

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday, 10 August 2023 at the Village Hall and via GoTo Meeting.

Members Present: Mayor Richardson, Trustee Del Plato, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Kempf.

via GoTo Meeting: Trustee Pepper.

Others Present: DPW Supervisor Ahouse, Chief Dwello, Clerk/Treasurer Swartwood, Deputy Clerk Quan.

Excused: Fire Chief Borden.

Public Present 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, Del Plato seconded, to accept the minutes from the 13 July 2023 Regular Board Meeting; carried.

Public to be Heard:

None.

Library:

DPW filled the area around the sidewalk and ramp with loamy soil and finished off the top part of the parking lot.

Richardson awaits plans from the County on electric car charging stations; they seek to group entities into a single bid to see reductions in costs. The parking lot adjacent to the library would have one quick charging station and one dual slow charging station; the village office would have one dual slow charging station.

Fire:

There were 18 calls in July.

Brittany Phillips and Christ Esh are new members.

Per voice approval from Richardson, three air bottles were purchased before a 01 August price increase.

Two of the three broken windows on the garage doors are repaired.

The standby generator failed. The \$7k in repair costs would not be a guaranteed solution; \$22k from fundraising was used to make the emergency purchase from Finger Lakes Power Equipment; other companies are at least 16 months out.

Richardson suggested the failed unit should be considered for repair so that it could be used as a portable unit around the village if necessary.

Borden was grateful for DPW putting stone around the building, commenting it looked great.

The Auto Show and Flea Market is set for the weekend.

Borden spoke of the need to hire a grant writer. The expenditure for the generator and the new truck are taking a big hit on the fundraising monies. Additionally, monies are needed for new and replacements of things like turnout gear, pagers, gloves, hoods, and SCBA so members have good gear to keep them safe and do their job safely.

Ahouse reported DPW dug out the south side of the building, put fabric down, and filled the area with decorative gravel.

Water:

Located valve and shut off service on West Avenue to do a repair.

Monthly sample was taken from Quik Shoppe.

Parts ordered three weeks ago from Ross Valve are still on backorder. A new control valve company, with something more contemporary, could be considered; Ahouse could get a quote.

The pressure switch failed on 29 July. Swapping the switches on the pumps did not solve the issue; the conductor/relay may be bad. Finding replacement parts are difficult because the equipment is obsolete.

The tower is back up to a regular level.

The well was getting low before the rain on 05 August.

HUNT EAS is working on a grant for a generator. The 90/10 grant (FEMA will cover 90%) will be used to purchase a \$110k mobile generator to be used to operate the water plant or sewer plant in an emergency.

Moody and Associates said the pump shipped. Ahouse awaits a date to clean the well and replace the pump.

Trihalomethanes (THMs) and disinfection byproducts samples were taken to the lab. Garcia asked about how the creeks responded to the rainfall. Ahouse reported they are flowing well.

Sewer:

Per DEC requirements, the master meter, measuring daily sewage flows, had its yearly calibration.

A residual plug on Knight Street was determined to be on the homeowner's side. Normal operation sampling from YAWS Environmental and pumping from Brewers Septic.

Richardson reported the landowners accepted an offer for the land purchase for the plant expansion for \$20k an acre plus attorney fees. Engineers will determine the land needed and submit the drawing for approval.

Streets:

Seneca Stone estimated the cost for grinding and paving Mechanic Street to be

\$38k. Ahouse spoke of how some of the CHIPs funds were used for the culverts, but the cost of repaving can be supplemented with funding from PAVE-NY. Grinding the street is necessary, in part, to honor the agreement made with Nick Ike. Richardson said the repaving should be done.

Kempf asked about sidewalk replacement this fall. Ahouse advised McGill and Kempf are the only ones, adding DPW can be help when the owners are ready. Ahouse reported there has been a lot of mowing and trimming as well as weed eating and brush clearing at all of the culverts in the Village.

Culvert rails were painted; Village office ramp rail stained.

Boxes of documents were moved for Swartwood.

Tar sealing was done on the pole barn side of the DPW shop roof. Loose nails were replaced. Seal coating should happen soon.

Deere repair parts for the brush hog were recently received.

Ahouse met with the USDA contractor who is coordinating the stream embankment revitalization project on Mechanic Street and Knight Street; they should be starting within the next two weeks.

Kempf spoke about how Sawyer Updike, DPW's summer help, is doing a good job; others chimed in agreement.

Richardson advised of plans to submit a letter of intent, due by 18 August, for both the NY Forward and the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grants; grant applications are due 29 September. Del Plato asked about the town's involvement; Richardson advised he has not had an opportunity to speak with them.

Police:

The department handled 200 calls for service; 34 traffic citations issued.

Monthly report was submitted to the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

The speed trailer was moved into the garage. The system powers on, but its functioning has not been assessed. Geneva Glass estimated glass replacement cost to be \$60-\$90; the trailer would need to be transported to them for repair.

Senator O'Mara is amidst opening a satellite office at the Seneca County Office Building; he will arrange a meeting with Interlaken when scheduling allows.

The repair of the rear antenna for the Stalker Radar is estimated to cost no more than \$300.

Officer Robertson was taken to the range, qualifying for both the rifle and pistol.

Field training for familiarization of the geographic area and the Seneca County E-911 Center was conducted. He will work on the duties for court security.

Dwello is coordinating with District Attorney Sinkiewicz to assist with obtaining grant funding for new tasers and body cameras.

The Intermunicipal Police Services Agreement with the Town of Ovid is under review with the Village attorney.

Rear control arm bushing ordered for the Dodge Charger.

A relay was replaced on the Chevy Impala because the air conditioner fans were not operating properly. Though the repair improved its functioning, it struggled to perform well during the hotter days. It will be reassessed when time permits.

Department document updates on use of force and appearance tickets started. Kempf motioned, Garcia seconded, to approve the Intermunicipal Police Services Agreement with the Town of Ovid; carried. Richardson spoke of a Marlin Model 39A rifle that was declared abandoned property. If auctioned, the monies from the sale of the collectable could be put back into the police department's budget. Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to declare the rifle surplus; carried.

Treasurer: balances of accounts read.

Budget modifications are necessary to cover costs for law contractual. Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to make the budget modification; carried.

Approval of Bills: Del Plato motioned, Kempf seconded, to approve vouchers in: General Fund (#59-90: \$12281.14), Water Fund (#19-26: \$2699.66), Sewer Fund (#15-20: \$3424.57) for payment; carried.

Old Business:

- Police Car Policy committee report: tabled.
- Municipal Code workshop update.
 - Village parking tickets and fines: to be discussed as part of the workshop.
 - Workshop scheduled for 6-7 PM on 07 September.

New Business:

- Del Plato on resolution on Seneca Meadows.
 - Richardson spoke about the need to include corrective measures in the resolution.
 - Tabled until September meeting.
- Joshua Griffin on County Road 150.
 - Owner wants to disconnect one of the two water lines entering the single property.
 - Ahouse will determine where the lines are connected. Richardson will determine if there are one or two lines connected to the main.

Adjournment: Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to adjourn at 7:48 PM; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk