

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at the Village Hall.

Members Present: Mayor Richardson Trustees Kempf, Pepper, Garcia and O'Pray

Others Present: Clerk/Treasurer Swartwood, Deputy Clerk Quan, DPW Super. Ahouse, IPD Chief Dwello and IFD Chief Borden

Online: P Stannard – it was noticed the villages sound was not working.

Public: Ida Clause, South Seneca Ambulance

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Garcia motioned to approve December 11, 2025 minutes second Richardson, carried

**Public to be heard:**

Ida Clause, President, South Seneca Ambulance gave a presentation of the possibility of the Village of Interlaken entering into an ambulance contract. The board to discuss.

**Library:**

Richardson noted the fire alarm inspected. Richardson reported no one has shown any interest in the RFP for the fire damage repair.

**Fire:**

155 calls for service in 2025.

New 501 is in station getting ready to put in service. New air packs have been ordered, need two eye piece inserts for two members at \$174.00 each. Would like to order 2 more masks at \$403.00 each. Paperwork has been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. John Mills Electric quoting replacement lights for the station. Ordered two each batteries/charger \$508.00. Would like to use some of proceeds from old 501 to purchase turnout gear. Possibility of building a gear dryer. Meeting last night with area fire chiefs. Planning on running a 5" hose from McKee's pond to test the pressure. Looking at end of summer or early fall 2026. Spring BBQ will be March 29<sup>th</sup> and the annual banquet will be April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Water:**

Started lead sampling new list of locations approved by county. Sent out mandated letters regarding lead pipe water service lines. Resubmitted our up-to-date lead service line inventory to the state. Gathered and submitted information and pictures for water easements on CR 153. Shut off 8399 Main St via basement. Water meters read, turned in for billing. Water main break Jan. 2, Ovid assisted. Ovid isn't in a position to go in on a water listening device at this time, maybe in a year or two. Spoke with Seneca Co Health Dept it was decided it would be best if we didn't pull lead samples until later in the year since we would have to average the results. Normal monthly samples and reporting to the county.

Richardson reported CDBG award came through for the water project. He also sent email to DEC and Hunt EAS regarding bidding this project out.

### **Sewer:**

Grease trap and pump froze for several days. Flow rates have improved since the project has started. Cleaned trickling filters. Repaired chlorination pump. Monitoring flow in manholes that have been worked on. Working with Hunt EAS regarding more slip lining done. Proposed area through the woods from plant to Interlaken Guns & Ammo. Tim (Hunt) thinks we should get price on clear cutting our easement in the woods. Hunt EAS has laid out markings for the plant. Contractors started Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. Brewers pumped the digester.

### **Streets:**

Plowing and snow removal. Waiting on the rubber cutting edge for new tractor. Made a list of rental properties. Fuel tank on generator (old large) is leaking, maybe time to replace it. Cleaned equipment, took pictures of old tractor for auction. Minor damage to pickup truck, taillight and tailgate repairs needed. Taillight has been replaced. Pepper reported snowplow damage at the Catholic Church. Chief Dwello indicated that damage is on private property and most likely done by the church's plow person.

### **Police:**

- IPD handled 328 calls for service
- 49 Traffic Citations Issued
- 1 Arrest with use of force
- Total traffic Citations issued for 2025 589
- Total calls for service for 2025 3700
- Court detail conducted without incident
- Monthly report submitted to the Department of Criminal Justice
- Sex Offense Evidence Kit Report completed and submitted to Department of Criminal Justice
- Back ground completed for Ontario County Sheriff's Office
- Car 402 was picked up it had 120 plus codes were cleared in the computer which was causing the battery drain issue and a new battery installed.
- Scratch on Car 402 was repaired at no cost to the village thanks goes out to Gerber Collision
- Car 401 main radio antenna was broken during washing of the outside for the Christmas Convoy it was taken to T and D fleet to be looked at and parts ordered for repair
- A Big thank you to J March Auto (Kenny Dresser) for picking up our vehicle up donating parts and labor for 4 TPMS and returning the vehicle to the station
- Christmas Convoy was attended thank you to Sgt Robertson for blocking traffic at Main Street and West Ave
- All paperwork completed and sent into Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy for Officer Park to start on January 21<sup>st</sup>

- NYS Department of Transportation called on several occasions for the School Zone Lights
- Uniforms ordered for Officer Kuhn through Lewis Uniform
- Stalker Lidar Ordered with an estimated ship date of 02/06/2026
- Exemption Certification completed and turned into the Department of the Treasury Alcohol and Tobacco tax and Trade Bureau
- Ammunition order placed for Officer Park at the academy
- Taser 7's placed on docket for charging we have one bad battery and one Taser with a sticky on/ off switch.
- Tasers tested and are linked with our Body Cameras we will need some assistance with mounting the Dock and a cat 5 or 6 wire
- A thank you to the Mayor and Nancy for assisting in the purchase of Adobe we are already making new reports and modifying others.
- On 01/05/2026 While doing a property check at the Interlaken Waste Treatment Facility Officer Park Struck a rock in the lane way causing damage to the under carriage of vehicle 402. It was determined to some kind of transmission leak due to the color of the fluid leaking. The vehicle was towed from the police department by RT89 Auto to J March in Geneva. 01/06/2026 J March called and it was determined to be a crack in the plastic transmission pan and a small leak in the front transmission cooler. The owner also stated the leak in the transmission cool could possibly be from the deer collision due to the different location.

Motion by Kempf, second Pepper to pay J-March invoice 402 repairs when it comes in approximate price \$926.00, carried

**Treasurer:**

Balances of accounts read.

**Approval of Bills:**

Motion by Garcia, second Richardson to pay signed vouchers in: General Fund (#210-233 \$494,956.58) Water Fund (#56-65 \$9,866.82) Sewer Fund (#51-54 \$4,942.04) Water Project (#6 \$594.00) Sewer Project #9-10 \$4,987.84) Sewer CDBG (none) carried.

**Old Business:**

AlarmTech – tabled indefinitely.

Equivalent Unit Dwelling – tabled to February.

Transfer post-employment benefits – Mayor & Clerk to meet

NYMIR Insurance review – tabled to January – Mayor & Clerk to go over

**New Business:**

Policy Amendment WMBE resolution prepared by Municipal Solutions for the Water Project, motion by Garcia to approve the amendment, second Richardson, carried

**Comments:**

Richardson noted:

There will be an interview on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> for the NY Forward Grant.

Paperwork came in for the charging stations. Richardson, Quan and Swartwood to work on that.

Bids for the RFP Library repairs are to be in by Jan. 14, 2026.

Motion by Garcia to adjourn at 7:55pm, second O'Pray, carried.

Respectfully,  
Nancy Swartwood  
Clerk Treasurer