

**PUTNAM COUNTY & TOWN OF INTERLACHEN  
JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.  
C.H. PRICE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Larry Harvey Chairperson Conner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

County Commissioners present were, Chairman Larry Harvey, Paul Adamczyk, Bill Pickens, and Jeff Rawls,

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jim Green and Bill Kelly expressed their concern regarding the flooding on Popular Drive. Commissioner Jeff Rawls stated that a MSBU may be needed to address the dirt roads throughout the county.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

**Animal Control: Facility Update.**

Commissioner Rawls stated that the floor plans have been developed and they now need an engineer and architect. Town Council Member Judi Costanzo asked about prisoners training dogs. County Administrator, Terry Suggs said he will look into that possibility.

**Public Works: Coordination of Road Projects.**

Commissioner Larry Harvey stated that he would like for the Town to let them know of any upcoming paving projects so that they can possibly piggy-back and pave some county roads.

**Public Works: Signage.**

Town Council Member, Judi Costanzo asked if the County could provide the street signs on CR 315. Public Works Director, Mike Troxel said the county can make and deliver street signs to the town at cost.

**Public Works: Mowing.**

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Director, Mike Troxel stated that they try to mow four times a year, but presently there is a personnel shortage and due to Covid, he can't use prisoners.

**Fire/Rescue: Fire Services in Interlachen.**

Public Safety Director, J.R. Grimes stated that they now have two career fire fighters at Mary Wisham Park to help the Area volunteer fire departments. He further stated that their budget has not been cut and that he would supply the volunteer Fire departments with anything they need.

There was some discussion of a MSBU for Emergency Services.

**Other Discussion:**

Building Official, John Cioffi stated that beginning September 21, 2021, building permits can be obtained online.

Commissioner Jeff Rawls stated that due to safety concerns, he would like to see the business tax reinstated

**Discussion of Interlocal Agreements.**

This was tabled until a workshop can be scheduled.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bill Pickens stated that the topics discussed tonight were serious and that the Animal Control building is Closer than it's ever been.

Commissioner Paul Adamczyk thanked everyone for coming out and said he is available to speak to anyone.

Commissioner Jeff Rawls stated that he attended the substance abuse and mental health conference and that a building is needed for those trying to recover.

Commissioner Larry Harvey stated that the County sold some surplus equipment and property, and that growth is coming to Putnam, County.

Council Member Costanzo thanked everyone for attending and stated that she looks forward to continuing a working relationship with the County.

Council Member Meadows stated that it was great to have a face-to-face contact with the Commissioners and she looks forward to working together to solve problems.

Council Member Bennett stated that this joint meeting was very productive, and she looks forward to future meetings.

Council Member Bakker stated that the public works information was helpful.

Mayor Larsen stated that it was good to meet all the department heads.

Town Clerk, Joni Payne stated that she looks forward to working together with the county.

Chairperson Conner asked Mr. Troxel to put gravel down I front of the Community Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.