

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

Members Present: Mayor Richardson, Trustee Del Plato.

via GoTo Meeting: Trustee Kempf.

Members Absent: Trustee Pepper.

Others Present: Clerk Treasurer Swartwood, Deputy Clerk Quan.

via GoTo Meeting: DPW Supervisor Ahouse, Fire Chief Borden.

Public Present: Michael Bergren.

via GoTo Meeting: Keith Jay, Phil Stannard, James Wyckoff.

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

Richardson advised Kevin Barr resigned from the board; motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve Michael Bergren to be on the board for the next year, the remainder of Barr's term; carried.

Discussion about reorganization of commissions; Trustee Bergren will replace Kempf as Streets Commissioner and Kempf will become Fire Commissioner.

Budget Hearing:

There were no questions on the budget hearing; Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve the 2022-2023 budget; carried.

Trash Bid Opening:

Three trash bids were received: DL Parkison Enterprises - \$23,880, Cardinal Disposal - \$29,160, Casella Waste Services - \$54,742.

Discussion about DL Parkison Enterprises (current service) employees handling of customer's trash cans, leaky trucks, and other complaints.

Richardson motioned, Bergren seconded, to approve bid by DL Parkison Enterprises for trash contractor for the year; carried.

Bergren to discuss issues and complaints with DL Parkison Enterprises.

Approval of Minutes:

Kempf motioned, Del Plato seconded, to accept the minutes from the 10 March 2022 and 1 April 2022 meetings; Bergren abstained; carried.

Public to be Heard: None.

Library:

A replacement ceiling in the former genealogy room will be installed this weekend. There is no progress to report on the intermunicipal agreement for the parking lot. Marty Schlabach advised there were no changes needed to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Village's work in the maintenance of the property. Richardson will write them the MOU will remain unchanged.

Fire:

They received ten calls (about average) in March. 503 was returned after having the exhaust repaired. 501 has not been sent over yet. 502 is a work in progress; they will find out its status. New gear will not be delivered until the end of June. They await quotes for three air bottles and replacement hose. The Annual Chicken BBQ did not sell out, but the event went okay. The banquet went well. Wendi Buss passed, doing a great job, Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations. Henry Esh will start Interior Firefighting Operations. Both will also take Technical Rescue Basics. Seven people took and passed HazMat Operations; two will finish this month. Training in March was busy; a lot will be happening in April and May. Ralph Bailey and Borden took the FEMA certification. Elections were held this month. Borden called Firehouse Apparatus to start on 501 replacements. Richardson motioned, Kempf seconded approve Interlaken Fire Department line officers and administrative personnel; carried.

Water:

Six water meters that were not working were replaced. Assisted Ovid with two-inch repair. There were no issues in the water sampling from Quik Shoppe. Listened to hydrants. Walked transmission line behind school. Checked school meters periodically. Read water meters village wide, finding a few small leaks. Consumption has gone down about 5,000 gallons a day, but there is still a small leak. One leak was discovered at a residence on Interlaken Beach Road: 2,500 gallons a day going through the toilet. Kempf advised the reduction could be a result of Gun Black resuming use of their own wells instead of the Village well. Water Withdrawal Report was sent to DEC, about a 20% loss for the year. Attended water class in Canandaigua. Monthly reports submitted to the county.

Assisted Hector by overseeing operations of the repair of a main for a few hours because they currently do not have a Distribution System Certification. Josh Mikkelsen is running Hector alone because his boss resigned.

Met with HUNT Engineers; received renderings for the lake pumphouse, but waiting for more. Saving money in the budget to be able to order a pipe freezer. The tool, used in Hector and in one of the apartments on Main Street, uses CO₂ to freeze the water line so repairs can be made (where it is impractical to shut off). Conversation about partnership with other municipalities for purchase and use. Richardson motioned, Bergren seconded, to purchase CO₂ freezer; carried.

Del Plato inquired about the current water capacity. Ahouse reported there are occasional breaks in suction, and a drier summer could be troublesome. They hope to get leak detection soon because any size leak needs to be addressed. One of the leaks, along the Persoon line, is difficult to track down because locating leaks is in addition to the normal workload for the two of them.

Richardson spoke of numerous floods which raise silt in the stream beds. The wells may not be plugged, but the pumps pulling silt into the veins they draw from result in decreased performance from when they were installed. An alternative to trucking in water again, until the water project is completed, may be hydrofracturing the wells, an inexpensive procedure that gets the well cleaned out.

Del Plato wondered the status of Michelle Henry mapping the water-sewer system. Ahouse reported they haven't done much on the water side, but they took her around most of the manholes and got the information she needed. The sewer map should be done once a GPS plot is done. Del Plato will let her know DPW is ready to resume working on mapping the system. Ahouse reported once the water map is set up, they can note repairs; eventually, it may help find leaks.

Kempf asked if Cindy still worked with leak detection with them because she knows the Village well. Ahouse said she knows they need her soon and they will need to contact Brian Baxter if her other priorities don't allow her to be here soon.

Sewer:

Ahouse met with HUNT Engineers to go over designs. He is looking into two different manufacturers of membrane bioreactor (MBR) filters: H₂O Engineering and Kubota Membrane. A big issue is the new systems produce five to six times the 5,000 gallons a month Brewers hauls out; other solutions to hauling, such as drying beds or holding systems, are being investigated.

Ahouse toured the Kubota plant in Waverly; he and Tim Steed (HUNT Engineers) will speak to the workers at Hamlin Beach State Park (which has the H₂O Engineering system).

Normal pumping sampling by YAWS Environmental and Brewers Septic.

A lateral plug on West Avenue was determined to be on the homeowner's line; they loaned a

snake, clearing the plug without issues.

Richardson advised HUNT Engineers holds a monthly review meeting if anybody is interested.

Streets:

There was some snow removal at the end of March. Oil was changed on the F-250.

Put broom on the 4300; swept some streets and sidewalks on Main Street.

Two 30-yard dumpsters were ordered from Seneca Meadows for dumpster day; they are covering the dumping fees.

A representative from Chemung Supply will provide quotes for both an aluminum and a concrete box culvert. The flexibility of using a 48-inch pipe addresses concerns about how water and sewer lines run under the culverts on Mechanic Street. The pricing via NYS contract, for the 48-inch pipe is \$62 per foot plus couplers and shipping.

There is a conversation among the Towns of Romulus, Ovid, and Covert to purchase an asphalt hot box. Repairs using hot mix asphalt lasts longer than cold patch asphalt. If an agreement is reached, they would like the Village to contribute \$5k (which would provide access to use when needed). Ovid will store and maintain the equipment. Ahouse mentioned the Village of Ovid has a small asphalt roller; the Town of Covert, a bigger one.

Costs of increasing number of repairs on the 4300 are adding up. Bids from companies of interest for a new tractor, estimated to cost between \$30k and \$40k are good and competitive. Bergren, Richardson, and Ahouse will discuss bids so it can be voted on in May.

There is no word on the truck ordered last August from Maguire.

Some stone delivered to residents.

DPW received a call about water in a basement near the corner of Seneca Street and 96A; they found ground water, but were unable to determine its origin.

Conversation about relocating a gazebo in Ovid destined for A Park for All Ages. The likely stick-built structure appears too tall and wide to transport via trailer. If DPW determines it is not practical for them to transport it themselves, somebody who moves barns and sheds will be sought.

Del Plato inquired of Glass Magnolia and Bixby Home not granting right-of-way to address flooding issues and if there was another opportunity or solution. Richardson advised not having them grant right-of-way resulted in the loss of the \$1M grant; he added Fisher would reapply the following year, but not having right-of-way will mean there is no chance of getting grant funding for the project.

Police:

Richardson reported the laptop replacement—new with a dock—cost less than the funds allocated for its replacement.

Treasurer:

Balances of accounts were read.

Accounts receivable as of 31 March 2022:

Water	11,417.91
Sewer	4,989.09

Abstracts: April 2022:

General Fund	9,277.34
Water Fund	4,367.66
Sewer Fund	3,678.82

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Water	8,086.54
Sewer	4,333.23
Total	12,419.77

April Water Sewer billing 1 Jan–31 Mar 2022:

Water Billing	42,498.74
Sewer Billing	22,266.06

Approval of Bills: Motion by Del Plato, Richardson seconded; carried.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) required additional disability insurance, which was offset against the contingency. Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve budget modification; carried.

Old Business:

- Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO)
 - The management position is posted. Redoing the by-laws and speaking with Ian Smith, Seneca Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, will help provide insight in the best candidate.
 - They are working with all six Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop a plan to increase municipality participation (currently 25/50 municipalities).
- Bridge NY grant revocation only affects the Route 96 culvert; Mechanic Street and Knight Street culverts are part of another grant.
- Library Parking Lot: no updates; according to their minutes they are supposed to be receiving bids. By March
- FEMA Clinton Street culvert has been extended until January 2023. This project will ideally be bid at the same time as bids for Mechanic Street and Knight Street. Creek cleanouts will be part of these projects.

New Business:

- Hunt Engineers amendment to CDBG Contract. Increase in the work by Municipal Solutions will cost \$16k, coming out of the project itself.
- Del Plato, Cayuga Nation: proposal of resolution for removal of Clint Halftown as representative of the Cayuga Nation to the Bureau of Indian Affairs; if support shown during the May meeting, the resolution will be sent to federal representatives.
- Section 504 Grievance Procedure for adoption. A requirement of the CDBG grant, this is a procedure for filing a grievance in the event a resident feels they have been discriminated against on the basis of disability. Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to adopt the procedure; carried.
- Ahouse will seek applications for summer help.
- NYS Comptroller Fiscal Stress Monitoring System for the Village is No Designation; we are not in any fiscal stress.
- Water Minimum increase.
 - Starting May 2023, payments on the \$3M no interest loan begins; the \$6M project was covered by a \$3M grant and the \$3M interest-free loan.
 - Richardson motioned, Bergren seconded, to the change the minimum cost for 1000 gallons to \$85 inside the Village and \$95 outside the Village for the first quarter before making other adjustments; carried.
- Tax Warrant Resolution: Kempf motioned, Richardson seconded, to adopt tax warrant for \$310,866.14 (\$302,779.60 revenue + relevy of water and sewer bills); carried.
- Address library request: no change; Richardson will address this via e-mail.

Additional Comment:

Richardson met with the Town of Ulysses, the Village of Trumansburg, their camp director of their summer program, and the Town of Covert to discuss how the kids of the Village of Interlaken can take part in their recreation program for the summer, something not available to them for two years.

He expressed concern some families would be unable to afford the weekly \$60-\$150 sliding scale fees to send kids to these camps for the summer, suggesting maybe the Village could put money aside to help with costs, based on the sliding scale, to help kids go to camp for a week. Richardson will speak with South Seneca Central School District about the possibility of bussing kids to Taughannock Falls or Watkins Glen State Parks, and if the extended day program can be used for this in addition to lunches for the summer.

The long-term goal of being able to have one location at Camp Barton instead of transporting kids to Taughannock Falls or Watkins Glen is an intermunicipal service that benefits both counties and all the villages and towns that are part of it.

Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to enter into executive session at 8:06 PM regarding litigation.

Richardson motioned, Kempf seconded, to exit from executive session at 8:22 PM.

Del Plato motioned, Bergren seconded, to approve Richardson scheduling a hearing for the FOIL request at his earliest convenience; carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Richardson, Del Plato seconded, to adjourn at 8:23 PM; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk