

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, 11 July 2024 at the Village Hall and via GoTo Meeting.

Members Present: Trustee Kempf, Trustee Del Plato, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Pepper.

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

Excused: Mayor Richardson, DPW Supervisor Ahouse.

Public Present: Dana Belcher, Marty Schlabach, Brian Sibiga (Wendell Engineering), Chris Thomas.
via GoTo Meeting: Billy Squier.

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

Public Hearing:

Kempf presented information on the Community Development Block Grant Program: <https://hcr.ny.gov/community-development-block-grant>.

Garcia suggested the library would benefit from the funding; Schlabach advised they would not qualify because the library is considered a government agency: they are a municipal library and the village owns the building.

Approval of Minutes:

Del Plato motioned, Pepper seconded, to accept the minutes from the 13 June 2024 Regular Board Meeting; Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Public to be heard:

Sibiga spoke of the work Wendell Engineering was doing for the county's waste water treatment plants because the projects were not making timely progression.

Sibiga compared the existing anoxic-aerobic sequencing batch reactor (SBR) system with the proposed membrane bioreactor (MBR) system and considerations of implementing incremental improvements versus introducing a newer and more complex system in meeting the advanced requirements as regulations change. The design of any system should yield consistent results that are appropriate for what is needed and operate without undue complexity while having the ability to add modules for greater flexibility in meeting advanced requirements.

Sibiga spoke of technical support for the operators: operators in the area using similar systems could be provide support in addition to those of the vendor, but less commonly used systems primarily rely on technical support from the vendor.

Library:

Schlabach reported the library is considering replacing the HVAC system. They are getting input from different vendors based on a NYSERDA energy report of the proposed capacity requirements.

Dana Belcher was asked and has agreed to become a member of the Library Board of Trustees. Garcia motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve Dana Belcher as a new member to the Library Board of Trustees; Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Schlabach reported Friends of the Interlaken Public Library held a book sale during Olde Home Days. In September, they will also participate with other libraries in the county in the Finger Lakes Book Sale Trail.

Schlabach reported the library is doing a lot of programming for the Summer Reading at New York Libraries.

Director Hastings reported receiving numerous inquiries, especially from new residents, about the history of the houses within the village. Some historical information about the various buildings came from a 1979 survey project. Michael Tomlan, Cornell Historic Preservation Planning Coordinator, will be working with the library on a new survey and will be applying for funds to support the project.

DPW trimmed bushes.

Fire:

There were 10 calls in June.

A fire on Prospect Street could have been much worse. The fire was caused by a propane-fueled fryer being used in a garage while propane tanks were stored nearby in the garage.

Borden reported the total cost of eight people getting their physical examination to be \$1,000. The proposed OSHA Emergency Response Standard would increase the cost of the physical examination to about \$1,600 per person.

All trucks have been serviced.

- Engine 502 is starting to have electronic issues; the time to think about putting the pump and equipment on a new cab and chassis is near.
- Engine 503 had the front tires replaced.
- Engine 503 lighting system needs replacing: the wiring has disintegrated and fixtures are outdated; lamps are excessively costly. One of three vendors responded with a quote: \$7,912.25 for new wiring, light bar, and work lights (which are guaranteed for the life of the truck); delivering the truck to and retrieving from the vendor's location in Locke will reduce the cost by \$281.25.

Borden will get estimates from the other two vendors.

The lighting electrical system and ventilation system in the station needs work. Some fixtures are burned out; others have had their ballast replaced. John Mills Electric will look at the fans so they can more quickly address the truck exhaust to meet OSHA compliance.

DPW replaced the light over the gas pumps and trimmed bushes.

Water:

The solenoid valve was replaced on the Ross Valve.

A lightning strike took out the water tank's transmitter; AquaLogics Systems replaced it.

Located underground lines for the school (UDig NY).

A water main leak on Main Street (service line to Hipshot Products) could not be shut off (at night) because it would affect ten houses.

Sewer:

A plug on Main Street was determined to be a service line.

Roof on the trickle filter was repaired; trusses are in poor shape.

Trickle filter lines cleaned.

Streets and Equipment:

Changed oil in the mower and both trucks.

Removed sections of sidewalks on Railroad Avenue.

Made roof for Water Tower Park sign.

Distributed trash cans as needed.

Old dumpster needs dumping; Swartwood will inquire with Red Line Disposal.

Police:

There were 153 calls for service, 11 traffic citations issued, 2 arrests made.

Conducted Child ID Program at South Seneca Elementary School in conjunction with Seneca County Sheriff's Department and Masonic Charities Ontario-Seneca-Yates District.

Participated in South Seneca Elementary School Community Walk.

Assisted recruits at Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy with radar training.

Pepper motioned, Kempf seconded, to approve the purchase of \$1,100 in ammunition; Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Received portable radio holsters ordered.

Vehicle 401 needs a new batter.

Two police vehicles ordered.

Treasurer: balances of accounts read.

Approval of Bills: Pepper motioned, Del Plato seconded, to approve vouchers in: General Fund (#23-51: \$64,382.80), Water Fund (#9-12: \$9,797.70), Sewer Fund (#8-11: \$3,142.78) for payment; Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

New Business:

- ❖ Garcia motioned, Pepper seconded, to introduce:

RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED VILLAGE OF INTERLAKEN, SENECA COUNTY, NY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 11, 2024, for the purpose of identification of community development needs and announcement of the opportunity to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds: and

WHEREAS, the Village of Interlaken engaged Hunt Engineers to complete a map, plan and report for the Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facility identifying the current sanitary sewer systems, the system shortcomings, the proposed infrastructure improvements necessary to improve performance, and the projected costs for residents of the district: and

WHEREAS, affordability for Village residents and property owners is a significant concern in advancement of the proposed project: and

WHEREAS, the Village is eligible for CDBG funding based on the results of a 2021 income survey and must submit a competitive application to obtain CDBG funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Village Board authorizes Municipal Solutions to prepare an application for Community Development Block Grant funds from the NYS Office for Community Renewal.
2. The Village Board authorizes Mayor Richard Richardson to execute the application for Community Development Block Grant funds from the NYS Office for Community Renewal.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Additional Comments:

The next regular board meeting rescheduled to 15 August 2024.

Adjournment: Pepper motioned, Del Plato seconded, to adjourn at 8:25 PM; Kempf: aye, Del Plato: aye, Garcia: aye, Pepper: aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk