

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2024
7:30 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL**

The regular meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order 7:30 p.m., by Mayor Nohilly. The Sunshine Statement was read by Deputy Clerk, Gina Kneser. It was followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. “The notice of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act has been satisfied by forwarding annual notice to the Coaster and Asbury Park Press. A copy of the annual notice was posted on the Borough bulletin board and is on file in the Borough Clerk’s office.”

Present: Mayor Nohilly, Councilmembers DeSarno, Franks, Blasucci and Councilwoman Horowitz attended by phone

Absent: Council President Butler and Councilman Delia

Also Present: Borough Deputy Clerk Gina Kneser and Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS – FOR AGENDA SPECIFIC ITEMS ONLY – EXCLUSIVE OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment. Mayor Nohilly noted there were no members of the public present and closed the floor.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- **JANUARY 17, 2024 WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING**

With no comments, Councilman Blasucci made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Councilman DeSarno and unanimously carried.

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President Butler	Councilwoman Horowitz	Councilman Delia	Councilman Franks	Councilman DeSarno	Councilman Blasucci
Motion to Approve							X
Motion to Second						X	
Approved			X		X	X	X
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused		X		X			

3. ORDINANCE 2024-1: ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A 4-45.14) – FIRST READING BY TITLE

CALENDAR YEAR 2024
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Interlaken in the County of Monmouth finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$44,285.50 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Interlaken, in the County of Monmouth, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Interlaken shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$44,285.50, and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of Interlaken be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

APPROVED:

MICHAEL NOHILLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORI REIBRICH, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk

ORDINANCE READING	DATE
1ST READING BY TITLE:	January 17, 2024
2ND READING BY TITLE:	February 21, 2024

A motion was made by Councilman DeSarno to open public comment.

With no public present, Councilman Blasucci made motion to close public hearing, seconded by Councilman DeSarno.

With no additional comments made, Councilman DeSarno made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Blasucci and unanimously carried via roll call vote.

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President Butler	Councilwoman Horowitz	Councilman Delia	Councilman Franks	Councilman DeSarno	Councilman Blasucci
Motion to Approve						X	
Motion to Second							X
Approved			X		X	X	X
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused		X		X			

4. **RESOLUTION 2024-34: AUTHORIZING MONMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION TO APPLY PESTICIDES**

Mayor Nohilly note that this was an annual county program.

With no additional comments made, Councilman DeSarno made a motion to adopt, seconded by Councilman Blasucci and unanimously carried via roll call vote.

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President Butler	Councilwoman Horowitz	Councilman Delia	Councilman Franks	Councilman DeSarno	Councilman Blasucci
Motion to Approve						X	
Motion to Second							X
Approved			X		X	X	X
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused		X		X			

5. **RESOLUTION 2024-35: BILL LIST**

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
BILL LIST REPORT FOR
BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVAL**

DATE SPAN	TOTAL
12/31/23-02/20/24	\$293,359.22

RESOLUTION 2024-35

WHEREAS, law requires listing of all bills approved for payment; and

WHEREAS, certification of available funds from the Chief Municipal Finance Officer has been made; and

WHEREAS, the total bill list for the regular meeting dated February 21, 2024 is in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Three Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars and Twenty Two Cents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council, of the Borough of Interlaken, that the CFO is hereby authorized to pay said bill list.

With no comments made, Councilwoman Horowitz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman DeSarno and unanimously carried.

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Motion to Approve			X				
Motion to Second						X	
Approved			X		X	X	X
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused		X		X			

6. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Administration/Finance – No Report

Public Safety – Mayor Nohilly noted that there had been a police presence on Windermere Avenue in response to threats to a family in relation to the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Streets & Roads – No Report

Shade Tree Commission – No Report

Planning Board – Councilman Blasucci stated that the Planning Board is pressing for a response regarding the proposed changes the Board presented to Council.

The Council had a brief discussion. The Mayor and Council have already made some of the proposed changes but will not be addressing all the recommended changes submitted by the Planning Board. Council will work with the Borough Engineer and the Planning Board Chair to provide a summary of Council’s review of the recommendations.

Board of Education – No report.

Borough Administrator – Deputy Clerk Kneser stated that the Bridlemere Avenue Phase III project will go out to bid on Thursday, February 29, 2024. The bid deadline is March 14, 2024, before 10:30am. The Mayor and Council will award the bid on March 20, 2024 upon recommendation from the Borough Engineer/Planner. The Department of Transportation has awarded \$161,520.00.

Deputy Clerk Kneser note that there are two meetings in March. March 6, 2024, will be the Budget Workshop meeting. March 20, 2024, will be the regular meeting and will include the Introduction of the Budget.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment.

With no public present for comment, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor for public comment.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further comments, Councilman DeSarno made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Blasucci and unanimously carried.

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President Butler	Councilwoman Horowitz	Councilman Delia	Councilman Franks	Councilman DeSarno	Councilman Blasucci
Motion to Approve			X				
Motion to Second						X	
Approved			X		X	X	X
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused		X		X			

Gina Kneser, CTC/CMR/TA
Borough Deputy Clerk