

WORKSHOP MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2024
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Council President Butler. The Sunshine Statement was read by Municipal Clerk, Lori 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 Butler, Council Members Horowitz, Delia, Franks, DeSarno and Blasucci

Absent: None

Late Arrival: Councilman Blasucci at 7:25 pm

Also Present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Lori Reibrich, CFO Joseph Zanga and Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee,

1. **NEWSLETTER REVIEW** – Mayor Nohilly noted that there were a few members of the public present and asked Council if they would like to move public comment to the beginning of the meeting and the newsletter could be moved to discussion afterwards. The Council agreed.
2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment.

Irene Dec, of 314 Bendermere Avenue, read a prepared statement into the record referencing the letter she received from Borough Engineer’s office about her concerns of a neighboring pool flooding her property. In the letter, Denis Higgins from Avakian Inc discussed information regarding the pool installation and the remedies that Ms. Dec could take to help with her current flooding situation. It was determined that from the site review of the pool it is not affecting the surrounding properties and that an as built survey is always required for pools. At the completion of the project, an additional review of the grading will be done. Ms. Dec took exception to the letter and its findings.

Mayor Nohilly and Ms. Dec discussed the rainfall and differences in the amount of rain at one time in recent months as well as Interlaken not being the only town affected by such rainfall. It is a weather-related issue that many are experiencing.

Blanche Franks, of 310 Bendermere Avenue, discussed flooding in the surrounding areas and how they have never experienced this amount of water in the past. She believes that a moratorium on pools should be considered. She also spoke about the removal of trees and how that impacts flooding.

Ms. Dec concurred on wanting a moratorium on pools. She discussed variance requirements.

Mrs. Franks discussed tree removals and Police enforcement of the tree ordinance.

Councilman Blasucci arrived at 7:25 pm.

Ms. Dec posed questions of the role of the Engineer and the flooding in town. Mayor Nohilly explained that the personal property of a resident is their responsibility. The reason the engineer was engaged in her matter is because of the building of the pool.

Daniel Potoczniak, 404 Grasmere Avenue, questioned the size of vehicles that can travel down Grasmere and was interested in the Council considering a weight limit. He discussed the speed of vehicles.

Mayor Nohilly explained the numerous traffic studies completed by the Police and the County. He shared the data from those studies. He explained the deterrents the Council has decided to try and that there are few that were not considered such as temporary speed bumps or shortening the length of the road with a decorative center median. He explained that the Borough Council has not yet decided to move forward with those items as they can be costly, and the data does not show it is a necessary purchase. The Mayor also reiterated the suggestion from the County that the road can support 35 mph.

Ms. Franks expressed her displeasure with the Police enforcement.

Mr. Potoczniak expressed his understanding of the data but still hopes that the Council will take steps to help deter the speeding and the weight limit issues. The town is a quiet, residential town and it's frustrating to hear large trucks rattling down the road.

Councilman Blasucci stated that one of the main metrics used during the studies is traffic accidents and serious injuries to which there are none. It speaks to the safety record at this limit with the current traffic.

With no further comments, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

3. **NEWSLETTER REVIEW** – Mayor Nohilly distributed a rough draft he has been working on for the next installment of the Borough newsletter. The initial opening will be historical information about the gates into Interlaken. The Council reviewed the draft making comments about the inclusion of some event dates if the newsletter is being delivered prior to them happening.

The Council discussed a blank page and how it can include more information on important ordinances such as the noise ordinance and the tree ordinance. The Council decided to remove a section from a page to expand the Shade Tree portion and include in depth tree ordinance information.

At this time, the Council decided to table the newsletter and revisit it when it is closer to completion.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:** No new business was discussed at this meeting.
5. **ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Delia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council President Butler and unanimously carried.

| | Mayor Nohilly | Council President Butler | Councilwoman Horowitz | Councilman Delia | Councilman Franks | Councilman DeSarno | Councilman Blasucci |
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| Motion to Approve | | | | X | | | |
| Motion to Second | | X | | | | | |
| Approved | | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Opposed | | | | | | | |
| Abstain/ Recuse | | | | | | | |
| Absent/ Excused | | | | | | | |

Lori Reibrich, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk/Administrator