

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Costanzo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Chairperson Judi Costanzo, Vice-Chairperson Carolyn Bennett, Joni Conner, and Carolyn Meadows. Beverly Bakker was absent due to illness. Mayor Larsen and Attorney George Young were present also.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: JUDI COSTANZO

Mayor Larsen presented Interlachen High School with forty-eight (48) backpacks and other school supplies that were donated by the Town, Staples, and Walmart.

Chairperson Costanzo stated that the Town was presented with a clock from Florida Rural Water for the Town's twenty years of membership.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the Contract Renewal for Codes Enforcement Officer, Mary Ratliff.

The Clerk stated that Ms. Ratliff has done a fantastic job this past year and the contract amount was increased to \$500.00 monthly.

Council Member Conner moved to renew Codes Enforcement Officer, Mary Ratliff's contract. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Contract Renewal for Town Attorney Holmes & Young, P.A.

The Clerk stated that Holmes & Young has represented the Town for forty (40) years and Attorney Young is always helpful. There were no changes in the attorney fees.

Council Member Bennett moved to renew Attorney Holmes & Young's contract. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Contract Renewal for Two-Fold Water Engineering.

The Clerk stated that Two-Fold Water Engineering has serviced the Town for almost forty (40) years. They help maintain the three (3) water plants, do the lake testing, and help the Town to stay in compliance with D.E.P. The contract amount was increased by \$1,029.00.

Council Member Meadows moved to renew Two-Fold Water's contract. Council Member Bennett seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Contract Renewal for the Net Group.

The Clerk stated that The Net Group maintains the Town's website and that some of the updates will now be done in house, therefore there is no increase in the contract amount.

Council Member Conner moved to renew The Net Group's contract. Council Member Bennett seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Resignation of Frances Whittier from the Better Place Plan Committee.

Council Member Bennett moved to accept the resignation of Frances Whittier from the Better Place Plan Committee. Council Member Conner seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

The Mayor will make a plaque to thank Ms. Whittier for her service to the Town.

Discussion and Consideration of the Appointment of Chuck Conner to the Better Place Plan Committee.

Council Member Bennett moved to approve the appointment of Chuck Conner to the Better Place Plan Committee. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a three (3) to one (1) voice vote of the Council, with Council Member Conner abstaining.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Date for the November Council Meeting.

Council Member Conner moved to cancel the November Council meeting and if something important comes up to call a special meeting. Council Member Bennett seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2022-8; Setting Water Fees. – 2nd Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2022-8 was read by title only.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve Ordinance 2022-8 on second reading. Council Member Bennett seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2022-9; Regulating Noise. – 1st Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2022-9 was read by title only.

Council Member Bennett moved to approve Ordinance 2022-9 on first reading. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Members Bennett, Meadows and Conner all thanked the I.H.S. students for their attendance and that they were glad the Town was able to provide them with school supplies.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Larsen also thanked the students for their attendance and thanked Maintenance Supervisor, Richard Glover for all the new signs that have been put up in Town.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

The Clerk stated thanked Ms. Houk and her team for coming to the meeting and reminded the Council of the Tentative Budget Hearing on September 15, 2022, at 5:05pm.

The Mayor asked for an update on the Cemetery paving project and the Clerk advised him that deadline for bids is October 4, 2022.

Chief Wilburn was on vacation.

The Maintenance Supervisor had no comments.

There were no public comments on any agendaed items.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young gave an update on the Dickens and Brush Store codes cases and suggested the Council seriously consider getting a magistrate to hear codes cases. This will be on next month's agenda for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.