

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN  
WORKSHOP MINUTES  
APRIL 17, 2019  
7:00 P.M. BOROUGH HALL**

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The workshop meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:07 p.m., by Mayor Nohilly. Sunshine Statement was read by Borough Clerk 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 members: Horowitz, Butler, Watson, Maloney and Fama

Absent: Council President White and Councilman Watson

Late Arrival: None

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

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1. **TOSA PUMP STATION AESTHETICS** – *TOSA Executive Director, Bill Schemling, to discuss aesthetics of pump station with the Governing Body*

Mayor Nohilly noted that there is a Council consensus that the Borough was most concerned about the aesthetics of the project.

TOSA Executive Director, Bill Schemling, presented the plans for the Interlaken Pump Station to Council.

Mr. Schmelling stated that the building will basically be the same as the old building. It will be the same as far as operations. Everything will be inside. The new building will be the same footprint and be the exact same combination, so it is not really expanding. The biggest difference is that it is going to be raised. The current elevation is 9ft. It is going to be raised to 12ft. The building being raised was a requirement of New Jersey Structure Trust Fund. The requirement is that everything be put above the 100-year flood line. During the storms Irene and Sandy, the station came within a foot of being flooded out. The station handles the flow of Interlaken, Allenhurst, Loch Arbour and 25 percent of Ocean Township.

Mr. Schmelling stated that the outside of the building will be cedar shake. As far as TOSA is concerned, the Borough can pick the color. TOSA has samples for the Planning Board to consider for siding and roofing. Whatever the Board is happy with, TOSA will be happy with it. The aesthetics are incidental to the operation of the station. The station will certainly look a lot better than the station that is there. The improvements will not only be from an aesthetic standpoint but also operational standpoint. It will be made more efficient inside.

Mr. Schmeling stated that there will be planting. The Planning Board expressed concern that the plantings would need last due to wind and saltwater. Some plantings are shown. TOSA is open to suggestions and does not want anything that will not grow.

Mr. Schmeling stated the project will start in June and take four to five months. The contractor is going to install a new wet well, valve chamber and meter chamber, so the pumps can be put in and become operational. This will limit the time the station will be on bypass. Once the pumps get going, the station will be demolished. There will not be any impact on the road. The bulkhead will be replaced. The bulkhead replacement is a separate contract. Duplicate pumps are being installed in case one goes out. This is a major station and TOSA cannot afford for this to go out.

Mr. Schmelling thanked Council and left the table.

2. **INTERLAKEN PARK** – *led by Councilman Watson*

Councilman Watson had a scheduling conflict. The discussion was moved to the regular meeting.

3. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Nohilly opened the floor.

Laura Dugan, 409 Grassmere Avenue, told Council that she was part of the newly formed Recreation Committee. The Committee has a concern that the town's park is not friendly for younger children. There are no local parks that are inclusive for younger children and handicapped. The committee wanted to start creating awareness and funding for this matter. They were advised by Councilman Watson that it is not the jurisdiction of the Recreation Committee, but that the committee could explore the concept and bring the matter to Council and even volunteer to be part of a steering committee or volunteer to get the word out.

Ms. Dugan stated that Councilman Watson forwarded her a survey. While this survey was done eight years ago it listed paving the tennis courts, improvements to the park and some sort of walking path. A lot of families are coming into town and having babies. The Committee wants to offer help and see what can be done.

Mayor Nohilly stated that he was a part of the park steering committee. The survey was done in 2008. There was a 49% response rate. The report was presented to Council. Fifteen (15) features received a majority support of 50% or higher. The first was the tennis courts at 76%. The second was a tot lot which received 52%. The tennis courts were already there and they were just defunct. That is why they received such a high percentage. The Council spent two years focusing on getting the tennis courts restored. Now they are beautiful and well maintained. The tot lot was never revisited. Another steering committee would not be needed, as because there is already have data that tells the us that it is something that people want. Mayor Nohilly cannot imagine anybody objecting to a tot lot. Maybe locating it near the front of the park, so no path is needed to get to it.

Mayor Nohilly noted that the budget for 2019 will be approved at the meeting tonight. That kind of money cannot be found in the 2019 budget. This year can be spent coming up with a plan for the park to be put into the 2020 budget.

Mayor Nohilly does not see many obstacles to doing something. It is up to the six council members to figure out. The residents have told Council it is wanted.

Laura Mulhaul, 101 Grassmere Avenue, questioned whether a new survey should be done. The previous one was 2008. Going forward for approvals, it should be the residents who live her now. It has been 11 years. Maybe some of the other items on the 2008 survey may rise to the top.

Mayor Nohilly stated that if something small and inexpensive is being done, a survey may not need to go out.

Councilman Fama stated that Council knows a lot of younger families are moving into town.

Mayor Nohilly stated that surveys are not normally done. The previous survey was done specifically, because there was a group of people in town who thought that the Borough should improve the park with a half million-dollar project. The survey was done to make everyone feel included in the decisions. If Council is just considering doing a tot lot Mayor Nohilly does not think it will be a whole lot of money and not a lot of turmoil. Mayor Nohilly is not ruling out a new survey.

Janet Casini, 731 Raymere Avenue, asked if any small amount of this year's budget can be used for the park. There are a lot of kids in town.

Mayor Nohilly said there was not.

With no additional public comment, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

- ADJOURNMENT:** With no further comments from the Governing Body, Council President White made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Butler and unanimously carried.

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

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Lori Reibrich, RMC  
Borough Clerk/Administrator