

BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2013
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL

The meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:02 p.m., by Councilman Parry. It was followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. 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: Council members Morley, Napoli, Parry, White

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

Absent: Council President Miller

Late Arrival: 7:04 pm, Mayor Nohilly

1. **SIDEWALK WAIVERS/STEP REPAIR** – Borough Engineer Avakian updated the status of projects regarding street repair on Grasmere Avenue.

Borough Engineer Avakian advised Council that Grasmere Avenue is scheduled to be paved by the County some time during the first week in July and that the paving would take place during the day. The paving should take 1 ½ to 2 days to complete.

Borough Engineer Avakian also stated that the contractor, Diamond Construction, has finished the concrete and is in the process of completing sod replacement.

Borough Engineer Avakian stated that the balance of the contract was \$55,000.00.

Borough Engineer Avakian discussed sidewalks that were replaced at 205 Grasmere Avenue & 209 Grasmere Avenue. Borough Engineer Avakian stated that these sidewalks were replaced due to elevation issues with the sidewalk and the driveway apron.

Mayor Nohilly stated that it was always known that the sidewalks at these two locations would not be charged an assessment.

Borough Engineer Avakian discussed the property at 319 Grasmere Avenue. The sidewalk was replaced at this location. Borough Engineer Avakian showed photos of the front steps. The measurement of the bottom riser of the steps was altered from 3 ½ inches to the current measurement of 2" by the replacement of the sidewalk.

Borough Engineer Avakian said that the cost to fix the stairs had been quoted at \$2,000.00.

Council discussed the stair replacement with regard to conformity. The stairs were not in compliance before the sidewalk. Councilman Napoli felt that the sidewalk repair only lessened the conformity of the stairs and expressed concern that repairing the stairs may open the door to future liability of the Borough. Councilman Parry also questioned future liability issues.

Councilman White and Councilman Morley both questioned how the decision to repair this set of stairs would affect other residents whose stairways were altered by this project.

Borough Attorney Shaklee advised the Council that they may want to review the sidewalk ordinance and make changes to prevent future claims regarding this project.

Councilman Napoli asked that Borough Inspector, Paul Vitale, make an assessment of the stairs and make a recommendation.

Councilman Parry questioned why the Borough was replacing stairs that were not conforming before the sidewalk repair.

2. **ANNUAL PICNIC**- Council moved the discussion regarding the annual picnic to the regular meeting due to time constraints.
3. **NEW BUSINESS** – No new business.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Councilman Folta stepped away from Council table to question the practices of the Borough’s inspector regarding sidewalk repairs at the time of C/O inspections. Councilman Folta recently applied for a C/O, and was denied due to cracks in the sidewalk. Councilman Folta feels that sidewalk cracks can be repaired and should not require full replacement.

Borough Attorney Shaklee gave a review of Borough ordinances pertaining to sidewalks.

Blanche Franks, 310 Bendermere Avenue, made comments regarding her experience with C/O’s and sidewalk repairs.

Council decided that Borough Inspector Vitale should be consulted on this matter before considering the issue any further.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further comments, Councilman Folta made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Councilman Parry and unanimously carried.

Record of Vote	Mayor Nohilly	Council President Miller	Councilman Parry	Councilman White	Councilman Morley	Councilman Napoli	Councilman Folta
Motion to Approve							X
Motion to Second			X				
Approved			X	X	X	X	X
Opposed							
Abstain/Recuse							
Absent/Excused		X					

 Lori Reibrich
 Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk
 Date Approved: _____