

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, 12 September 2024 at the Village Hall and via GoTo Meeting.

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

Excused: Trustee Kempf.

Others Present: Fire Chief Borden, Police Chief Dwello, Clerk/Treasurer Swartwood, Deputy Clerk Quan.

via GoTo Meeting: DPW Supervisor Ahouse.

Public Present via GoTo Meeting: Phil Stannard.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Garcia motioned, Pepper seconded, to accept the minutes from the 15 August 2024 Regular Board Meeting; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Library:

Director Hastings reported somebody was metal detecting at the library without permission. Attorney Krogh advised Richardson there could be limits to activities on public property.

Fire:

There were 20 calls in August; 112 calls year-to-date, which is above normal.

The detail at the Trumansburg Fair went well.

The light replacement on Engine 503 is complete; it will greatly improve the safety of the firefighters.

Garcia motioned, Del Plato seconded, to accept Chris Stoltzfus as a new member of the Interlaken Fire Department; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Ben Hertzler and Brittany Phillips will begin Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO) on 12 September.

Three air bottles need to be replaced; monies will come from the budget if the grant is not approved.

The department attended Ovid Fire Department's September 11th March/Walk of Remembrance and ceremony.

One of the member's push scooter was stolen Labor Day weekend. Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to pay up to \$375 for a replacement scooter; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Water:

Trihalomethanes (disinfection byproducts) testing shows volatile organic compounds are well under the maximum contaminant level (MCL).

Located and relocated water lines behind the school numerous times, including at times with the inspector from HUNT-EAS. Work resumed one week after the stop

work order, but a solution to the berm still needs to be found.
Assisted Ovid with a service tap and Hector with a main repair.
Ahouse and VanNederynen attended a class by American Water Works Association.

Sewer:

Meter had its annual calibration.

Trickle filter cleaned.

Repaired a small leak on the overflow valve, but it needs monitoring.

Ahouse and HUNT-EAS have been working with Don Cardinal (DEC) to reach a solution to compliance while holding off on bidding the project until funding is resolved. Ahouse advised Cardinal a use ordinance was adopted and work continues on purchasing the property. Additionally, work will begin on the inflow and intrusion (I&I). Cardinal is happy with the progress, but not the speed.

Ahouse and Richardson met with HUNT-EAS to evaluate the projects under the purview of HUNT-EAS; a monthly update was established as a result.

Streets and Equipment:

Inspected and adjusted forms for sidewalk on Railroad Avenue. The pour will be next week.

The property on Darling Road is too wet to trim the trees. Richardson advised the paperwork for the property transfer is complete; as part of the transfer, the Village agreed to brush hog the lot and remove the widow makers.

DPW received guardrails from the county for the Mechanic Street culvert but have been unable to drive the posts into the ground because of stones.

Added a small section of culvert pipe to a resident's driveway; they will be billed for the coupler and stone.

Ahouse suggested a new truck should be considered because the current one is two years old with 16k miles, adding resale value is higher when it still has its comprehensive warranty.

Ahouse also suggested it may be time to start looking at the cost of tractors.

Discussion about the quote for tree removal on Seneca Street. Richardson advised the Village can remove the tree because it may impede the right-of-way, but reimbursement is not possible because there is no ordinance. Pepper motioned, Garcia seconded, to approve the quote for the removal of the tree on Seneca Street; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Del Plato asked about parking and signage for the park. Dwello advised all of the work would need to be paid for by the village.

Police:

There were 143 calls for service, 66 traffic citations issued, 1 arrest made.

Dwello assisted Harold Stewart for Plow Days.

With Officer Robertson, Dwello would like to attend a SUNY Oswego based training session on wellness, recruitment, and retention.

Body worn cameras ordered.

Uniforms that have been turned in need to be destroyed. Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to approve the destruction of the returned uniform; Richardson:

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

Cost for a new shirt is \$114.50 and a wallet badge is \$88.95.

Tires are needed for car 401. Estimate #14569 dated 09 September from Borst and Sons quoted the cost at \$934.

Treasurer: balances of accounts read.

Monies from the NYSLERS account was moved to employee benefits; the account accrued \$2.41 of interest. Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to close the account; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Approval of Bills: Garcia motioned, Pepper seconded, to approve vouchers in: General Fund (#90-114: \$11,775.21), Water Fund (#24-34: \$5,623.24), Sewer Fund (#16-25: \$5,401.88); Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

New Business:

❖ KJ's Property Care Seneca St quote

A tree at the sidewalk on Seneca Street needs to be removed because it is a public safety issue and is in the Village's right-of-way. Without having a specific ordinance, the Village will not be able to get a reimbursement from the homeowner for the cost of removal. Pepper motioned, Garcia seconded, to remove the tree; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

❖ National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

The village was left off of the county mapping survey of the streams and flood areas because of a past decision. Richardson met with a group who spoke about the program. The group said they would find the funding to map the village. Being part of the program can give people the option to get insurance and help get grants for things such as mitigation. A public hearing would need to be held before a local law is passed. Mapping would likely not be completed for up to two-and-a-half years.

Executive Session:

Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to enter executive session to discuss personnel at 7:30 PM; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to exit executive session at 7:49 PM; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to purchase a safe for \$500; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Adjournment: Del Plato motioned, Garcia seconded, to adjourn at 7:49 PM; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk