

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2014
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL**

The meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Council President White. The following statement was read by Borough Administrator Reibrich. "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 annual notice is posted on the Borough bulletin board and is on file in the Borough Clerk's office."

Present: Council President White, Council members: Cohen, Handerhan, Miller, Napoli

Also Present: Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, Municipal Deputy Clerk Gina Kneser,

Absent: Councilman Handerhan

Late Arrival: Mayor Nohilly arrived at 7:10 p.m.

1. LOCH ARBOUR: – *discussion of Loch Arbour's request for a meeting to explore potential consolidation*

The Council discussed how the packet from Loch Arbour that was disseminated to the Council at the last meeting was completely irrelevant to Interlaken. There may be a request for a meeting but there was not any information pertinent to Interlaken included.

Councilman Miller said that he spoke to Mayor Fernicola since the last meeting. Councilman Miller explained that Mayor Fernicola said that Loch Arbour was doing a fiscal analysis to supplement their last packet and make it more relevant to Interlaken. Councilman Miller feels that when that study is complete the Council should move forward with the decision as to whether or not to have a meeting. At this time, there is not enough information to know whether a meeting is warranted.

Councilman Franks proposed that the town be polled so that residents can express their interest in a merger with Loch Arbour.

Councilman Napoli agreed that in the end it would be the people's choice. He said that the Council should review what Mayor Fernicola has to present that would be relevant to Interlaken. If the Council feels that there is something in the financial study that would benefit Interlaken, it should be explored. The residents would be able to be involved in the process at public meetings and in the end would be able to make a decision in the privacy of a voting booth. With a financial study on the way, it is the Council's responsibility to review whatever is provided and to make a decision whether or not to proceed.

Council President White stated that it will be the choice of the people and the residents can be assured that all discussions and reviews will be held in public. The entire process will be done transparently.

The Council had a brief discussion stating that if Loch Arbour provides information relevant to Interlaken it should be reviewed and discussed. After that, the Council would decide whether or not to proceed with a formal meeting with Loch Arbour's Mayor and Commissioners.

At this time, Council President White tabled the discussion about Loch Arbour until a time that they provide documents relevant to Interlaken. Any documents should be reviewed before a meeting date should be discussed.

2. DUMPSTER & STORAGE CONTAINERS- *led by Councilman Napoli*

The Council discussed pros and cons about instituting a dumpster and pod ordinance. Borough Attorney Shaklee provided background on statutes concerning dumpsters. Councilman Napoli urged the Council to consider an ordinance to help with health, safety and road concerns. The Council discussed that there does not seem to be an extreme need for an ordinance when the residents are making improvements to their homes and there hasn't been a lot of complaints.

3. **NEW BUSINESS** - There was no new business at this time.

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**- Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment.

Mindy Horowitz, 502 Buttermere Avenue, questioned that if or when the Borough receives a document from Loch Arbour. Who would be reviewing it? Mayor Nohilly said that if the Council receives something the onus would be on Loch Arbour to prove the benefits to the town. The town has professionals who would review the information and that the document would be public so that there would be full transparency.

Robert Levinsky, 510 Bridlemere Avenue, appreciated the Council for not regulating dumpsters. He feels that a lot of times governments look to enact laws where there isn't a need. Mr. Levinsky stated that he does not see a logical reason in merging. He doesn't feel it would benefit the town. He said that he has only lived in Interlaken for a short period of time but, he believes he knows where people would stand on Loch Arbour and that 75% would vote "no". He doesn't feel it is right to put the people through a long drawn out process when in the end, it will be voted down.

Jennifer Krimko, 502 Buttermere Avenue, said that Loch Arbour should provide a study or report before anyone can even tell if there would be benefits or detriments to the merger. If Loch Arbour provides something, there should be review before a yes or no for a meeting can be determined. A factual document reviewed by professionals would benefit the town before a meeting should be held.

Steve Pappylou, 619 Bridlemere Avenue, said that he sees no sense at all in discussion a merger. He knows the feeling of the town from the past and now. He does not want to see a merger nor does he feel that the town would ever vote for one.

With no further comments, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – With no further discussion, Councilman Cohen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously carried.

| | Mayor Nohilly | Council President White | Councilman Miller | Councilman Napoli | Councilman Cohen | Councilman Handerhan | Councilman Franks |
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| Motion to Approve | | | | | X | | |
| Motion to Second | | | X | | | | |
| Approved | | X | X | X | X | | X |
| Opposed | | | | | | | |
| Abstain/Recuse | | | | | | | |
| Absent/Excused | | | | | | | |