

Minutes of the Interlaken Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday, 9 February 2023 at the Village Hall and via GoTo Meeting.

Members Present: Mayor Richardson, Trustee Del Plato, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Kempf.

via GoTo Meeting: Trustee Pepper.

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

via GoTo Meeting: DPW Supervisor Ahouse.

Public Present: Linda Duddleston, John Nihill.

via GoTo Meeting: Michael Reynolds, Phil Stannard.

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Del Plato motioned, Garcia seconded, to accept the minutes from 12 January 2023 meeting; carried.

### **Public to be Heard:**

Linda Duddleston spoke of the unsafe condition of the sidewalks at the First Baptist Church resulting from water being pumped from the building into the parking lot and down the sidewalk and then freezing.

John Nihill spoke of seeing kids walking in the road to avoid the ice.

NYS DOT did not allow the church to tie into the storm sewer. Ahouse advised the church the water should be pumped to the other side of the building, citing Village ordinance. DPW has, on occasion, scraped the ice as best they could.

Richardson spoke of this being a recurring issue for several years, adding there have been complaints by residents and requests from DPW of the church to remedy the issue. Richardson will have a letter sent to the church regarding the issue. In the event of ice buildup, DPW will salt the area, billing the church for the service (because it is not part of regular Village services).

Ahouse advised DPW will salt certain sidewalk slopes in the business district when needed.

### **Library:**

Alarmtech advised DPW the backdoor of the library was inoperable. Because of fire safety, DPW replaced the locks.

DPW also replaced some lightbulbs and switches on the second floor and an inoperable sump pump in the basement.

Richardson spoke of a request from the library for things they would like to see if

the Village could help with: pressure washing the building, accessing the health of trees, cleaning the gutters, determining if moss on the roof is harmful.

### **Fire:**

There were nine calls in January.

Trucks and equipment are in good shape.

Three air bottles, at a new cost of \$1200 each, will need to be replaced each fiscal year for the next three years. Life expectancy is about ten years; for used (if available), 5-7 years.

Brian Freeman, a new member with basic firefighter and rescue tec basic, joins us from Valois Logan Hector Volunteer Fire Company where he served for 1½ years.

Richardson motioned, Kempf seconded, to accept Brian Freeman as a new member of the Interlaken Fire Department; carried.

The meeting with Mark Aswad for the new fire truck is confirmed: 6:30 PM on 13 February at the fire station.

They are working with Chris Percy to replace the lettering on the fire house.

Banquet is 25 March at the Interlaken Sportsmens Club.

### **Water:**

Discussed water plant issues with HUNT EAS, NYS EFC (Environmental Facilities Corporation), and attorney.

Attended a NYMIR Hydrant and Valve training class in Canandaigua.

Water meter repairs: 12 notices still out, four repairs made; meters may need to be ordered next month.

Restocked brass goods and 6-inch main valve.

Water consumption compared with last year remains high: for more than a month and a half, an additional 6-8000 gallons daily. Catch basins and ditches have been checked for residual chlorine as well as vacant homes and hydrants. Leak Detection may need to be contacted soon.

Located and operated a shut-off on West Avenue so Hubbard's Heating and Plumbing can make some repairs next week.

Shut off a couple of services at the request of customers.

### **Sewer:**

Brewers jetted all the lines on Seneca Street because they were partially plugged and barely flowing; debris from other laterals and root build up were cleared.

HUNT EAS copied video footage of sewer lines near streams (from 2015 and 2021); the footage will allow them to better assess the repairs needed for the sewer project.

A lateral plug on Main Street, near the school, was determined to be on the homeowner's side; they took care of it.

Normal operation sampling from YAWS Environmental and pumping from Brewers Septic.

Discussed the Village's water and sewer infrastructure with an engineer (MRB Group) from Seneca County. They are conducting a feasibility study to determine how connecting water and sewer districts will affect the respective communities. Conversation about the project, currently in the idea stage, and its ramifications ensued.

Richardson met with the property owner surrounding the sewer plant and HUNT EAS to discuss the plant and the potential purchase of land for drying beds. Discussion about how the drying beds will result in a lower operational cost than the current method of pumping and hauling sludge and sediment every three to four weeks ensued.

### **Streets/Equipment:**

Snow plowing and clean up has been unusually light.

Reached an agreement with Milton CAT to split the excessive costs of mileage and labor charges for the "warranty repair" work.

