

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
WORKSHOP MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2015
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 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 annual notice to the Coaster and Asbury Park Press. A copy of the annual notice is posted on the Borough bulletin board and is on file in the Borough Clerk’s office.”

Present: Mayor Nohilly, Council members: Franks, Gunn, Handerhan, Horowitz

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

Absent: Council President White

1. **POD STORAGE CONTAINERS** – Councilman Franks led a discussion regarding personal storage containers and presented a possible ordinance to institute a permit fee, establish a time limit for the temporary containers. He presented the names of many different municipalities who have an ordinance and made reference to the Ocean Township Ordinance that could be used as a guide. Councilman Franks stated that there is not an epidemic of PODs in town but, it is a proactive approach to controlling an issue that he feels could get out of hand.

Mayor Nohilly and Councilman Franks discussed the pressing need for an ordinance of this nature. Mayor Nohilly said he did not see that there is an abuse of temporary storage containers and that we should not be reactive to one incident regarding a temporary storage container.

Councilman Gunn said that he did not sense there is a real problem that is making the environment worse for many residents. He does not feel it is necessary to regulate everything by being proactive and anticipating things that do not have a great impact on a majority of the residents. He feels more comfortable with creating solutions when issues or problems arise that affect the majority of the town. Councilman Gunn said he does not feel there is a need for this ordinance and he does not support its development.

Councilman Bulter and Mayor Nohilly discussed the issue of someone trying to make the POD a permanent fixture because there is no time limit addressed in an ordinance. Mayor Nohilly said that we have other ordinances that would address that situation such as a personal storage unit being used as an illegal accessory fixture.

Councilman Handerhan discussed that ordinances are not usually created proactively. The Governing Body sees an emergent need then discusses its institution. He discussed tree ordinances that resulted from clear cutting. These were reactive to a new situation. He feels that ordinances should be created in reaction to a pressing need. Personal storage containers have been around for years and he does not feel that the Borough has an issue with their control.

Councilwoman Horowitz discussed how the community is different and how the residents are very neighborly and watch out for each other. She feels that if these situations were handled more neighborly rather than big brother-like the issues would seem less pressing. If neighbors are concerned with another’s property or has an issue there may be a story there that would make sense for conditions. It is unnecessary to regulate every aspect.

The Council continued to discuss the pros and cons of the proposed ordinance. In the end, Mayor Nohilly determined there was lack of support to move forward with authorizing the Administrator and Attorney to compose an ordinance of this nature.

2. **DOT MUNICIPAL AID GRANT APPLICATION** – *Discussion regarding authorizing the submission of a 2016 DOT Grant Application for Staffa and Iona Streets*

Borough Administrator Reibrich explained the DOT Grant Application process as background for some new members of Council. She explained the yearly submission of documents for grant funding and the process that DOT uses to accepting a proposed project from a town and awarding grant funding.

Administrator Reibrich explained that with the recommendation of the Borough Engineer she would like feedback on if the Mayor and Council would like to move forward with an application for Staffa and Iona Streets. Though these are not highly traveled main thoroughfares, the past few years the DOT has started awarding funding for the less traveled roads. The Borough has completed all of the east/west roadways and would now be seeking north/south side street grant money. Borough Engineer Peter Avakian feels strongly that the Borough would receive funding if not this year possibly next year.

The Grant funding requested would be between \$200-275,000 and the submission and preparation of the specification and plans is a \$1500-2000 investment.

Mayor Nohilly and Administrator Reibrich explained that by investing our own finances into our roadways shows the DOT that we are serious about our road repairs. That is something they look favorably upon.

Councilman Handerhan said that if we invest the money in the submission this year we are on record as wanting to receive grant money. If we don't submit something yearly even with no award it may not look as good for us. He showed his support of the submission this year with a hopefully award this year or next.

Mayor Nohilly asked for a voice vote regarding the submission of the Grant application. The Council unanimously wanted to pursue DOT Grant funding and would vote to authorize the resolutions during the regular meeting.

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

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment.

With no additional public comment, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**- With no further comments, Councilman Handerhan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Franks and unanimously carried.

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

Lori Reibrich, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk