

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2018
7:00 P.M. BOROUGH HALL**

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Nohilly. Sunshine Statement was read by Borough Clerk Reibrich. “The notice of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act has been satisfied by forwarding notice to the Coaster and Asbury Park Press. A copy of the notice is posted on the Borough bulletin board and is on file in the Borough Clerk’s office.”

Present: Mayor Nohilly, Council President White, Council members: Butler, Franks and Watson

Also Present: Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee and Borough Clerk/Administrator Lori Reibrich, Police Chief Ronen Neuman, Sargent Vaccaro

Late Arrival: None

Absent: Councilwoman Horowitz and Councilman Gunn

1. **DEAL POLICE SPEED STUDY PRESENTATION**– *led by Police Chief Ronen Neuman and Sgt. Nick Vaccaro*

Chief Neuman joined the table and relayed the findings of a recent traffic study.

Chief Neuman stated that a traffic study was done two years ago. There have been recent complaints of speeding on Grassmere Avenue and Westra Street.

Chief Neuman stated that the study was conducted from October 21, 2017 through November 7, 2017. There was a visible speed tracker sign placed on Grassmere Avenue. This is an \$18,000 piece of equipment that was purchased by Deal Police Department and a traffic counter with no signage on Westra Street. This equipment was borrowed from Monmouth Beach for the study.

Chief Neuman turned the presentation over to Sargent Nick Vaccaro, Traffic Officer.

Sargent Vaccaro stated that the equipment that was placed on Westra Street was borrowed from Monmouth Beach and installed along side of the road. He explained that the problem with Westra Street is that the road leading into it from Ocean Township is a 40mph road, then the speed limit decreases to 25mph in a short span.

Sargent Vaccaro stated that there was a problem with the software compatibility for the sign on Grassmere Avenue, so the data collected was not accessible. New software has been installed, but the weather conditions of snow have prevented a second study attempt.

Council reviewed the data received from the study on Westra Street.

Sargent Vaccaro reported that the number of cars coming into Interlaken on Westra Street over the course of 18 days was 18,071. The average speed was 29.1 mph. A breakdown of each day was included in the report. The average speed of incoming cars for the week was between 31-31 mph. The average speed for outgoing cars was the average speed of 29.2mph.

Mayor Nohilly noted the difference in the number of incoming cars and outgoing cars on the same road.

Chief Neuman suggested that those cars may have been going to Asbury Park.

Chief Neuman stated that over the 18 day study the average speed of the total traffic was 29.2mph. Chief Neuman stated that there have been traffic complaints received, but believes that it is only a perception of speeding.

Mayor Nohilly noted that there has been an increase to the number of cars that go through Interlaken.

Sargent Vaccaro suggested the increase in popularity of Asbury Park, as one of the reasons for the increase.

Mayor Nohilly stated that he would like to wait until data is received from the study done on Grassmere Avenue, but wants to address any real problems, not ones that are perceived.

Council President White noted that the results of this study are very similar to the study two years ago. The average speed was 28-29mph and it was decided that there was not a problem. There were concerns during the last study regarding commercial vehicles coming through town due to the Sunset Avenue Bridge being closed. Council President White believes the commercial vehicles have been reduced since the bridge reopened.

Mayor Nohilly noted that the findings of the previous study did not justify buying traffic control equipment.

The Board had a brief discussion regarding the effectiveness of speed deterrent equipment.

Chief Neuman stated that the Grassmere Avenue study would commence sometime in March.

Mayor Nohilly noted that that would be good timing, as speeding complaints are increased in the spring, but believes the data will show it is only perceived to be speeding.

Mayor and Council thanked Chief Neuman and Sargent Vaccaro and left the meeting.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:** No new business was discussed at this time.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment.

With no public comment, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Council President White made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Butler and unanimously carried.

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President White	Councilman Franks	Councilman Gunn	Councilwoman Horowitz	Councilman Butler	Councilman Watson
Motion to Approve		X					
Motion to Second						X	
Approved		X	X	X	X	X	X
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused							

Lori Reibrich, RMC
Borough Clerk/Administrator