

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday, 13 June 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.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Del Plato motioned, Richardson seconded, to accept the minutes from the 16 May 2024 Regular Board Meeting and 30 May 2024 Year End Meeting; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Library:

Though there were a lot of books leftover, Friends of the Interlaken Public Library had a good book sale during Olde Home Days.

Fire:

There were 11 calls in May.

The proposed OSHA Emergency Response Standard is a significant topic at the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs. A 40% increase in fire tax is expected if the rule is finalized, in part because of increased training requirements and equipment and trucks will need to be replaced more frequently. Borden advised there are no provisions to replace Engine 502.

Three corners of the roof have been repaired, but there are plenty of other building issues that need attention.

Members are putting in a lot of hours with training. The rest of the calendar year is full of events, including joint training with Lodi and Ovid as well as with Trumansburg in August.

Air pack testing will occur on Monday (17 June).

Truck servicing and pump testing has been completed; everything looks good except Engine 504 needs two new tires, costing \$1600 (including installation).

The new truck cab and chassis is expected sometime this summer. From the day it is delivered, there are fifteen days to pay the \$111,300; payment in full reduces the total cost of the truck by \$13,575. Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to use the fund balance to make up the difference (~\$5k) for the firetruck cab and chassis if necessary; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

DPW replaced the photosensor on the pump light, but it was not the fix; a new light fixture is needed.

Water:

The water tower inspection is complete; everything is in good or excellent condition.

Brass shutoff valves have been ordered for inventory.

The annual water quality report is complete and ready for posting.

Ahouse attended a New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA) class in Utica.

Sewer:

Cleaned and repaired injection pump lines for the chlorinator.

Cleaned and repaired the trickling filter.

Roof panel blew off the trickling filter barn.

Ahouse met with YAWS Environmental regarding sewage plant designs.

Ahouse met with the county's engineers to discuss the plan for a county-wide water and sewage district. Richardson will find out if the village system will be autonomous or integrated into the county-wide system. Richardson announced a video conference with Wendel will take place at 4 PM on 17 June.

Streets and Equipment:

DPW helped with setting up and taking down detour signage for Olde Home Days. VanNederynen returned the equipment. The bank parking lot was cold patched for safety during the event.

A lot of mowing and trimming of grass has been necessary.

DPW helped Cardinal Disposal distribute toters to residences who didn't get one.

Sign installed at the water tower park; a roof is still needed.

Ahouse attended Highway School at Ithaca College.

Del Plato will coordinate with the Department of Transportation to assess the signage and pavement marking needs for the water tower park.

Police:

There were 126 calls for service, 15 traffic citations issued.

Barricades and signage picked up from Comet Flasher in Rush. Dwello was appreciative of DPW's assistance and the return of equipment.

Department received \$3,124.35 for conducting STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign.

Spring range and close vehicle combat module one and two completed by members. Afternoon range and a night range will take place in fall.

Dwello said Tuffo is doing a good job.

Dwello advised the village will be responsible for the roughly \$41k each year for two years if the department accepts the COPS grant.

Dwello encountered an issue with Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) after he contacted IT Support Swanson to create a new guest user on the computer. The issue was solved after two Albany-based technicians worked on the system for several hours. Richardson will check with Swanson.

Dwello would like to order three new badges estimated to cost over \$500.

The preliminary list of equipment proposed for purchase with LETECH grant funds include:

- Two body worn cameras. The \$15,911.90 cost includes license and storage fees and camera replacements at year 2½ and year 5. The village is responsible for costs, amounting to \$2k, after year five.
- Two car computers and printers at a cost of \$14,870.88.
- License plate readers. The \$30,788.40 cost includes storage fees and application programming interface (API) fees for a five-year contract.

The estimate for two upfitted Ford Explorers without exterior graphics is \$115,054.26. \$99,900 will be covered by the DCJS OPDF grant.

Treasurer: balances of accounts read.

Budget modifications are necessary:

- Water Fund is short \$9031.04. The annual report should not have overspent items. Swartwood will consult the CPA to determine if some of the remaining ARPA funds (\$31,515) can be used.
- Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to move the \$14616.69 unspent funds in Fire (Equipment \$13176.56, Contractual \$1440.13.) to Fire Capital Equipment; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.
- Richardson motioned, Pepper seconded, to move the \$8902.05 unspent Streets Equipment funds to Streets Capital Equipment and the \$11061.80 unspent Streets Contractual funds to fund balance; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Approval of Bills: Pepper motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve vouchers in: General Fund (#1-21: \$20,175.47), Water Fund (#1-8: \$12,468.60), Sewer Fund (#1-7: \$7,153.47) for payment, Water Project (#1: \$719.10); Sewer Project (#8: \$40.51); Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Old Business:

- ◆ Richardson reported parties are interested in two of the old well sites: 12-acre parcel on Tunison Road (tax map 452089 07-1-04) and the 2.3-acre parcel on Darling Road (tax map 452689 13-1-07). Richardson will meet with a real estate agent to discuss before decisions are made.

New Business:

- ◆ Garcia motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve the purchase of two 2025 Ford Explorers for Interlaken Police Department; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Executive Session:

Garcia motioned, Pepper seconded, to enter executive session to discuss wages at 7:23 PM; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Del Plato motioned, Pepper seconded, to exit executive session at 7:39 PM; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to raise hourly wages; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Pepper motioned, Garcia seconded, to raise the wage of the crossing guard; Richardson: abstained, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Adjournment: Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to adjourn at 7:40 PM; Richardson: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk