

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2018
7:00 P.M. BOROUGH HALL**

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Nohilly. 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 notice to the Coaster and Asbury Park Press. A copy of the 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: Butler, Franks, Gunn, Horowitz, and Watson

Also Present: Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee and Borough Clerk/Administrator Lori Reibrich

Absent: None

1. **SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE & NO KNOCK ORDINANCE** – *led by Councilman Watson*

Councilman Watson stated that while he does not promote creating ordinances for the sake of making ordinances or regulations, he has become aware of ordinances being put into place by other coastal areas regarding short term rentals and No Knock policies. Councilman Watson wanted to bring it to an open forum to see if other people are aware of these ordinances and to get some input.

Councilman Watson stated that Ocean Township is reviewing short term rental at this time and Asbury Park is also addressing the subject. Councilman Watson wants to maintain the quality of the town. Residents who are here twelve months out of the year have a stake in keeping the peace. Asbury Park continues to become a popular destination and could eventually spill out over into neighboring towns. A short term rental ordinance would be a way to limit, for a lack of a better term, weekend warriors, rather than a 30-60 day rental.

Council President White stated that a short term rental is deemed 125 days by the Real Estate Commission statute and noted that Asbury Park has 125 days in their new ordinance.

Mayor Nohilly stated that these ordinances are a way of trying to push back against people renting their home for weekends.

Councilman Gunn noted that would be traded for the right of the homeowner.

Mayor Nohilly stated that he does not think that Interlaken has an issue.

Council President White noted that, in most instances, the municipality is giving the homeowner the right to still rent their property on a short term basis. What they are not allowing is homeowners that own multiple properties within the Borough. They cannot rent other property than their own residence.

Councilman Watson stated that Ocean Township is not allowing short term rentals under 30 days anywhere in town.

Councilman Franks noted that the Borough is getting more owners purchasing homes just to use them for summer.

When asked about this, Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that data in that regard is not collected or known to the office.

Councilman Watson stated that he noted several towns getting on board with this. With the proximity to Asbury Park, it could become a problem.

Council President White stated that people who subscribe to those Airbnb will still continue to do it. He believes Ocean Township is looking at it due to a problem with college rentals. Asbury Park has a controversy between people putting money into the city getting hurt and the residents who do not know who their neighbor is going to be week to week. There was a petition that will be on the mid-year ballot.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that the Borough has a solicitation ordinance that is similar to a No Knock ordinance but is not specifically called that nor does it have some of the parameters that other towns have in place. Since it was enacted in 2011, no one has applied for a solicitation permit. The religious groups and non-profits go directly to the Police Department.

Council President White stated that he has had people knock on his door and when asked for proof of permission from the Borough it could not be produced.

Councilman Watson does not want solicitors, considering the recent break in and other activities within the Borough, and would like a registry.

Mayor Nohilly stated the current ordinance must be reinforced. Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich stated that the police should be called and they will be instructed to get a permit.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the details and enforcement of the current ordinance and a No Solicitor listing for the Borough.

Councilman Butler noted that the ordinance still does not prevent some people, because they are not coming to get the permit.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich noted that if you have someone come to your property you can call the police. The police will stop them and inform them they need a permit. They will most likely just leave rather than come to Borough Hall for a permit.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich asked if it should be something that should be promoted.

Mayor Nohilly and Council members questioned whether it is something that needs to be promoted, if it is not a problem.

2. NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Franks asked about the current geese population related to Borough property. There is a lot of waste which carries a lot of bacteria and E.coli.

Councilman Franks if the Borough can reach out to residents to allow the State to come on to their property and oil the eggs.

Mayor Nohilly stated that the Borough cannot build our program to take care of private property, for eggs or anything else. The Borough certainly cannot pay for that.

Mayor Nohilly stated that the Borough can address the lakefront. Most of the nests are on Borough lakefront property. The Borough cannot pay a contractor to do anything on private property.

There was additional discussion regarding the geese on the property.

Councilman Gunn suggested that resident education can make homeowners aware of the issue.

Council President White reminded the Mayor and Council that the next meeting on March 7, 2017 will be the budget workshop.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Joan Todd, 304 Grassmere Avenue, asked Council to consider participation in the "Paint the Town Pink" program during the month of May, which raises awareness of cancer & the need for mammograms. 75 towns across the state participate.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Reibrich asked Ms. Todd to provide her with any information for consideration.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Gunn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council President White and unanimously carried.

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

Lori Reibrich, RMC
 Administrator/Clerk