

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2014
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL**

The meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:01 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 members: Cohen, Handerhan, Napoli

Absent: Council President White, Councilman Miller

Resignation: Thomas Morley resigned Council seat July 25, 2014

Late Arrival: Mayor Nohilly 7:04 pm

Also Present: Borough Administrator Lori Reibrich, Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee, Esq., Deal Lake Commission Chairman Don Brockel, Deal Lake Commission Chairman Don Nissim

1. **PICNIC**- Council discussed final plans regarding the picnic. Borough Administrator Reibrich asked Council whether any volunteers were found. Borough Administrator Reibrich noted that the request on the picnic flyer for volunteers got a response from two residents.

Council discussed arrangements for tents and help with set up from the Allenhurst Fire Department.

Council discussed coverage for the Interlaken merchandise sales at the picnic. Difficulty getting volunteers was noted.

Borough Administrator Reibrich stated that the Deal Police Department arranged a kickball game for the kids and there will be other kid's events.

Borough Administrator Reibrich announced that the Jersey Shore Baking Supply store in Wanamassa donated two prize baskets for the baking contest winners.

2. **DEAL LAKE COMMISSION AGREEMENT**- Deal Lake Commission Representative, Don Nissim addressed the Council regarding the letter he sent to Council concerning the Deal Lake Commission.

Mr. Nissim feels strongly that Council should agree to the 10 year agreement with the Deal Lake Commission the way it is currently written and that the possibility of a two percent increase equaling \$200.00 should be a non-issue.

Mr. Nissim feels that Interlaken not being part of the Deal Lake Commission would be foolhardy. During the last three day storm, the Deal Lake Commission emptied roughly 125 million gallons of water out of the lake. If the Deal Lake Commission was not in place as the watchman, that would have increased the level of the lake 25 inches, flooding practically every property on the lake.

Mr. Nissim expressed that the Deal Lake Commission was actively pursuing funding sources for work on the lake. There is federal funding stemming from Superstorm Sandy becoming available for waterway rehabilitation. The Deal Lake Commission had just received a grant of two million dollars and there is another seven or eight million available. The plan is to obtain the funds to dredge deeper in the lake.

Mr. Nissim stated that there is a second bill out there that addresses streams and rivers. During Sandy there was a lot of inland flooding due to the tidal surge. It was initially set up to take care of those types of events and Deal Lake would qualify under those circumstances. The Commission is trying to obtain funds to clean out brooks and streams. Mr. Nissim urged the individual towns to pursue their own funding with State and Federal agencies as well.

Mayor Nohilly stated that the Borough greatly appreciates everything that the Deal Lake Commission does for Interlaken.

Mr. Nissim stated that the Commission is working on getting the flume automated in the next year and a half.

Deal Lake Chairman Don Brockel stated that the Deal Lake Commission's ultimate goal is to be able to hit a button to open the gates rather than continue to use the manual procedure.

Mr. Brockel stated that the ultimate goal is to have the ability to shutdown the flood gates. It looks like the State will open funding for that to happen.

Mr. Brockel stated that they are looking for volunteers to help in the process.

Borough Attorney Shaklee stated that Councilman Miller was not in attendance, but wanted to voice his objection to the agreement. There is no cap on the percentage amount.

Borough Attorney Shaklee stated that he did not see a 2% cap during his preliminary review of the contract.

Mr. Brockel stated that the Commission does not anticipate any increase and the Borough has an option not to pay.

Borough Attorney Shaklee stated that he did not see that provision during his preliminary review.

Councilman Napoli stated that the Borough was requesting a small change be made to the agreement. The Borough would like a "not to exceed" provision added.

Mr. Brockel stated that the Commission would have to start from scratch with the agreement, because all of the other towns have already signed it. Mr. Brockel does not see a rational reason not sign the agreement. The agreement has a 2% cap and does not see a future need for any increase.

Mr. Nissim stated that there are also ways you could withdraw from the agreement.

Borough Attorney Shaklee stated that he does not see where an individual could drop from the agreement.

Mr. Nissim feels that it is absurd to think that a borough that has three parts on the lake would not spend \$200 to protect the town from the lake.

Mayor Nohilly stated that the Borough appreciates everything that the Commission does.

Mr. Nissim stated that the Commission has a lot of traction in a lot of areas for funding. They also have improved communication with the DEP regarding lake improvements.

Mr. Brockel stated that there is now a focus on coastal lakes. There is funding available for special lake projects.

Councilman Napoli asked when the dredging of lake project would start.

Mr. Nissim stated that the project to dredge the lake would start this fall.

Mayor Nohilly thanked Mr. Nissim and Mr. Brockel for attending the meeting.

3. **NEW BUSINESS** – No new business.

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for comments from the public. With no public in attendance at this point of the meeting, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

5. **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

Councilman Napoli asked Borough Attorney Shaklee his feelings on affirming the contract for the Deal Lake Commission.

Mayor Nohilly stated that the Council has signed contracts in the past with no cap including a 10 year police contract.

Councilman Napoli stated that Borough Attorney Shaklee sent a letter to the Commission recommending that the contract be changed.

Mayor Nohilly stated that Borough Attorney Shaklee was asked by Council, led by Councilman Miller to request those changes.

Councilman Napoli asked Borough Attorney Shaklee if he felt Council should move forward on the contract.

Borough Attorney Shaklee stated that the decision would be a judgment that Council would have to make. It is simple enough. Do you want the amounts to be capped or are you okay with the amounts not being capped.

Mayor Nohilly stated that Council has to be aware that the Borough has volunteers be it for the Deal Lake Commission or the Shade Tree Commission and they are needed by the Borough. The agreement has to be kept in perspective.

Councilman Napoli agreed that difference in the amount of the contract was not relevant in the scheme of all of the Borough's shared contracts. It does fall under the umbrella of total fiduciary responsibility.

Councilman Handerhan stated that just having these discussions and review of the agreement make the Commission aware that they are expected to control expenses.

Mayor Nohilly acknowledged that the Deal Lake Commission is spending a lot of their time trying to obtain grant money and they are just as committed to keeping costs down.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further comments, Councilman Cohen made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:32 p.m., seconded by Councilman Handerhan and unanimously carried.

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

 Lori Reibrich
 Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk
 Date Approved: _____