

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Chairperson Carolyn Bennett, Vice-Chairperson Carolyn Meadows, Beverly Bakker, Joni Conner, and David Yonts. Mayor Larsen was absent. Attorney George Young was present via zoom and speaker phone.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – CAROLYN BENNETT

Chairperson Bennett had no comments.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of Elin Park Subdivision Roads.

The Clerk explained that this is an existing platted Subdivision in the Town that Mr. Wilkinson is considering purchasing. When the subdivision was re-plated in 2006 there was a dedication of the roads to the public. Mr. Wilkinson is requesting permission to open and develop these roads.

Derek Wilkinson, from Shannon Custom Homes stated that they want to purchase this property and put medium priced homes there. His company is willing to take on the cost to develop the roads according to the Town engineer's standards and after seven (7) years the roads will revert back to the Town.

Citizen Judi Costanzo voiced her concern that Mr. Wilkinson isn't willing to adhere to some of the requirements of the current subdivision ordinance.

The Clerk stated that the staff has looked at the ordinance and has had conversations with Mr. Wilkinson, Attorney Young, the Town engineer, and the maintenance supervisor, and have determined that the subdivision was platted before the subdivision ordinance was put in place.

Council Member Yonts moved to approve the opening and developing of these roads. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

The Clerk clarified that Mr. Wilkinson is requesting to open and develop the two roads going north and south on the east and west of Lake Elin and the small one that juts out on the west side of the property.

Council Member Yonts moved to amend his motion to approve the opening, developing, and maintaining of the above referenced roads for ten (10) years and then the Town will take over the maintenance of them. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a four (4) to one (1) roll call vote, with Council Member Bennett voting no.

Discussion and Consideration of Interlachen Historical Society Park Reservation.

Chairperson Bennett passed the gavel to Vice-Chairperson Meadows for agenda items 5 (B) & (C) due to a voting conflict since she is a Historical Society member.

Interlachen Historical Society President, Pat High requested the use of Dowda Park picnic area, tennis court and ballfield, Jenkins Park picnic area and stage, and Lake Lagonda Park for a Native American Day on April 29, 2023, from 6am-6pm.

The Clerk advised the Council that special events insurance will be needed for this event.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the Historical Society Park Reservation for their Native American Day contingent that they have additional insurance . Council Member Conner seconded.

The motion and second were withdrawn.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the Historical Society Park Reservation for their Native American Day for use of Picnic Dowda Park, Jenkins Park, ball field and Interlachen Hall, contingent that they have additional insurance, and police protection. Council Member Conner seconded.

The motion and second were withdrawn.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the Historical Society Park Reservation for their Native American Day for use of Dowda Park Picnic area and ball field, Jenkins Park and stage area, and Interlachen Hall, contingent that they have additional insurance, and police protection. Council Member Conner seconded. Motion passed by a four (4) to one (1) roll call vote, with Council Member Bennett abstaining.

Discussion and Consideration of Interlachen Historical Society Request for a \$5,000.00 Donation.

Interlachen Historical Society President, Pat High requested that the Town to co-sponsor their event so they don't have to get additional insurance and contribute \$5,000.00.

This request was denied due to the lack of a motion.

Discussion and Consideration of a Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the use of the Town's lot for an Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2023, from 9am-noon. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the C.D.B.G. Bids.

Council Member Yonts moved to accept the bids from Fred Fox Enterprises and Mittauer & Associates and move forward with the contracts. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the Addendum to the Code Enforcement Officers' Contract.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the Addendum to the Code Enforcement Officers' Contract. Council Member Conner seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of a Road Vacating Policy.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the Road Vacating Policy. Council Member Yonts seconded. Motion and second were withdrawn.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the Road Vacating Policy with the application fee of \$300.00. Council Member Yonts seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the Appointment of Adam Hemphill to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the appointment of Adam Hemphill to the Planning Commission. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Volunteer Luncheon.

The Volunteer Luncheon will be held at the Community Center at noon on April 15, 2023. Council Member Yonts will contact Sonny's about catering it and the council members will provide dessert. Council Member Bennett will provide the paper goods, Council member Bakker will provide the water and tea if necessary, and Council Member Meadows will decorate.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-1; Authorizing the Conveyance of Property From F.D.O.T. to the Town of Interlachen.

By unanimous general consent Resolution 2023-1 was read by title only.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve Resolution 2023-1. Council Member Bakker 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:

There were no comments from any council members.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Larsen was absent.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Chief Wilburn gave an overview of how the justice system works and how that the State Attorney determines whether or not to prosecute someone.

Town Clerk, Joni Payne stated that Attorney Young left the meeting during discussion of agenda item I due to illness and apologized for the technical difficulties. She advised the Council that the Redi-Grant will be on next month's agenda.

Maintenance Supervisor Richard Glover stated that the cemetery paving project is 99% complete and 230 feet of fencing will be installed upon completion of the paving.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young left earlier in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jack Holley stated that due to the late hour he will defer his comments until next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.