

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
MARCH 18, 2015  
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL**

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The meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Councilman Handerhan. 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 members: Franks, Gunn, Handerhan, Horowitz, Miller

Absent: Mayor Nohilly, Council President White

Also Present: Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, Borough Administrator/Clerk Lori Reibrich, Borough Engineer Representative Dave Howarth

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**1. ALTERNATE ROAD PROJECTS & LONG RANGE ROAD PROGRAM –**

Borough Engineer Representative Dave Howarth of Leon S. Avakian's office stated that the design of the Buttermere Avenue project is complete. Estimated costs are under the projected figures by approximately \$10,000.00. Mr. Howarth stated that two sump pump leaders were found to drain out to the street. One of the leaders can connect into the Borough's drainage system. Borough Engineer Representative Howarth stated that the second leader is 700 ft. away from the nearest inlet and it would be an estimated cost of \$25,000.00 to provide the piping and structures necessary to connect the leader into the current system.

Council discussed the sump pump leader issue with Borough Engineer Representative Howarth.

Borough Administrator Reibrich stated that the current ordinance wants residents to connect to the sump pump lateral, if it is available. If no lateral is available, the homeowner is allowed to pump to the street or across their lawn. The Borough does not want them to, but it is permitted.

Council had additional discussion regarding the sump pump leader. The ordinance, costs and public hazard due to icing was discussed.

Borough Engineer Representative Howarth suggested installation of a dry well, as an alternative.

Councilman Franks questioned the high water table effect on a dry well.

Councilman Gunn asked for clarification of the scope of the Buttermere Avenue project and the timeline of completion.

Borough Engineer Representative Howarth stated the project should have a late spring or early summer completion timetable.

Councilman Miller asked that Council consider adding a portion of Staffa Street to the Buttermere Avenue project, as an alternative, sighting cost effectiveness due to the close proximity of the two projects.

Borough Engineer Representative Howarth stated that the Staffa Street portion of the project had previously been designed and it would be simple to add this portion to the project.

Council discussed adding the Staffa Street portion to the Buttermere Avenue bid, as an alternate.

Borough Administrator Reibrich stated that alternate projects in the bid, can be removed.

Council decided that the Buttermere Avenue bid would be initiated with a portion of Staffa Street and the end section of Buttermere Avenue as alternates.

Councilman Handerhan thanked Borough Engineer Representative Howarth.

**2. SEWER IMPROVEMENT/MANHOLE REPAIR -**

Councilman Miller stated that Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority (TOSA) was at the Planning Board Meeting on March 16, 2015 where their representatives presented plans for the new pump station to be constructed on Crawford’s Circle. A new meter will be added and recalibrated. The Board asked about the manholes at Crawfords Circle, as there is concern that these manholes are a considerable source of inflow and infiltration when the lake floods or raises up.

Councilman Miller stated that Borough Engineer Peter Avakian was in attendance at the Planning Board meeting and requested that TOSA provide replacement of the meter and that it be calibrated. Borough Engineer Peter Avakian also requested that the manholes not only be sealed, but waterproofed to prevent inflow and infiltration.

Councilman Miller also stated that Borough Engineer Avakian is putting together a report to compare the Borough’s current contract rate to that of the contract that the Borough of Deal has negotiated with TOSA.

Councilman Miller asked that the subject of Sewer Improvement be deferred until Council receives this report from Borough Engineer Avakian and the weather improves, so monitoring can continue.

Councilman Handerhan agreed that this information would be beneficial.

Councilman Miller stated that the Shade Tree Commission got together to recommend a landscaping and irrigation plan to TOSA to be incorporated in the Pump Station project.

Councilman Gunn asked about the grade of the manholes.

Councilman Miller stated that the manholes will be graded by TOSA.

Councilman Miller stated that one of the primary arguments with TOSA is that the rate contract includes infrastructure costs. The issue is that the Borough owns its own sewer systems. The Borough also pays for repairs. There was a meeting with TOSA where it was mentioned that TOSA would take over the Borough’s sewers. Councilman Miller stated that there would be a significant savings, if that happened and there is an investigation to see if this is a serious offer.

**3. NEW BUSINESS – No new business.**

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Councilman Handeran opened the floor for public discussion.

With no comment, Councilman Handerhan closed the floor.

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

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

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 Lori Reibrich  
 Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk  
 Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_