

**INTERLACHEN TOWN COUNCIL
TENTATIVE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 - 5:05 P.M.
INTERLACHEN TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Conner called the Tentative Budget Public Hearing to order at 5:05 p.m. and dispensed with the formalities.

ROLL CALL:

Council members present were Chairperson Joni Conner Vice-Chairperson Carolyn Bennett, Beverly Bakker, and Anna Rose Larsen. Carolyn Meadows was absent. Mayor Hanes was present also.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – JONI CONNER

Discussion and Consideration of FY 2026/2027 Budget.

Town Clerk, Joni Payne stated that the budget covers the General Fund, Water Enterprise Fund and the Cemetery Fund and they are presented as a result of discussions at two previous budget workshops.

Changes include the following:

- 1) Code Enforcement was moved to the Police Department.
- 2) The Code Enforcement Officer position was changed from part-time to full-time.
- 3) \$4,000.00 was added to the Special Events line item for placement of veteran wreaths in Pineview Cemetery.
- 4) Surplus ARPA funds were used for public safety, such as a police vehicle, police vests, a new computer system and tasers. A new Public Works truck and equipment for R-O-W improvements were purchased also.
- 5) Grant funding is due to applying for the following grants; C.D.B.G. Housing Grant, FDOT Paving, Planning, FDLE, and a Rural Infrastructure Grant to prepare the groundwork that will hopefully unlock some funding.
- 6) Overall, the budget is about 13.87% higher than last year and the tentative millage rate is 6.9018 is the same millage rate as last year and represents an increase of 5.36% over the roll back rate which is 6.5507.

There were no public comments.

Council Member Bennett moved to approve the budget for FY 2026/2027. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

RESOLUTION 2026-10 Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for FY 2026/2027.

By unanimous general consent Resolution 2026-10 was read by title only.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve Resolution 2026-10, adopting the tentative millage rate of 6.9018, for the Town of Interlachen, which is the same millage rate as last year, and represents an increase of 5.36% over the roll back rate of 6.5507. Council Member Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-11: Adopting the Tentative Budget for FY 2026/2027.

By unanimous general consent Resolution 2026-11 was read by title only.

Council Member Bennett moved to approve Resolution 2026-11 adopting the tentative budget for the Town of Interlachen for all funds for FY 2026/2027. Council Member Larsen seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Tentative Budget Public Hearing adjourned at 5:13pm.