

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Costanzo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: JUDI COSTANZO

Chairperson Costanzo had no comments and turned the meeting over to Margo Moehring from the Northeast Regional Council.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Submitting the Proposed Comprehensive Plan Changes Recommended by the Evaluation and Appraisal Review Amendments.

Ms. Moehring stated that the Evaluation and Appraisals Report has to be done every seven (7) years in order be compliant with any changes in state law and explained the review process.

Robert Jordan, from the Northeast Regional Council and proposed the following: stated Extend the timeline of the Plan to 2035 due to the slow rate of growth and the overall efficiency of Town services.

Objective 1 allows the Town Council to approve the development of affordable housing as defined by Florida Statutes.

Policy 1.6- 1.7 clarifies that there is a future use category of Conservation Lakes, which are public and private lands devoted to conserve unique and natural functions including lakes and wetlands.

Mining was moved to Industrial.

Policy 1.22 adds solar facilities as an agriculture use pursuant to Senate Bill 896.

Policies 1.21-1.54 were renumbered as 1.18-1.55.

Policy 3.1 states that when the Town adopts a five-year capital improvement plan it will be an appendix of the Capital Improvements Element and will be sent to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Element I addresses the issue of property rights as per Florida Statutes.

Since Florida Statutes no longer require a Public Schools Element it was removed.

The Map Series was updated, and the definitions were deleted.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2022-1; Adopting the Evaluation and Appraisal Review Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. – 1st Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2022-1 was read by title only.

Council Member Conner moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-1 on first reading. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairperson Costanzo closed the public hearing at 6:45 pm

OPEN COUNCIL MEETING:

Chairperson Costanzo opened the Council meeting at 7:00 pm and dispensed with the formalities.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of Applying for a Redi Grant. – Kellen Lindsay

Council Member Meadows moved to apply for the Redi Grant. Council Member Bennett seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council. The Council agreed to allow the Town Clerk, the Maintenance Supervisor and Mr. Lindsey to come up with projects for the Redi Grant and S.C.O.P. Grant.

Discussion and Consideration of Chance Combos' Request for a Reduction of his Water Bill.

Council Member Conner moved to forgive Mr. Combos' bill of \$4,377.92. Council Member Bennett seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Michael Woods' Request for a Reduction of his Water Bill.

Council Member Conner moved to forgive Mr. Woods' bill of \$3,705.64. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Removal of Danielle Ocasio from the Tree Board.

Council Member Bakker moved to remove Ms. Casio from the Tree Board. Council Member Conner seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Appointment of Timothy Keyser to the Tree Board.

Council Member Bakker moved to appoint Mr. Keyser to the Tree Board. Council Member Conner seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council

Discussion and Consideration of the Regular Appointment of Angi Glisson.

Council Member Bennett moved to approve the regular appointment of Ms. Glisson. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council

Discussion and Consideration of an Easter Egg Hunt.

Council Member Conner moved to have the Town co-sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Updated Pandemic Policy.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the Pandemic Policy amended as follows: “Employees must also quarantine if a household or family member (any family member or person that resides in their home or they are immediate caretaker for) with whom they are in direct contact with tests positive.” Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Abatement/Foreclosure of Certain Properties.

The Council gave Attorney Young permission to have a title search done on the Dickens and Caracus properties.

Discussion and Consideration of SR 20 Retention Ponds.

Council Member Meadows stated that F.D.O.T. is not fencing the retention ponds and landscaping may not be done for a year or so. Attorney Young will contact F.D.O.T. Board Member Browning about this issue.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Workshop Dates for ARPA Funds, Charter, Noise and Emergency Plan.

The ARPA and Charter workshop was set for 3pm on February 22, 2022. The Noise Ordinance, Emergency Plan and Water Ordinance workshop was set for 3pm on March 16, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2022-2; Personnel Manual.

By unanimous general consent Resolution 2022-2 was read by title only. Council Member Conner moved to adopt Resolution 2022-2. Council Member Bennett seconded. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Members Bennett and Conner thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Larsen stated that he was glad the Council forgave Mr. Cumbo and Mr. Woods’ water bills.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

The Clerk stated that all the boards will have a training session March 8, 2022, and that some codes cases have been closed.

The Maintenance Supervisor stated that P&S Paving should be finished with SR 20 tomorrow.

The Chief stated that he has interviewed a potential police officer and should be ready to introduce him at the next meeting.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young stated that he attended the rural legislative days and thanked Officer Holmes for his quick response.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.