eleven calls in June.

Engine 502 seems to be working fine; it worked great at a field fire on Sunday.

Hose will be tested on 20 July; trucks will be serviced, which includes a pump test, the next week or the week after.

Olde Home Days went well.

The new truck is still a work in progress.

The car show is on track for 14 August.

The new gear and hose will not be shipped until September.

The Seneca County Fire Chiefs meeting, 27 July, will be at the Interlaken Fire House.

Fire Chief Borden hopes the Village considers the request for a 20% increase in fire tax to address increased costs of maintenance and repairs and fuel. Before voting on the issue, Richardson, with someone from the Fire Department, will address the issue with the board members of both the Town of Ovid and the Town of Covert because they be paying for the increase (Town of Covert will increase from \$82k to \$99k; Town of Ovid, \$47k to \$56.4k). Kempf added the Fire Department put a lot of thought into it, but the increase was something they

knew they had to do. Pepper inquired how the municipalities will address the increasing requests for more funding when revenue would not likely keep up.

### **Water:**

Lead samples were taken at 11 houses throughout the village.

DPW received the generator loaned from Ovid. During startup, the motors exceed the amperage of the generator; the new plant will have smaller motors.

Brush hogged the transmission line, the line running from the lake to behind Hipshot Products and across the school.

Helped Hector with a 2-inch tap.

Installed the recharge line at the lake because of the conserve water order.

Read water meters.

Met with Soil and Water and HUNT Engineers to review and discuss permitting for the FEMA stream bank work along Lively Run and well site.

Helped Ovid install a new fire hydrant

Replaced four water meters. More water meters need to be ordered, costing approximately \$1200 per case.

### **Sewer:**

H<sub>2</sub>O Engineering, one of the companies bidding for the sewer plant upgrades, looked at the sewer plant site. They then had a virtual meeting with HUNT Engineers and YAWS Environmental. A solution for managing the solids is still being worked on. Currently, the solids are pumped from the system and dried elsewhere. Drying solutions, through a reed system or a drying bed, are being looked into for the new plant. A drying bed would require more land, but it would save a lot of money.

Conversation about the sewage plant process, end products, and testing.

Normal operation sampling from YAWS Environmental and pumping from Brewers Septic.

### **Streets:**

Cleaned up returned signs from Olde Home Days.

Changed the oil in the zero-turn mower.

Jacot repaired the axle seal and replaced hard hydraulic lines on the JD4300.

Took two loads of tires from the Town barns and the DPW shop to Seneca Meadows.

Replaced rear brake pads on the F-250.

The dryness has made mowing less frequent.

The new F-250 arrived at Maguires Ford in Ithaca.

Richardson hopes to schedule an evening meeting next week at the Village office, inviting the property owners (on Mechanic Street and Knight Street) that are part of the stream embankment repairs. Kempf will speak with Richard Ike and will be part of the meeting.

### **Police:**

The department handled ten calls of service.

Court security detail took place without issue.

The new computer had to be returned for warranty because there was an issue the first two

days. The second computer that was ordered will be available to be picked up. Both will be picked up tomorrow and be put back into service. The warranties will be extended from one year to three years.

The Dodge Charger should be done within the week. The diodes needed were backordered, putting the car on hold for almost a month.

Olde Home Days took place without issue. Dinardo thanked the Board and especially Ahouse for their help.

O'Neill continues working on field training; he's about a third of the way done.

Wayne County Sheriff's Office agreed to do the department's annual firearm training at their office, saving the department money. Officers will go there at their convenience over a two week period in September (when they are doing their training). Dinardo sought to do the training at the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, but they already completed their training. Additionally, they only had one firearm instructor, making it more difficult.

Continuing the conversation from the last meeting, Dinardo wanted to speak more about changing the rate of pay: an increase of \$1 hourly (in addition to the increase to \$25 hourly discussed previously) during field training could be an incentive during that time. Del Plato asked if O'Neill is committed to serving the department for a certain amount of time after the completion of the training. Dinardo said O'Neill gave a commitment, but nothing is binding. Conversation about O'Neill serving Interlaken Police ensued.

Richardson spoke of being comfortable with a pay rate of \$25 hourly for the officers and the Code Enforcement Officer. Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to increase the pay of the Police and Code Enforcement Officers to \$25 hourly.

Dinardo asked if Jay would be willing to take part in a three-day training course that would get her peace officer status. The department would cover the cost of the \$300 training course.

