

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday, 09 January 2025 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, Attorney Chalifoux, Clerk/Treasurer Swartwood, Deputy Clerk Quan.

Public Present via GoTo Meeting: Jacqui Gossard, Phil Stannard.

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Garcia motioned, Del Plato seconded, to accept the minutes from the 12 December 2024 Regular Board Meeting; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

### **Fire:**

There were 8 calls in December; responded to 145 calls, up from recent years.

There looks to be a lot of county, joint department, and in-house training this year.

Garcia motioned, Kempf seconded, to accept Tom Basher, Jr., transfer from Trumansburg Fire Department and Seneca County Deputy Fire Coordinator, as a new member of the Interlaken Fire Department; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Wendi Buss and Brittany Phillips are taking Certified First Responder, a 17-week course.

The County completed its fire inspection. The water heater needs a run-off tube for the relief valve and the exit light at the southwest door needs repair or replacement.

Inlet Glass will be measuring for a replacement window.

Kempf motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve the purchase of five Unication G1 pagers, totaling \$2104.50; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Borden advised replacement boots and helmets as well as some 5-inch hose are upcoming expenses.

The annual Christmas tree fundraiser was a good community function, but sales were not very good.

Upcoming events: banquet (29 March), barbecue (13 April), barbecue benefit for South Seneca Junior/High School Falcon Trap Club (17 May), Auto Show and Flea Market (10 August).

Olde Home Day Festival has been moved up a week to 7 June to coordinate with other events.

Ahouse called to get 200 gallons of propane; 492 gallons were delivered. Fire hydrants have been winterized.

**Water:**

A big water main in the center of Cayuga Street where it crosses to feed Geneva Street broke on 29 December. It was valve downed that night and repaired the next day with the help of Town of Hector, Village of Ovid, and Seneca County. New reader and new meters installed.

Water samples tested—as mandated by the state—for PFAS, sodium, nitrate; results showed levels as non-detect.

Mixer is not working in the tank; trying to get a replacement.

Submitted injury reports for Public Employee Safety & Health (PESH).

HUNT EAS said the village did not have an easement and advised the school to build atop the waterline behind the school; Ahouse is looking for the documentation.

**Sewer:**

Land purchase has resumed. There will be a meeting on the 21 or 22 January; time to be determined. Grant funding was issued. Project to hopefully go to bid by May.

A meeting with HUNT EAS is scheduled for 14 January.

Brewer's Septic Services did extra pumping to clean and unplug the grease trap.

**Streets and Equipment:**

The county assisted with the repair from the water main repair.

Some cars are parking over the sidewalk which then requires shoveling to remove the snow.

Ahouse received a quote for propane tanks for all village buildings from Sweetwater Propane. Ahouse will inquire of E & V Energy.

DPW stores the school's trailer lift. The batteries may need to be replaced (DPW offered to buy the batteries because of the amount they use it) or it may be too cold for it to operate.

Picked up Christmas trees. Scrap metal brought to scrap yard.

**Treasurer:** balances of accounts read.

Resident asked if the village would accept an ACH payment for water sewer; no policy on this. There is no policy for these types of payments; ACH will not be approved.

Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve the budget modification for bond received and bond repayment and the difference needed to pay for the police cars; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

**Approval of Bills:** Garcia motioned, Pepper seconded, to approve vouchers in: General Fund (#209-233: \$112,670.49), Water Fund (#60-67: \$8,142.94), Sewer Fund (#43-48: \$3,716.96); Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

**Old Business:**

- ❖ Documents have been signed for Tunison Road (tax map 452089 07-1-04); awaiting closing.
- ❖ Fixed electric rates
  - Meeting postponed until 25 February because the proposed company are unsure if they can work with Nexamp.
- ❖ Mass notification system
  - Ahouse will about using Seneca County Emergency Management alert system.
  - Pepper motioned, Garcia seconded, to approve the \$1500 annual TextMyGov service (with annual enhanced media kit fee and setup fee waived) if Seneca County Emergency Management is not available for use; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

**New Business:**

- ❖ Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to introduce the resolution:  
WHEREAS Village Residents are able to complete voter registration in person at the County Office Building, or by mail, and  
  
WHEREAS the value of holding a local registration day is outweighed by the cost to the village for holding a registration day, now therefore be it  
  
RESOLVED that the Village of Interlaken will not hold a voter registration day in 2025 and be it further  
  
RESOLVED that the Village of Interlaken Clerk will have a supply of voter registration cards available at the Village Office for village residents and be it further  
  
RESOLVED the March 18, 2025 Village Elections will be held at the Village Hall, 8369 Main Street, Interlaken, NY between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 9:00 PM and be it further  
  
RESOLVED Election Inspectors appointed are Maribea Marranta and Diane Bassette-Nelson  
  
(January 9, 2025)  
  
Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.
- ❖ Garcia motioned, Pepper seconded, to introduce the resolution:

Bond Resolution of the Village of Interlaken, Seneca County, New York, adopted January 9, 2025 amending and restating bond resolution adopted March 12, 2020, authorizing improvements to the village wastewater collection and treatment system at an estimated maximum cost of \$9,956.33, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of up to \$9,956.33 bond anticipation notes and serial bonds of the village to pay the cost of the project.

Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

- ❖ Del Plato urged the Village to support the Cayuga Watershed Intermunicipal Organization's resolution opposing Cargill flooding Cayuga Salt Mine with wastewater. Richardson, Kempf, and Garcia voiced the need for reviewing the resolution before making a decision.

**Executive Session:**

Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to enter executive session to discuss property purchase and potential litigation at 7:11 PM; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to exit executive session at 7:55 PM; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

**Adjournment:** Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to adjourn at 7:55 PM; Richardson: aye, Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk