

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2017
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/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 White and Council members: Butler, Franks, Gunn, and Watson

Also Present: Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, Borough Engineer Peter Avakian, and Borough Clerk/Administrator Lori Reibrich

Absent: Councilwoman Horowitz

1. **STREETS & ROADS STATUS REPORT** – *led by Borough Engineer, Peter Avakian and Streets & Roads Committee*

Borough Engineer Avakian began discussion regarding the status of the roads in the borough.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated that he and Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich recently met with the members of the Streets & Roads Committee, Councilman Franks and Councilman Butler. The reason for the meeting was to review the status of the roads remaining in the long term road program plan.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated that the Borough has been very successful in the past in procuring grant money for road projects. Borough Engineer Avakian stated that the committee has chosen the road project grant application to be Raymere Avenue due to its current state of disrepair. The project is estimated to cost \$175,000 which includes construction cost, sewer repair, some sump pump collection lines, drainage and handicapped curbing at Wickapecko Drive, which would be required.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated that he and Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich had met with the Department of Public Works and found defects. Some manholes are unstable and the pavement is unraveling. The road drains to Firemen's Pond.

Council discussed the possibility of completing two road projects, if the grant was approved. Council discussed the long term road plan for the Borough and the remaining borough roads that need work which include: Rona Street, Iona Street, Woodmere Road and Scarba Street.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated that municipalities are supposed to get funding every three years with larger municipalities getting funding every year. The Borough has not received funding the past two years, which increases the possibility for grant approval.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated deadline for the submission is February 3, 2017 and it can be submitted online. His office will work with Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich to complete the submission with approval from Council.

Borough Engineer Avakian left the meeting at this time.

Councilman Butler stated that the Committee would also like to make the recommendation to bond for funding to purchase and install additional street lights. The total amount of \$91,000 will fund the purchase of 26 or 28 additional lighting fixtures. The final number of fixtures would depend on the configuration of lighting outside of Borough Hall.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the current lighting outside Borough Hall and the possibilities for replacement.

Councilman Butler stated that current MLV lighting throughout the Borough that cast white light are being swapped out.

Councilman Butler stated that the Committee would like to work on another project that would focus on the conditions of traffic and advisory signs throughout the Borough. Councilman Butler stated that the Department of Public Works has agreed to take on the project.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that she met with Norm Cottrell, DPW Supervisor. She will go with DPW to go through the streets and take inventory of what work needs to be done.

Councilman Butler stated that the Borough striping project will be done in the spring as weather permits.

Councilman Butler stated that the Committee touched on the subject of the sidewalk repair by residents which was an issue that was brought up at the last workshop meeting.

Mayor Nohilly stated that Borough Engineer Avakian has a report regarding the conditions of the sidewalks throughout the Borough that was done for a different project not long ago. Mayor Nohilly stated that it would be beneficial to review that information and then put the matter on a future workshop meeting agenda.

Councilman Franks stated that there was a firestorm on the website “Next Door” regarding people not picking up after their pets and not having their dogs on a leash.

Borough Attorney Shaklee confirmed that this issue can be talked about under the umbrella of streets and roads when questioned by Mayor Nohilly.

Mayor Nohilly stated that “Next Door” is a website that you can click on Interlaken and get information about that area. Councilman Franks stated that there are comments on the site about these issues.

Mayor Nohilly stated that has scanned the site to see what people are saying but cautioned that Council should not to post comment to the site. Council does not want to jump into something that is mentioned on a website.

Mayor Nohilly stated that rolls of bags were being refilled into the stations and were gone after only a day. The Borough went several months resupplying the bags only for them to be stolen. The Borough has not refilled the bags due to the thefts, as the bags are costly.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the usefulness of the waste stations, bag refills and informing the public regarding the Borough dog ordinances.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich will post the dog ordinances on the website.

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 present for comment, the Mayor closed the meeting.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further discussion, Councilman Gunn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Franks and unanimously carried.

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

Lori Reibrich, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk

