

**WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**JUNE 16, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL**

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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 Municipal Clerk/Administrator 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 Butler, Councilmembers Maloney, Delia and Franks

Also Present: Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, Borough Attorney, Municipal Clerk/Administrator Lori Reibrich

Absent: Councilwoman Horowitz and Councilman Watson

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1. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** *discussion regarding the fire department request for purchase of a new truck; in attendance Kyle Ebbets, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief of Allenhurst Fire Department*

Mayor Nohilly introduced Assistant Chief and Fire Truck Committee Chairman Kyle Ebbets.

Assistant Fire Chief Ebbets explained his extensive background in Fire and EMT service of 19 years. He explained to the Governing Body that he met with Mayor Nohilly, Councilman Watson and BA Reibrich to go over the preliminary details of a purchase of a new fire truck. After that initial meeting, all questions were answered, and Asst. Chief Ebbets asked to have full attendance with the Council to discuss the purchase. Asst. Chief Ebbets also had a similar meeting with Loch Arbour and will be meeting with Allenhurst next week.

Asst. Chief Ebbets explained the process behind looking for a new fire truck to replace the current 33 year old that is reaching the point of mechanical issues and may not be able to be certified any longer. The Fire Department is looking to purchase a custom truck that would combine two trucks into one. There was a discussion regarding the combination and components on the custom truck as well as what each component does and the reasoning behind the choices.

A brief discussion was had regarding the search for used, demo and other options regarding the purchase of the new truck. Asst. Chief Ebbets provided a spreadsheet of the truck with specs and proposed prices from different vendors. He explained the pricing estimates and that the truck will most likely be around \$645,000. The timeline for production and receipt after and award is 12-14 months.

Councilman Delia, who is also a longtime Fireman for another Department, stated that this is an economical and reliable choice. After reviewing all the provided materials, he felt that this truck was a great choice, and all the components are necessary. Their service and mutual aid is great. With the current state of their truck, it is a good move to purchase another truck and the chosen truck design is one that will be highly functional and well worth the investment.

Councilman Franks questioned the process of payment for the truck for the Borough. Mayor Nohilly explained the bid process as well as the 41% portion of the purchase that the Borough would be required to pay. Mayor Nohilly explained that in the shared service contract the Fire Department must receive permission from all 3 towns before they can move forward with any large purchase.

BA Reibrich shared that the ambulance was in the yearly budget as a line item to pay and will be paid off next year. In all reality, the adding of the fire truck should not greatly impact the budget as one item is coming off and another would be taking its place. The funding mechanism for the purchase of the truck is determined by Allenhurst but the Borough of Interlaken pays invoices in yearly installments and would not bond or incur debt service under the current way of funding the ambulance and keeping a Fire Truck payment in the yearly budget.

The Council members expressed their thanks to Asst. Chief Ebbets for such a thorough presentation. The Council stated that they were on board with supporting a purchase of a fire truck. BA Reibrich confirmed that the Council would like to place a resolution on the next meeting to grant permission from Interlaken to pursue the purchase of a new truck. The Council agreed on a resolution for a vote at the next meeting in July.

The Governing Body thanked Asst. Fire Chief Ebbets for his time and presentation. He left the meeting.

2. **PROCEDURES:** *led by Councilman Franks*

Councilman Franks brought up an email that was sent to all of Council a few months ago by the Mayor regarding a procedural issue in which the Mayor used the word reprimand against Councilman Franks. Councilman Franks stated that he felt this email was sent to embarrass him and that the Mayor doesn't have the power to reprimand anyone.

Councilman Franks explained that he should be able to do research and gather information regarding a subject. He understood in hindsight that he should have given Council President/Planning Board Liaison Butler heads up that he was researching a topic and was going to contact the Planning Board Chairman. He felt being reprimanded was uncalled for when he is here to serve the residents.

Mayor Nohilly explained that it was just a word he used in the email. He explained that there are procedures in place and that Councilman Franks circumvented them by going directly to the Planning Board Chairman who believed that his request for information was coming from the entire Council and not just one Councilman. He explained he felt it was important that the Council knew of this occurrence via email to just let them know that this was not appropriate.

A continued brief discussion was had regarding this topic that stopped when it was decided that two members of the Governing Body were seeing the occurrence in a different way. The topic ended when it was decided that this was not regarding any public interest topic and both sides should see it as a misunderstanding.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:** No new business topics were decided at the meeting.

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment. With no public present for comment, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further discussion, Councilman Delia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council President Butler and unanimously carried.

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