Seneca County Highway Superintendent Gates is hesitant in agreeing to help replace the culvert discussed last fall because of concerns of liability. Ahouse sent him copies of the engineer drawings and advised him the county would be named on the Village's insurance. Gates will speak to his board the attorney.

Ronald Young, USDA, advised everything is in order to move forward with the stream bank project, but Ahouse noted timing would be determined by when the culvert is completed. Richardson spoke of keeping Ike updated on the culvert. KJ's Property Care will take down the trees by the end of March.

Ahouse and Garcia are looking into changing the speed limit to 20 MPH (a 25 MPH speed limit may be able to be done without a traffic study), but the state has a strong say on what happens on side streets, especially those that connect to state roads.

Ovid DPW would like to split the cost of a new jack hammer for water and road repairs, including demolition. The \$1600 Dewalt model (Midlakes Sales) would be a good investment that would complement the air compressor driven unit they use (sometimes with difficulty on cold days); the Dewalt would run off an electric generator. For reference, it was noted renting would cost \$135 daily. Kempf motioned, Garcia seconded, to authorize the (joint) purchase of the demolition hammer; carried.

Ahouse advised new water meters will need to be ordered in the next month or two. Some meters may not register correctly or stop entirely; replacement parts for repair are unavailable. DPW replaces or installs about two dozen meters annually, with a cost around \$150 each (current pricing to be determined). Some costs may be reimbursed depending on the circumstances of replacement or installation.

### **Police:**

The department handled 165 calls of service, including 55 vehicle traffic stops. Court security detail took place without issue.

Applied for a grant for eight body cameras, costing \$16k. Monies would be directed toward body cameras and Axon Evidence cloud storage for five years. Recipients were to be notified by 03 February, but there has been no update.

Applied for a grant for stationary (affixed to a pole) radar signs through the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Two signs can be applied for each year.

Trumansburg Retired Police Chief Ferretti died; calling hours will be 17-18 February.

The department finished its audit; submission forthcoming.

DiNardo spoke of how numbers of traffic stops impact funding requests from STOP-DWI and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

Dwello reported Rocco Salerno, NYSPSEL, installed modems (donated by Wayne County Sheriff's Office) and antennas (donated by NYSPSEL). The ongoing computer issues that prevent them from functioning properly are being worked out. The Sheriff's Office will cover the cost for the SIM connectivity.

The Sheriff's Office will process fingerprints and photos for the department; officers are being trained.

Parking tickets are being updated to assess the fine schedule (which occurs every five years) and eliminate conflicting information. The Village Board will need to determine if the fine schedule is set by the Town Judge or the Village Board (with the Town Judge only determining innocence or guilt).

**Treasurer:** balances of accounts read.

Budget modifications are necessary to cover costs for law contractual, library, insurance dues, STOP DWI. Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to make the budget modification against the contingency.

**Approval of Bills:** Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to approve vouchers in: General Fund (#253-285: \$48,162.42), Water Fund (#74-83: \$7788.98), Sewer Fund (#52-57: \$4072.39) for payment; carried.

### **Old Business:**

- NYGFOA ARPA/FEMA.
  - Funds can only be used for invoices generated from the period ARPA funding started.
- Payment of bills.
  - Holding: Terracon and Flagg.
  - Milton CAT agreed to split the cost of the invoice.
    - A representative advised Ahouse a Waterloo based technician could confirm the issue was an emissions problem (covered under warranty). Cost was not discussed. The technician invoiced the travel from Waterloo followed by the travel from Syracuse when the replacement part arrived.

**New Business:**

- Code book workshop is scheduled for 6 PM on 02 March to discuss potential changes to the code, such as seasonal equipment or stands at the roadside, burning, vehicle parking and storage, brush, grass or weed height.
- Del Plato will pursue equipment and structures for A Park for All Ages.

**Additional Comments:**

Ahouse will be on vacation 11-19 March.

**Executive Session:**

Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to enter executive session to discuss a property purchase and a personnel issue at 7:42 PM; carried.

Del Plato motioned, Garcia seconded, to exit executive session at 8:46 PM; carried.

Richardson motioned, Garcia seconded, to hire Darryl Lloyd to appraise the Flagg property; carried.

Richardson motioned, Del Plato seconded, to allow Sergeant Dwello to drive a Village Police car home for a 90-day trial run; carried.

**Adjournment:** Kempf motioned, Garcia seconded, to adjourn at 8:48 PM; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Quan, Deputy Village Clerk