

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2013
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL**

The meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:00 p.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, Handerhan, Miller, Morley, Napoli

Also Present: Borough Administrator Reibrich, Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, Esq. and Borough Engineer Avakian

Councilman Napoli stated that it is his opinion that Councilman Miller is not in attendance at the meeting. Councilman Napoli asked Mayor Nohilly to rule that Councilman Miller is present and that he is permitted to participate at the meeting.

Mayor Nohilly stated that Councilman Miller’s participation at the meeting has been vetted by the Borough Attorney and he has no issue with Councilman Miller’s participation by remote access.

Borough Attorney Shaklee stated for the record that the definition of a meeting under the Open Public Meetings Act means and includes a gathering whether corporal or by means of communication equipment which is attended by or open to all member of the public body.

Borough Attorney Shaklee pointed out that the Act specifically includes corporal persons present or by means of communication equipment and sited an unpublished case from the appellate division which permitted a member calling in on a conference call.

1. 2013 ROAD PROJECT REBID ALTERNATIVES –

Peter Avakian presented the Council with an explanation and the progression of the project and their recommendations.

Councilman Handerhan stated that he lives on Barra Street and questioned Borough Attorney Shaklee regarding his participation in the discussion. Borough Attorney Shaklee believes that an individual or member would need to decide whether they think their direct personal interest would impair their objectivity. Councilman Handerhan stated that he feels he could maintain his objectivity and would participate, as long as no one else has any objection.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated that bids were received for the road project in September and all came in over the budgeted amount. It was decided to reject the bids with a plan to rebid with a winter schedule when costs are traditionally lower for this type of project.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated that the new bid was the same project, but proposal was broken into separate projects. Separating the projects would ensure that most of the project could move forward should the bids come back at the same price point.

The scope of work would include paving: Barra Street from Grassmere Avenue to Buttermere Avenue, Interlaken Drive from Windermere Avenue to Grassmere Avenue, Bridlemere Avenue from Wickapecko Drive to Woodmere Road (not full width), and Staffa Street from Buttermere Avenue to Bridlemere Avenue.

Council had a lengthy discussion regarding changes to the project. Which roads should be considered as part of the project and which should be alternate projects were discussed.

Council debated which streets should be priority.

There was discussion as to whether sidewalks should be included and who would be responsible to pay for them. The Council discussed past precedent in regards to the assessing of homeowners. Borough liability regarding sidewalks was also discussed.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated that the bid proposals could include a requirement for the contractor to offer a set discounted price to homeowners that want their sidewalks repaired.

2. 2014 RECREATION EVENTS –

Council discussion regarding recreation events was tabled to next meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – The Mayor opened the floor for public comment. With no comments, the Mayor closed the floor.

5. ADJOURNMENT: With no further comments, Council President White made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Councilman Napoli and unanimously carried.

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

 Lori Reibrich
 Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk
 Date Approved: _____