

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
MAY 16, 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 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 members: Butler, Franks and Watson

Also Present: Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, and Borough Clerk/Administrator Lori Reibrich, Borough Police Chief Neuman

Absent: Council President White, Council members: Gunn and Horowitz

1. REVIEW OF PARKING ORDINANCE – *Chief Neuman present*

Mayor Nohilly stated that the Borough has an ordinance that does not allow for overnight street parking. If you must leave your car on the street, you have to call the police to get authorization. Every year this subject comes up, usually in May, when people start having more guests and the kids return from college. The way the ordinance is written is that there no criteria for the authorization except that you make the call. The dispatcher makes a note of the person that called. If the resident is going to park ten days in a row. They have to call each of the ten days. There is nothing in the ordinance preventing a resident from calling all year long. There are some people with very short driveways. There are some that leave the car out for convenience.

Mayor Nohilly noted that every May or June, there are residents that are unhappy because of the amount of cars parked in the street. Every Council has always agreed to keep the ordinance. The removal of the ordinance never makes it past the workshop discussion stage.

Chief Neuman agreed with the Mayor regarding the timing of the increase in complaints for street parking. It normally occurs starting in May. He did some research of the data regarding the on street calls. Last year, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 98 days, there were exactly 700 calls. There were 55 summons issued during the same time period.

Chief Neuman recalled several instances where people called every night, but forgot to call one night and received a ticket. The resident was upset. The resident felt that they have called religiously in the past and should not get a ticket. There was one instance where a resident, who calls many times in a row, forgot to call in two cars. He received two tickets and was very upset.

Chief Neuman stated that he received advice that the dispatcher should not be put in a position to approve or disapprove the authorization to park the car on the street. When the resident calls, the dispatcher just records their information.

Chief Neuman stated that from January 1, 2018 to last night, there were 450 calls with 35 summons issued. If the resident does forget, they are issued a summons. He also noted that one resident called 130 times, so far this year. He has never been given a summons, because he has never forgotten to call.

Chief Neuman stated that, over the summer, there were 700 calls in 98 days. That averages 7 cars per night. In the winter the average number of vehicles drops to 3 or 4. There is one house that calls in two vehicles. So there are less homes that are effected.

Councilman Butler stated that 1,200 calls a year seems like a waste of resources.

Mayor Nohilly noted that Council is talking about seven cars. It does not seem like a problem for the Borough, though he sympathizes with those that have neighbors who habitually park on the street.

Chief Neuman and Council had a brief discussion about how to address the habitual caller.

Councilman Franks asked about parking trailers on property.

There was a brief discussion regarding trailers.

Board Attorney Shaklee agreed that the dispatcher should not be involved in determining good cause for parking on the street. There may be equal protection arguments. So everyone is going to be determined to have good cause if they make the call.

Council had additional discussion regarding overnight parking.

Councilman Watson suggested removing the ability to call the police for permission and determining an overnight parking site around Borough Hall.

Council briefly discussed putting a cap on the number of calls permitted. The tallies regarding the calls is not currently tracked in an easily accessible manner and there was no desire to tax the police dispatch with tracking the number of calls. It would also cause a hardship for those who have a true necessity.

Mayor Nohilly noted that it is not a big problem for the Borough with three to seven cars depending on the time of year.

Councilman Franks noted that there is a safety issue with on street parking. Chief Neuman learned that the ordinance was originally put in place when there was a rash of car burglaries. A car in the street could easily be seen.

Mayor Nohilly noted that every summer there is a rash of cars getting broken into in neighboring towns. They are cars parked on the street.

Councilman Butler noted that he sympathizes with the residents with neighbors who habitually call.

Chief Newman asked Council that if they are approached by a resident with any problem to direct them to call dispatch right away so that the matter can be rectified. Ask residents to call in suspicious any activity. Dispatch is there 24/7.

Council thanked Chief Neumann. Chief Neuman left the meeting.

2. **STREETS AND ROADS SIGN PROJECT PRESENTATION** – *led by Councilman Watson*

Councilman Watson presented the example of the proposed road sign.

Councilman Watson stated that unanimous approval was given to bond for \$60,000 to complete the road sign project. Work has been done with the vendors and the production cost came in at \$48,000. The cost of installation came in a little higher than originally thought at \$18,400. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$67,000. The committee is asking Council to increase the bond to \$70,000 to cover the overage.

Councilman Watson stated that based on the research, this is the only company that produces this cast aluminum product. This has embossed lettering, as opposed to the decal lettering of other signs.

Councilman Watston stated that the Department of Transportation requires that the signs be green, blue or brown. The Streets and Roads Committee ruled out brown.

Councilman Watson asked for a vote on the color.

Council tabled the vote on the color, until more Council members were present.

Mayor Nohilly noted that these are not average street signs. The Borough has already invested money to have the beautiful street lights.

Councilman Butler stated the signs will last a long time.

Borough Attorney Shaklee noted that the money can be put in place with the bond ordinance and the color can be part of the bid.

Councilman Butler noted that the font will be Highway Gothic. Upper case and lower case is required.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:** No new business was discussed at this time.

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

With no public present, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Franks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Watson 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
 Borough Clerk/Administrator