

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 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. Attorney George Young and Mayor Larsen were present also.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – CAROLYN BENNETT

Chairperson Bennett announced that the Caucus for the November 7, 2023 Election is July 11, 2023 At 5:30pm. Council Member Joni Conner will chair the Caucus. Seats up for re-election are Beverly Bakker, Carolyn Bennett and Carolyn Meadows. Qualifying begins at noon on August 7, 2023 and ends at noon on August 11, 2023.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of a Letter of Support Seeking Funds for Paving New York and Bishop Street.

County Commissioner, Larry Harvey advised the Council that the County plans for resurfacing North CR 31 are about 80% complete and that F.D.O.T. may have monies available to pave New York and Bishop Street. He was requesting that the Council approve sending a letter to F.D.O.T. asking if funds are available.

Council Member Conner moved to approve sending a letter to F.D.O.T. seeking funds for paving New York and Bishop Street. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Redi Grant Phase IV.

The Clerk explained that S.J.R.W.M. will not let the Town change the scope of work or increase the amount of the grant, therefore she recommended that the Town withdraw from the contract.

Council Member Meadows moved to back out of the contract. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Water Plant bids.

The Clerk stated that three (3) bids were received, and the lowest bid was from Southern Corrosion in the amount of \$99,091.00.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve Southern Corrosion's bid of \$99,091.00. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Pop Warner Request for Sign Placement at Corner of SR 20 & CR 315.

The Pop Warner representatives were advised that the Town cannot decide on this until F.D.O.T. deeds the property over to the Town.

Discussion and Consideration of Abatement/Foreclosure of Property at 107 Dickens Street.

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mary Ratliff stated that on March 21, 2023 an Order of Abatement/Foreclosure was signed by Special Magistrate, Ronald Brown and as of this date the accrued fines are \$9,825.00.

Council Member Meadows moved to start the abatement process on the property at 107 Dickens Street. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of use of ARPA Funds for Tremont Water Plant Tank Repairs.

Maintenance Supervisor Richard Glover stated that there is \$70,000.00 budgeted for the tank repairs, and the project needs to be done as soon as possible.

Council Member Conner moved to use ARPA Funds to cover the short fall of \$29,091.00 for the Tremont Water Plant tank repairs. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of use of ARPA Funds for I.V.F.D. Firefighters Donation.

Council Member Conner moved to use ARPA Funds to give fourteen (14) I.V.F.D. Station 4 firefighters a \$500.00 donation. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of use of ARPA Funds to Hire a Planning/Zoning Consultant.

The Clerk stated that she is estimating the cost of a planner to be around \$70,000.00 and that it will have to go out for bids. She stated that she feels that it would benefit the Town to have the Zoning Ordinance updated.

Council Member Meadows moved to use ARPA Funds to hire a Planning/Zoning Consultant. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Budget Transfer #1.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve Budget Transfer #1, in the amount of \$13,799.00. Council Member Conner seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-2; Establishing Fees for Commercial Backflow Preventers.

By unanimous general consent, Resolution 2023-2 was read by title only.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve Resolution 2023-2. Council member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote of the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Conner stated that the Events Committee had their first planning meeting for the fall festival. There will be a free rock painting event at the Community Center on June 21, 2023 from 1-3pm.

Council Member Meadows stated that there was a good turnout for placing flags on Veteran gravesites at Pineview Cemetery.

Council Member Bakker discussed the decorating of the Council's July 4th float.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Larsen had no comments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Town Clerk, Joni Payne stated that on June 3, 2023 there was an unauthorized event at the east end of Jenkins Park. The Maintenance Department has put up tape defining the Town's park area and "No Parking" signs and a sign with information on reserving the Park will be put up.

Chief Wilburn stated that the Police Department and Public Works are ready for the July 4th event.

Maintenance Supervisor Richard Glover had no comments.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.