Dinardo sought firearm replacements because two went down during the qualification. Parts are no longer available for the +15 years old models. AmChar, the only state bid agency in New York, is willing to work with the department when needed. The state bid cost is \$410 (normally it costs \$599); AmChar will credit \$250 for a trade in. Though Dinardo requested seven firearms, Richardson suggested six, having one as a spare.

Dinardo spoke about the addition of a patrol rifle. One model, costing \$1000, comes with a lifetime warranty; other less expensive models are available. Dinardo will find out if the manufacturer of the less expensive model would provide the same lifetime warranty.

Dinardo requested having funds transferred from the previous year's budget to pay for the equipment.

Kempf motioned, Bergren seconded, to purchase the guns; carried.

Bergren inquired about the ammunition purchase. Dinardo informed members the company would provide enough ammunition for the qualification course in September, diverting it from another agency. The balance of the ammunition order will be provided once the order is placed.

Conversation about police actions during the 24 May 2022 massacre of 19 children and 2 teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Del Plato inquired about New York State law enforcement plans of action for a school shooting. Dinardo reported the state has not implemented anything, but he is sending officers to active shooter training and ensuring the officers have the equipment necessary to engage an active shooter. Richardson reported the elementary school is in the process of adding, with the assistance of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, a full-time School Resource Officer. Pepper spoke of engaging with the youth to make them feel part of the community.

**Treasurer:** balances of accounts read.

**Approval of Bills:** Del Plato motioned, Pepper seconded; carried.

**Code Enforcement:**

Jay asked if there was a response to an e-mail regarding the issue at the trailer park, reporting things were being cleared out, and there were no more fires. Richardson agreed on waiting to send a certified letter as long as things continued improving.

Jay reported a fire on Main Street a week ago, but was unable to locate it. Conversation about the property and whether it was in the Town of Village followed. Richardson pointed out if complaints are about a nuisance fire, the Fire Department can put them out.

Jay reported putting a warning sticker on a vehicle on Cayuga Street that consistently parks facing the wrong direction on the road.

**Public to be Heard:**

Glenn Boyce seeks a written easement for the driveway to the water tank from the Village Board. Though there is a verbal agreement (written in for Jim McKee) for access to the field for the farmer, a written one would make subdividing his parcel easier. Boyce would pay for all costs associated with the agreement. Richardson will speak with the attorney to determine legal ramifications for the Village, letting Boyce know the results.

Chris Thomas inquired about why fires are not allowed in the Village. Discussion about state and village burning laws followed. Richardson pointed out DPW will remove [during the spring through fall months] bagged leaves and bundled brush.

**Additional Comments:** none.

**Old Business:**

Boiler Quotes:

- Bergren motioned, Richardson seconded, Kempf abstained, to accept the quote from Hubbard Heating & Plumbing (\$7797.84)—other quote: Blue Jay Plumbing & Heating (\$9050)—to replace the boiler; carried.
- Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve transfers to reserves; carried.
- Adopting updated Rules of Procedure for the Board for 2022-2023 fiscal year: vote postponed.
- Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to readopt water rates based on the 2000 gallon minimum; carried.

**New Business:**

- Norwehy Brewing newly opened where Bandwagon Brewery was located [3582 West Avenue].

- Kempf motioned, Del Plato seconded, to hire Municipal Solutions (\$59k for two years) to complete the project; carried.
- Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to take funds from Equipment Reserve to pay for new pickup truck (to avoid taking out a loan); carried.
- 2023 Fire Contracts: vote postponed; Richardson and Kempf will speak with the Town of Ovid and the Town of Covert.
- Local Law for senior exemption:  
The Village would like to adopt a law so certain Village residents receive a tax reduction. The information will be sent to the attorney for review. Upon approval, a public hearing will follow.
- Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve the resolution for 2022 NYS Consolidated Funding Application Water Quality Improvements Program (WQIP), pursuing additional funding (\$959,699) for the sewer project; carried.
- Jeff Burns (IT consultant) is retiring July 2023.
- CWIO Report
  - Erin Nars was hired as the manager, pending reference checks.
- Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to reappoint Jean Jay as Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Interlaken.

**Executive session**

Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to enter executive session at 7:50 PM to discuss purchase of property; carried.

Richardson motioned, Kempf seconded, to exit executive session at 8:07 PM; carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Richardson, Del Plato seconded, to adjourn at 8:12 PM; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk