

BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2016
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Council President White. 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 annual notice to the Coaster and Asbury Park Press. A copy of the annual notice is posted on the Borough bulletin board and is on file in the Borough Clerk's office."

Present: Council President White and Council members: Franks, Handerhan and Butler.

Councilwoman Horowitz arrived at 7:15 P.M.

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

Absent: Mayor Nohilly, Councilman Gunn

1. BOND ORDINANCE – *Discuss items from Capital Plan that will be incorporated into 2016 Bond Ordinance*

Council discussed Capital Plan items with Borough Engineer, Peter Avakian.

Borough Engineer Avakian presented information regarding road projects.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated that with the completion of the Buttermere Avenue project all major streets in the Borough are finished. The remaining six roads are all manageable and are smaller in length. The list of roads include: Raymere Avenue, Rona Street, Staffa Street, Scarba Street, Iona Street and Woodmere Road.

Borough Engineer Avakian and Council discussed the conditions of each road.

Councilman Butler and Councilman Franks both noted that, with the exception of Staffa Street, the wear of the surfaces on these streets is not as bad of an issue as the curbing on these roads. The curbs are in bad condition.

Borough Engineer Avakian and Council stated that micro surfacing the roads had been considered, but it would only be a short term fix. It would not be very cost effective. It would only be three to four years before the road would need to be repaved.

Council President White stated that there has been a five year plan. The main roads are in pretty good condition and now the side roads need attention.

Councilman Handerhan would like to see all roads complete and then start again to maintain the Borough roadways.

Council had a brief discussion regarding how previous road projects were handled and an overall schedule of required projects going forward.

Councilman Handerhan stated that there should be a project every year.

Borough CFO/Tax Collector Gallagher stated that there is \$100,000 budgeted for this year and \$105,000 from last year's budget.

Borough Engineer Avakian noted that that amount would cover the cost of Staffa Street and some road striping throughout the Borough.

Councilman White stated that he feels the road striping cost was excessive.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the road striping project.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated that masonry and paving on Staffa Street would take about six weeks.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that additional road project grants will be applied for.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated that once all of the streets have been done, cost of maintenance goes down. Sewer work will have been completed and masonry work lasts longer than road surface, so the road surface will be the main focus.

Council and Borough Engineer Avakian concluded that Borough Engineer Avakian will begin putting together the plan to complete Staffa Street as the next road project.

Councilman Franks discussed road striping throughout the Borough. Some striping is required by law. In addition, Council asked Deal Police Department to give recommendations for compliance. Street striping needs to be done for safety reasons.

Councilman Franks stated that both latex and a thermoplastic methods were considered. Taking into account the cost difference and the longevity, the thermoplastic exceeds the latex method.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the road striping.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that Borough Engineer Avakian's office confirmed the measurements on Bridlemere Avenue.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that the first quote is for \$35,000. Bids may come in lower.

Borough CFO/Tax Collector Gallagher confirmed that there is \$35,000 in the 2016 Capital Plan for street striping.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the road striping project. Coordinating the striping project with the road paving project was discussed.

Councilman Butler stated that currently the Borough has 138 street lights. Jim Markey of JCP&L will be confirming the figures, but 100 lights are pole mounted. These are Colonial style. There are 38 full pole, stand-alone lights.

Councilman Butler stated that the thing a lot of residents bring up is that the color of the lighting does not match. Some lighting is white and some is orange. According to JCP&L, we have 95 mercury vapor lights which we think are white and 43 sodium vapor lights which are orange.

Councilman Butler stated that after driving around looking at the lights, he thinks those figures should be switched.

Councilman Butler stated that, if you want to upgrade all the lightbulbs to sodium vapor the cost is approximately \$200 per fixture. If there are 95 fixtures the cost will total \$19,000. If the number of fixtures is reversed, the cost will be \$8,600.

Councilman Franks asked about the amount of light emitted from each fixture.

Councilman Handerhan asked about efficiency.

Councilman Butler stated that the bulbs are different wattage, but the same lumens and that the new bulbs would cost a little more per month.

Councilman Butler stated that another option would be to leave the pole mounted lights in place and change only the stand alone fixtures. There are 14 on Grassmere Avenue, 13 on Bendermere Avenue, 4 on Fernmere Avenue, and one on each Woodmere Avenue and Bridlmere Avenue. To change the current wood and fiberglass poles to ornate acorn style poles similar to Allenhurst, 33 poles would need to be replaced at a cost of \$100,000.

Councilman Butler stated that a third option would be to replace the wood poles and color the current fiberglass poles to black at a cost of \$9,000.

Council discussed the proposed options. Council determined that \$50,000 would be put in the 2016 Capital Plan to change out the bulbs and begin replacing stand-alone fixtures on Grassmere Avenue.

Councilman White led the discussion regarding the purchase of speed radar signs.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that the quote was \$9,900 for four signs. Two of the signs will be in fixed positions while two can be moved to various sites.

Councilman Butler questioned where the fixed signs would be placed.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that Deal Police Traffic Officer, Nick Vaccaro, spoke about having one on Grassmere Avenue and the other at the bridge on Westra Street.

Councilwoman Horowitz suggested having one on Bridlemere Avenue.

Councilman Handerhan stated that speeding in the Borough has been found to be more of a perception issue, but it is good to keep drivers in check.

Councilman Butler stated that homeowners should be asked before putting the sign in front of their property.

Councilman Franks said homeowners should be contacted before the purchase is made.

Council President White stated that speeding is a public safety issue that the public has been complaining about.

Council had a brief discussion about where to place the speed radar signs.

2. NEW BUSINESS – *Items to be considered for future meetings*

Councilman Franks asked about weight limits on trucks traveling down Grassmere Avenue and through town.

Council President White stated that weight limits were previously discussed and trucks cannot be stopped from coming down a County road. Trucks must be offered a way through town.

Councilman Franks asked Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich to speak to Deal Police Chief Ronen Neuman whether there are restrictions regarding gasoline trucks traveling on residential roadways.

Councilman Butler asked about the project that the Borough Historian, Bob Waitt was working on regarding the air show monument.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that the Borough's IT contractor is trying to help get the video onto the Borough website. It is a video put together by Borough Historian Waitt about the air show event. Borough Historian Waitt wants to make presentations to the residents and wants to send out a mailer to make residents aware of the air show that took place in Interlaken in 1910.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that the monument is something Council previously discussed and there was not a lot of support from Council regarding the Borough purchase of the monument.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that Borough Historian Waitt is very knowledgeable and passionate about Borough history. Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that Borough Historian Waitt says he has support from residents and wants to get a petition started. It was discussed previously that he should raise the money.

Council President White stated that donations were discussed.

Councilman Butler asked whether the lack of support was due to the cost. Would there be more support, if the monument cost less?

Council President White stated that if the whole Borough wanted that monument, it could be considered, but the Borough can't just purchase it and expect the residents to pay for it.

Councilman Butler asked, if Borough Historian Waitt can demonstrate that the residents want it, would it be considered? The dollar amount does not seem to be the issue. We need to be authorized by our constituents to use tax payer money.

Councilman Handerhan stated that he agrees that it is an interesting story, but does not think that everyone should pay for a monument.

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – Council President White opened the floor for public comment.

With no additional public comment Council President White closed the floor.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**- With no Council comments, Councilman Handerhan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Butler and unanimously carried.

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

Lori Reibrich, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk