

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2014
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL**

The meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:01p.m., by Mayor Nohilly. 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: Mayor Nohilly, Council President White, Council members: Cohen, Handerman, Miller, Napoli

Also Present: Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Lori Reibrich, Borough Attorney Representative Susan DeSimone

1. **BUTTERMERE AVENUE PROJECT** – Council discussed the Engineer's recommendations from the previous meeting. Council agreed to move forward with the Borough Engineer's recommendation on the Buttermere Avenue project and was in support of an amended Bond Ordinance to allow for the additional roadway to be included in the project.
2. **BARK IN THE PARK** – Councilman Miller lead a discussion about a dog event to be held in conjunction with the Deal PBA. There was some initial talk with the PBA regarding a barbeque in Loch Arbor on the beach to be held at some time in September.

Councilman Miller called for a status of the event and was told that it was not possible to have the event in Loch Arbor. The PBA asked, if the event could be moved to Interlaken.

Councilman Miller stated that the PBA would like to hold the event on Saturday, September 27th. The initial plan was to have a morning get together in the park for dog owners with donuts and coffee. Councilman Miller advised the PBA that he would bring the idea to Council, but the Borough ordinance regarding dogs in the park would have to be amended to allow dogs that day and the amendment would require time to be completed.

Councilman Miller wanted to bring it back to the table to get the Council's feelings regarding moving forward with the event.

Councilman Cohen stated that there was an issue with insurance. Councilman Cohen stated that the insurance agent did not think this type of event was a good idea. Councilman Cohen stated that he tends to agree with the agent. It is not prudent to have a bunch of dogs in town.

Councilman Miller questioned Borough Administrator Reibrich regarding comments by the JIF agent.

Borough Administrator Reibrich stated that the JIF advised the Borough that a Hold Harmless statement should be obtained from everyone who participated in the event. JIF also stated that many towns decide not to do this type of event, because of the liabilities. JIF was not discouraging the event, but stated that the Borough needs to make sure there are Hold Harmless statements in place.

Councilman Cohen stated that he feels the Borough should take the advice of the insurance agent. If the insurance agent does not feel it is a good idea, it should not move forward.

Councilman Miller stated that the insurance company did not say it was not a good idea. The insurance company stated that Hold Harmless agreements would be necessary for the event.

Councilman Cohen stated that even if someone had a hold Harmless agreement, they could still sue the Borough. Councilman Cohen feels that having all of these dogs in one area is exposing the Borough to a large amount of liability. Councilman Cohen also feels that five weeks planning is not enough.

Councilman Napoli asked questions regarding the Borough insurance policy and whether any other events had this type of liability. Councilman Napoli stated that animals are unpredictable. An event like this would require a lot of supervision and he understands Councilman Cohen's concerns.

Councilman Napoli feels that a Hold Harmless agreement could be considered null and void, if there is a perceived negligence.

Councilman Cohen restated that he was uncomfortable with the event being on Borough Property.

Councilman Napoli asked questions regarding the type of event.

Councilman Miller explained the evolution of the event. The original thought for the event was that it would be a dog walk with a small trainer demonstration by Mr. Gentile, a resident dog trainer, with refreshments. A larger event was planned to include fundraising for the ASPCA with sponsors in the spring. Mr. Gentile was unable to make the event, so it was postponed. Councilman Miller stated that he brought it back up to the Deal PBA a week ago. The Deal PBA would like to go forward and also expand the event.

Mayor Nohilly questioned which towns would be invited.

Councilman Miller stated that they were primarily talking about Loch Arbour and Interlaken, but suggested that Allenhurst be invited. Councilman Miller advised the Deal PBA that he would bring their plans for the event before Council.

Mayor Nohilly noted that even putting Councilman Cohen's insurance concerns aside there would be a timing issue to get an event together.

Mayor Nohilly suggested to postpone the event until spring instead of rushing to pull something together for September.

Councilman Miller stated that he did not disagree with Mayor Nohilly.

Councilman Miller stated that he spoke to Mayor Nohilly and Borough Administrator Reibrich regarding Sea Girt Days. Sea Girt has a 5K race each year. They have a big picnic and food event afterwards. They also bring in rides and things for kids to do. These things are similar to what Interlaken does at its annual picnic.

Councilman Miller suggested that Interlaken combine their 5K race with the annual picnic into one big event. Councilman Miller investigated an available date to move the race to and found that June 22, 2015 was available. Councilman Miller would like Council to consider the possibility of having both events and make it Interlaken Day.

Councilman Cohen suggested that the Borough get in touch with Debbie Delisa at the Wonder Bar in Asbury Park. The Wonder Bar does a weekly event called the "Yappy Hour" and events' weekly proceeds usually benefit different charities. An event could maybe be arranged to benefit the Deal PBA.

Councilman Miller stated that it appears there is a consensus that Council was not willing to proceed with the September 27th dog event.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the dog event plans.

Councilman White stated that he likes the idea of Interlaken Day and would like to explore the idea.

Mayor Nohilly summarized that there was no Council support for the September 27th dog event, but there was support to explore Interlaken Day.

Council had some additional discussion regarding the issue of insurance and JIF requirements regarding different types of events including a Dog Walk event and the 5K. Borough Administrator Reibrich was asked to contact JIF to obtain clarification.

Councilman Miller reminded Council that changing the race day would need to be done in a timely manner to be able to change the race from fall to spring.

3. **NEW BUSINESS** – No new business. Mayor Nohilly asked Council to submit any new business to Borough Administrator Reibrich before the next meeting.

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for comments from the public. With no public comment, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

5. **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL** – There was no council comment.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further comments, Council President White made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Councilman Handerhan and unanimously carried.

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

 Lori Reibrich
 Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk
 Date Approved: _____