

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday April 12, 2018 at the Village office meeting room.

The budget hearing opened at 6:45 by Mayor Richardson with the Pledge of Allegiance,  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Rich Richardson, Trustees, Chris Kempf, Keith Jay, Bill McGuire, Tony Del Plato.

The tax rate went up by \$0.25.

Trustee Bill McGuire read a statement with regard to the Police Department budget, which are included in total with these minutes.

Rich gave a brief rebuttal, there is no double dipping, and there is no increase in the police budget. There are reductions in lines not directly shown in the police lines, ie health insurance and retirement. Moving forward we will be looking at all budget lines and expectations.

Leon noted that renters do pay toward taxes. He discussed the difference between salaried and hourly job expectations. He also noted the quality of life effect as noted by realtors and others. Tony noted the feeling of security that community members have because we do have a police department.

Anita commented on the interaction between Leon and the school students.

Tony Del Plato made the motion, second by Chris Kempf to approve the budget

Rich Richardson Yes, Chris Kempf Yes, Tony Del Plato Yes, Keith Jay No, Bill McGuire No

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Swartwood, Clerk Treasurer; Leon Anderson, Chief of Police; Jim Borden, Fire Chief; Wes Ahouse, DPW Supervisor, Diane Bassette Nelson, Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Public: Jean Jay, Linda Blossom, Fred Percy, Anita Glover.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with the same people present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Keith Jay and seconded by Bill McGuire to approve the March 8, 2018 Minutes. April 2, 2018 Motion by Chris Kempf, second by Keith Jay to approve April 2, 2018 Organizational Meeting Minutes.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Library: Wes** Repaired the soffit on the back of the building.

**Rich** asked Chelsea to look into getting a survey of the library property.

**Mike Reynolds:** noted that per the contract their will be more fill, grading and seeding.

**Fire** report by Jim Borden

Bar-b-q sold out in 50 minutes

11 calls in March, including Hazmat situation on Main Street, DEC is monitoring and complimented the fire department with their response

Next week they will be previewing new cutters for cars/trucks etc. They will be electric. Some of the costs will be through the grant received. The electric cutters are lighter and faster. They run off a 30-volt battery.

Ordered five air bottles.

I S O review last time 2006, we are in very good shape, rate is 6 may drop to 5. 19% drop in fire insurance at 6, 23% drop if the rate drops to 5. Review equipment, training, maintenance, all the testing of equipment. Can't change the hydrant flow. Also looked at pre-plans for some of the businesses, and that was up-to-date.

Two members at the training center.

Anita commented on the very quick response by all the departments to the Route 89 roll-over.

Rich commented on the cooperation between the departments.

The following Line Officers were elected by the members of the department on April 2, 2018:

Chief: Jim Borden; 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Chris Nelson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Jim Mead; Capt. Ralph Bailey; Lt. Jamie Worrell. Motion by Bill McGuire second by Keith Jay to approve the line officers, carried. He also noted the following corporation officers: President: Matt Barkee, Vice President James Wyckoff; Secretary Chris Vogt; Treasurer Nicole Nelson; Trustees: James Finch, Karen Nelson, Keith Jay

**Water report given by Wes** meters have been read, communications with others

DEC report completed and sent in also Annual Quality Water Report filed and on website.

Repair quotes sent to insurance,

Quote to rebuild pump #1 19k vs 25k for new pump.

Tony and Barb Steward going to watershed conference

Our well is in a gravel pocket, we may need to look at water from the lake in dry times.

Gas is showing up in some wells, DEC is pulling the pipe and filling with concrete on drilled wells.

Tom and Wes attended classes

Ross valve plunger is leaking, will need to be replaced pending new system.

## **Sewer**

Plant samplings have been submitted, awaiting results.

Brewers took care of a lateral line.

Took sampling on Lake View Street, infiltration from creek. May need to repair culvert and sewer line at the same time. The lines are made of clay. Water and sewer lines cannot be in the same trench.

## **Streets Wes:**

Some snow removals, working on roadside.

Tree bids,

Damaged catch basin needs to be repaired/replaced. A concrete catch basin will be installed.

Marked out other catch basins.

Requesting funding for a laser transit, apx cost \$750. Includes all the accessories. Motion by Keith Jay second by Chris Kempf to approve the purchase.

All equipment is being worked on. Chatter on backhoe should be corrected with needed maintenance.

Dumpsters are ordered, one 30 and one 40. Saturday before Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Medium grade driveway in place at water tower, dug out, fabric, and gravel, assistance from the town.

### **Police**

Chief Anderson presented the monthly report. See attached report.

He expanded on the drug programs being presented, noted 3-year to cancer on e-cigarettes, vs 30 for regular cigarettes.

Officers Worrell and Marzan graduated from programs.

Cat complaint, follow-up, happened two years ago. There is a village code against cats wandering at large. People who have a "Have-a-heart" should let the village know, in case of people looking for a missing cat. Also noted that if an animal is hit, it needs to be reported to the police.

Noted addition of salaried information as part of report.

Asked question about the move to time clocks on June 1st, will he be hourly or salaried?

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 Leon goes to hourly, for the month of June he will be salaried.

**Treasurer** Balances in all accounts were reported.

Budget modification: Court income and expense motion by Chris Kempf second by Bill McGuire Carried

General Fund Police 13 Rich Richardson, Tony Del Plato carried

General fund: Pine Tree income for pipe for the driveway Rich Richardson, Keith Jay, carried

General fund: Pine Tree PILOT Keith Jay, second by Tony Del Plato, carried

General fund: police contractual from contingency motion by Rich Richardson, second Tony Del Plato carried, abstained by Bill McGuire.

Safe routes to schools, ads, Keith Jay, Rich Richardson, carried

Water fund from contingency to admin, and expenses not overtime Rich Richardson, Keith Jay carried

Pilots that can be moved from expenditure to contingency Rich Richardson, second Bill McGuire, carried

### **Approval of bills**

Motion by Keith Jay, second by Rich Richardson to pay the bills, carried.

### **Old Business:**

Culvert—Glass Magnolia; NYS DOT has written to them and to the Bixby Home.  
Water Bond of 2014 Reconstruction of the water pump  
Theater Building, see above re follow-up work to be done.

**New Business:**

Arbor Day 4/27/2018 plantings, has to be on a village, school, or library property, memorial garden  
Adopt 2018-2019 budget: See above

Board levies taxes, mayor executed warrant for tax collection Motion by Chris Kempf, second by Rich Richardson carried.

Treasurer to publish weekly for 2 weeks including notice of filing for rolls-places for collection, hours and interest rates.

Legal notice 2018-2019 meeting dates.

Resolution 2018-04-01 Oppose Trash Incinerator Motion by Keith Jay second by Rich Richardson, Yea: Rich Richardson, Tony Del Plato, Bill McGuire, Keith Jay, Chris Kempf

Hunt Engineers Agreement: Resolution 2018-04-02 Water System Emergency for the new tower. Motion by Chris Kempf second by Bill McGuire carried. Amount \$300,000 should be approved. Copy attached. Motion by Keith Jay second by Tony Del Plato to contract with Hunt Engineers. Bill asked about the repair substance, and safety. Underwater Motion by Bill McGuire second by Keith Jay for the bid for the SCADA system, PaneLogic pending funding approval.  
Tree contract: motion by Rich Richardson second by Chris Kempf with proper documentation and complete timeframe Limb Walker had lower bid

Dumpster Day May 12, 2018 7 am – 1 pm  
Water/Sewer bills were mailed 4/10/2018  
Records to be destroyed approx. 10 boxes.

**Additional Comments** Tony complimented Bill and Leon for discussions then returning to work.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Keith Jay second by Tony Del Plato to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Bassette Nelson  
Deputy Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VILLAGE OF  
INTERLAKEN  
OPPOSING THE TRASH INCINERATOR/WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANT  
PROPOSED FOR THE FORMER SENECA ARMY DEPOT SITE  
IN THE TOWN OF ROMULUS  
Resolution number 2018-04-01**

**On this twelfth day of April, 2018, Village of Interlaken Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm.**

WHEREAS, Circular EnerG, LLC has proposed to build a waste-to-energy plant on 39.4 acres of land at the former Seneca Army Depot in the Town of Covert, New York; and

WHEREAS, this facility would import trash in excess of 2,600 tons of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) per day (mostly from outside this area) to be burned to generate 25 to 50 Megawatts of electricity, delivered by up to 176 tractor trailer loads of MSW *per* day traveling along NYS Routes 96, 414, and 5 & 20, and/or up to 30 rail cars of MSW coming from various places; and

WHEREAS, this project proposes to draw an estimated 445,000 gallons of water per day from Seneca Lake and discharge water from the facility into Reeder Creek, which empties into Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, this Board has serious concerns over the negative environmental impacts associated with this project for Finger Lakes tourism, quality of life, water quality, and air quality; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes region is considered a world-class tourist destination and home to a vibrant wine industry and thriving farming community; and

WHEREAS, Circular EnerG, LLC has chosen to withdraw its application to the Romulus Planning Board and to submit directly to the State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (under Article 10 of the Public Service Law of the State of New York); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Interlaken opposes the Waste-to-Energy Plant proposed by Circular EnerG, LLC at the former Seneca Army Depot and urges the Town of Romulus to reject this proposal and work with us to foster sustainable practices and industries that will preserve Seneca County and the Finger Lakes Region as a wonderful place to live and work, now and into the future; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution will be sent to Governor Cuomo, State Senator Helming, Assemblyman Palmesano, New York Conference of Mayors, Seneca County Board of Supervisors, Romulus Town Board and the Planning Board of the Town of Romulus, Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Romulus, Planning Board of Covert, and the State Board for Electric Generation Siting and the Environment.

MOTION Introduced by: Keith Jay Seconded by: Richard Richardson

<u>TRUSTEES</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>MAYOR</u>	<u>YEA</u>
<u>NAY</u>				
Christopher Kempf	X		Richard Richardson	X
Keith Jay	X			
William McGuire	X		Seal	
Anthony Del Plato	X			

Dated April 12, 2018

Nancy Swartwood, Village Clerk-Treasurer

### **Resolution 2018-04-02**

#### **VILLAGE OF INTERLAKEN WATER SYSTEM EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Interlaken is seeking to undertake a water system improvement project aimed at correcting deficiencies resulting in a major leak in their 84-year-old steel elevated water storage tank; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Village's water system pressure sensing controls failed requiring their two-man Public Works Department to manually monitor and fill the elevated tank storage levels; and

WHEREAS, in December, 2017 and January, 2018 the Village experienced two major water main breaks causing large losses of water in their aging water storage tank creating major drops in the water levels in the tank requiring rapid filling; and,

WHEREAS, the Village experienced extended below freezing temperatures in December, 2017 and January, 2018 promoting ice lens build up in the elevated steel water storage tank which scrapped against the interior walls of the old steel tank; and,

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2018, the 84-year-old elevated steel water storage tank began leaking at the estimated rate of 5000 to 10,000 gpd; and,

WHEREAS, the Village commissioned a remote controlled motorized roving camera to inspect the tank revealing escalating deterioration of the tank interior including the loss of rivet and bolt heads from the rusting and movement of the ice lens; and,

WHEREAS, the Village has applied the last five (5) years for funding to make improvements to their aging water infrastructure system including the replacement of the 84-year-old elevated steel water storage tank without receiving funding; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed emergency improvements consist of replacing the        outdated pressure control system with a state of art Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) including Variable Speed Drives (VFD's) to the booster pumps; complete temporary repairs to the interior of the tank to lessen the loss of water on a daily basis, prepare the engineering design to proceed with the water storage tank replacement on an expedited schedule in this calendar year, prepare environmental assessment documents for the impact of the proposed emergency project, and contract with a financial advisor to assist the Village in the funding of the emergency and long term project needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON SUCH REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION,  
BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Interlaken Board that:

1. The Village of Interlaken Board is the lead agency for the proposed project.
2. The proposed emergency water system improvement project activities described above will require an estimated \$300,000 to enact the temporary repairs, sign contracts for the delivery and installation of the SCADA and VFD's, sign contracts for the engineering design work, and sign a contract for the financial advisor assistance.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and file or have filed on behalf of the Village all documents necessary to gain financial assistance to complete the work described above.
4. This resolution is effective immediately.

Motion made by Christopher Kempf, Second by Anthony Del Plato. Approved unanimously.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018 by the Village of Interlaken Board.

Nancy Swartwood  
Clerk-Treasurer

Bill McGuire  
Sewer Commissioner  
Village of Interlaken NY

### 2018 / 2019 BUDGET STATEMENT

After spending the time in reviewing this year's budget, I find there is one area where I cannot in good conscience agree to vote yes on. That is the proposed Police Department Budget. There have been internal board discussions about also behind the scenes discussions between the Mayor and Police chief, that I cannot agree with. I will lay out my reasons for rejecting this portion of the budget. It involves the entire Board.

MAYOR:

- Rich has been telling me for two years that once Leon retires our Police Department budget will be reduced significantly. Note: the proposed budget is higher than last year.
- Rich has said that he would be taking part of the police budget and putting in a line item for code enforcement. If the police department did not enforce the codes, they would lose that money and someone else would do it. Instead, they added additional monies to the budget for that line item. This was not the way
- As presented, the budget has \$32,500 for Leon Anderson, and full time SRO money. At our last monthly meeting, Leon stated that he would be working 10 hours a week as SRO and 10 hours a week in the Village. I pointed out to the mayor in an e-mail how there was double dipping monies in this budget. I will share this email with anyone who is interested in see it.
- Rich had also said that with Leon going part time, there would be no pay raise in the budget. The proposed budget gives Leon about a \$.90 per hour raise.

Tony:

- Tony, being relatively new to the Board, does not have the total history about the police department. He has done an excellent job of stepping up to the plate as Water Commissioner to attempt to acquire emergency funding for the water tower leak, and possible grant money for a new tower. To date, his only source of information regarding the complex issues of our Police Department has been from the Mayor, and the Police Chief himself. I know that he is aware of ongoing issues about the department but has never approached me to gather any information which is contrary to what he has been already told. I am not sure how he can be making a rational decision about increasing the Police Budget right now while the Village is facing a severe water crisis, with the taxpayer ramifications still unknown. I believe Tony will be voting along "Party Lines"

CHRIS:

- While Chris takes his job as Street Commissioner very serious, and I will say does a good job at it, I find he has very little original input into the discussion about the police department. His opinions always mirror those of the Mayor and the Police Chief. I find it interesting that knowing my position, he has never approached me to discuss this. I believe Chris will be voting along "Party Lines" also.

KEITH

- Keith understands the issues we are facing in the Village better than the other three. Being a business man also, he understands money management better than most. If I have a complaint with him on this issue at all, it would be not being vocal enough.

LEON

- Up until a couple weeks ago, Leon had never owned property in the Village, so our budget never affected his personal finances.
- Leon is aware of the of the financial burden that the Village is facing right now, and into the foreseeable future. One would think that he would put his self interest aside and do what is right for the good of the Village with this budget.

In summary, because of years and years of not preparing for future infrastructure needs, we are facing a crisis which is unprecedented in the Village History. So that everyone is up to speed regarding what the future holds for us, I will give a condensed version.

- In October 2012, the Village abolished three permanent part time police officer's positions to hire one full time police officer position, along with two-part time police officer's positions. According to the then Mayor Bill Larsen, the part timers would only be used for grant work, Old Home Days, Parades, 5 k races, and Halloween. The Full-time police officer would also be the crossing guard at the school. We now have 5-part time police officers, a full-time police officer, and a crossing guard. We are the only small Village in the County that has a police department in our budget.
- We are facing a water crisis in this Village for failing to adequately deal with the issue for the past 25 to 30 years. It is now coming back to haunt us. Beside having to deal with emergency repair on the tower right now, we are facing a 1.6-million-dollar construction of a new tower. This does not cover everything we need, like an emergency generator for of pump station, and a new water intake from the lake. Water rates have been raised twice in the past 2 years and we are also probably looking at a quarterly surcharge for the new tower.
- If that is not bad enough, we have a back to back issue with our sewer plant, which will not go away by itself. Before it is resolved, it could cost upwards of 4 – 6 million dollars. Yes, we are working on grants for this, but like the water tower, we will have a large share of it that we will have to take care of our self. This will not go without pain for the Village residents.
- I ran for the board on a platform of fiscal responsibility, and have championed many different issue to save money, and have accountability. For that reason, and for the future of the Village, I cannot in good conscience vote yes for this proposed budget while we continue to pump money in to a Police Department whose duties could be absorbed by the State Police and the Seneca County Sheriff's Department. We are always looking for ways to have shared services, and this would be a perfect opportunity.

- I have a copy of this that I request be made part of the minutes for everyone in the Village to have access to. It should not be just a summary.

Thank you for listening.