

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014
7:30 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL**

The meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:46 p.m., by Council President White. The following statement was read by Deputy Clerk, Gina Kneser. “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.” It was followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Present: Council President White, Council members: Cohen, Handerhan, Miller, Napoli

Also Present: Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, Deputy Clerk Gina Kneser,

Absent: Mayor Nohilly

1. SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMAN MERVIN FRANKS

Councilman Franks was sworn in by Council President White. Councilman Franks’ long time resident, friend and supporter, Ms. Elizabeth Hardy held the bible. Councilman Franks made remarks thanking his friends and neighbors who were in attendance with a special thank you to Ms. Hardy. Councilman Franks also thanked Mr. Hunt Parry, Republican Committee Chairman for his appointment. Councilman Franks thanked the Mayor, Michael Nohilly, and the bipartisan Council for being given the opportunity to serve the residents of Interlaken. Councilman Franks looks forward to working with Administrator Reibrich and her staff. Councilman Franks also thanked Blanche, his wife, best friend and supporter for the last 23 years.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – FOR AGENDA SPECIFIC ITEMS ONLY – EXCLUSIVE OF ORDINANCES

Council President White opened the floor for public comment. With no public comment Council President White closed the floor.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 20, 2014- REGULAR & WORKSHOP

Councilman Miller MOTIONED to approve minutes, seconded by Councilman Napoli and unanimously carried.

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

4. RESOLUTION 2014-102: RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS “HUNGER ACTION MONTH”



WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States, the State of New Jersey and the Borough of Interlaken; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Interlaken is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Interlaken is committed to working with The FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, more than 131,600 individuals in Monmouth and Ocean Counties rely on food provided by the member of The FoodBank Monmouth and Ocean Counties annually; and

WHEREAS, the members of The FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties distributed more than 10 million meals in 2013 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country will host numerous events in the month of September to bring awareness and attention on encourage communities in efforts to end hunger in their local community; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Monmouth and Ocean Counties can visit The Foodbank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties website (www.foodbankmoc.org) for ideas and ways to make a difference for the hungry and needy during the month of September and all year long.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Interlaken, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey hereby recognize September 2014 as “**HUNGER ACTION MONTH**” in the Borough of Interlaken and we call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

Councilman Handerhan MOTIONED to approve resolution, seconded by Councilman Napoli, unanimously carried.

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

5. RESOLUTION 2014-103: AUTHORIZING ESCROW REFUND- 2011 BILINSKY APPLICATION

AUTHORIZING ESCROW REFUND- BILINSKY APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary has requested that the following escrow account be closed and the balance be refunded to the depositor; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary has contacted the Board Engineer and Planning Board Attorney for authorization to release the funds and determine the projects are closed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Interlaken that it hereby authorizes the refund of escrow in the amount of \$17.50 for Ms. Janet Bilinsky of 109 Grasmere Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Interlaken does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to refund said payment to Ms. Janet Bilinsky in the amount of \$17.50; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Ms. Janet Bilinsky, Applicant
2. Gina Kneser, Planning Board Secretary
3. Stephen Gallagher, Chief Finance Officer

Councilman Miller MOTIONED to approve refund, seconded by Councilman Franks , and unanimously carried.

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

6. **RESOLUTION 2014-104: BILL LIST**

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
BILL LIST REPORT FOR
BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVAL**

DATE SPAN	TOTAL
08/07/14-09/15/14	\$134,967.38

WHEREAS, law requires listing of all bills approved for payment; and

WHEREAS, certification of available funds from the Chief Municipal Finance Officer has been made; and

WHEREAS, the total bill list for the regular meeting dated September 17, 2014 is in the amount of One Hundred and Thirty Four, Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council, of the Borough of Interlaken, that the CFO is hereby authorized to pay said bill list.

Councilman Miller MOTIONED to approve bill list, seconded by Councilman Napoli , and unanimously carried.

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

7. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE – No Report.
- PUBLIC SAFETY - No Report.
- STREETS & ROADS - No Report.
- RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Councilman Miller reported on the progress of the sponsorships of the Interlaken 5K race scheduled for October 18, 2014.

Last year sponsorships totaled \$6,200.00. This year, to date, \$4,800.00 has been collected with an additional \$1,500.00 outstanding from people who said they would be sponsors. The awards

have been purchased. We have allied ourselves this year with the Harry Drazin run/walk. The clocks have been acquired.

This year expected to have a larger turn out due to the fact that there is no 5K race in Deal the week before, plus there are walkers this year. The participants are projected to be close to 200. More volunteers are needed. Volunteers will be needed for the registration, on the course and at the finish line.

Councilman Napoli has agreed to help with a water stop on Windermere Avenue and Tom Morley has agreed to purchase and deliver oranges, bananas, ice and bagels in lieu of a cash sponsorship.

Ms. Patty Drazin is coming in from California. A perpetual trophy will be purchased with funds donated by Patty Drazin.

The event is rain or shine.

Volunteers are needed. The Deal Police will be on hand as well as the Allenhurst First Aid.

Sponsorships are due by the middle of next week. If you plan to be a sponsor, a logo would be appreciated.

Councilman Miller also questioned the arrangements for a Halloween parade. Councilman Miller asked if any correspondence was made with Allenhurst regarding joining the festivities in Allenhurst.

Council discussed previous Halloween events in Interlaken. Council discussed the difficulty getting volunteers for Borough events. There was also discussion regarding previous events together with Allenhurst. There was some discussion regarding hosting the event in Interlaken at Borough Hall. Council decided to put the subject of the Halloween party on the next workshop meeting.

- SHADE TREE COMMISSION – No report.
- PLANNING BOARD – Councilman Miller stated that the Planning Board met Monday evening with Mr. Higgins, the Planner. Mr. Higgins is drafting clarifications to the current ordinance regarding building height and fences. The ordinance will be drafted and then be brought back to the Planning Board. Due to meeting schedules, the ordinance may not come to Council for review until January.

There was some discussion regarding the scope of work the Mr. Higgins was tasked with by the Planning Board. Councilman Napoli questioned whether Mr. Higgins was reviewing the ordinance in regards to Accessory Uses. Councilman Miller said that was part of the job.

- BOARD OF EDUCATION – Councilman Miller stated that the next meeting will be held on Monday and noted that the contract between the Board of Education and Long Branch was still in negotiation for the school year.
- BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Deputy Clerk Kneser stated that the Interlaken Garden Club was investigating an available grant to do some replanting of the Borough gates.

Councilman Miller stated that for the Borough received a Community Block Development Grant to get a handicapped rest room and accessible counters at Borough Hall. The Borough requested \$150,000.00 The grant received was for \$111,000.00. The Borough budgeted \$15,000.00 in the previous year to do the counter modifications for a total available budget of \$126,000.00.

Councilman Miller stated that though Borough Administrator Reibrich was not in attendance, he wanted to be sure that she received a complement from the Borough Engineer stating that she worked hard at lobbying for the grant and that she should be commended for the job she did.

Councilman White agreed stating that Borough Administrator Reibrich did an outstanding job to get that amount of money for the Borough. The Borough has made applications in previous years. The previous administrators were unsuccessful in getting any funding. Borough Administrator Reibrich did an outstanding job.

Councilman Miller stated that both Borough Administrator Reibrich and Borough Engineer Avakian both did a tremendous job getting this grant. Councilman Miller feels that already budgeting for some of the project showed that the Borough was committed to the project.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Council President White opened the floor for public comment.

Robert Todd, 304 Grassmere Avenue stated that he is a resident and 40 year member of the Allenhurst Fire department. Mr. Todd stated that there is only going to be a parade, no festivities back at the firehouse this year. Secondly, Mr. Todd wanted to say that he would like to wish Councilman Franks luck with his new Council position.

Council had a brief discussion regarding plans for the Halloween parade.

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Napoli stated that everyone saw the Mayor of Loch Arbour deliver information to Council at the meeting. Councilman Napoli stated that he proofed the information quickly and feels it is the most irrelevant document that he has ever read. All of the information delivered pertains to a merger between Loch Arbour and Allenhurst. Councilman Napoli stated that he is lost about what the Loch Arbour’s Mayor is asking Council to do. Councilman Napoli stated that at some point there needs to be some clarification. Either the discussion should ensue or be ended.

Councilman White stated that there would not be a discussion. This point of the meeting is for Council comment. The meeting will not be reopened to have a discussion regarding material that everyone on Council has just received and has not had time to review.

Councilman Napoli asked Borough Attorney Shaklee questions regarding the use of executive sessions.

Borough Attorney Shaklee stated that he would review the subject, but off the top of his head feels that these discussions do not require executive sessions.

Council agreed that the subject of a meeting with Loch Arbour to discuss a merger would go on the next workshop meeting.

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11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Cohen MOTIONED to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Napoli and unanimously carried. No Council comment.

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Motion to Approve					X		
Motion to Second							X
Approved			X	X	X	X	X
Opposed							
Abstain/Recuse							
Absent/Excused	X						

 Gina Kneser
 Borough Deputy Clerk
 Date Approved:_____