

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Chairperson Beverly Bakker, Vice-Chairperson Joni Conner, Carolyn Bennett Carolyn Meadows, and David Yonts. Mayor Hanes and Attorney George Young were present also.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – BEVERLY BAKKER

Chairperson Bakker welcomed new Mayor Rick Hanes and stated that she looks forward to working with him. She announced that the American Legion wreath placement at Pineview Cemetery will be Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 10am. She thanked the town staff for their help with the Christmas celebration.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of Funding the Installation of a Volleyball Court. – Lyn Brose

Ms. Brose asked the Council to consider installing a volleyball court by the tennis court. She said it would be beneficial to the students that participate in the sport because they could practice during the hours that the school is closed.

The Council decided to research the idea and check with Larry Harvey to see what the county is willing to do.

Discussion and Consideration of the Renewal of Better Place Plan Members; Thomas Campbell, Jason Matchett and Tony Minotti.

Council Member Coner moved to approve the renewal of Better Place Plan Members; Thomas Campbell, Jason Matchett and Tony Minotti. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council

Discussion and Consideration of the Resignation of Gail Guinta From the Citizen’s Advisory Task Force.

Council Member Bennett moved to accept the resignation of Gail Guinta from the Citizen’s Advisory Task Force. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council

Discussion and Consideration of the Resignation of Adam Hemphill From the Planning Commission.

Council Member Conner moved to accept the resignation of Adam Hemphill From the Planning Commission. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Appointment of Judy Miller to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the appointment of Judy Miller to the Planning Commission. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council

Discussion and Consideration of the Resignation of Barbara Cooke From the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Council Member Bennett moved to accept the resignation of Barbara Cooke From the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Town Sponsored Pet Adoption.

Judy Costanzo announced that the pet adoption will be held at the caboose on January 25, 2025 from 11am-2pm.

Discussion and Consideration of the Arbor Day Celebration.

Tree Board Member, Judi Costanzo announced that the town's 21st Arbor Day Celebration will be at Interlachen Hall on January 17, 2025 at noon. The guest speaker will be Blake Josephson from the Division of Forestry. Refreshments will be provided by the Rainbow Garden Club and the town and there will be a raffle for trees.

Discussion and Consideration of the Tree Board. – Judi Costanzo

Mrs. Costanzo stated that the Maintenance Supervisor and she had surveyed the Arbor Day trees that have previously been planted and presented the Council with a list of trees that need to be replaced or moved to another location. She stated that the Tree Board has not been following the Tree Board ordinance and suggested that the Council and Board have a workshop to determine what their role is and to discuss having a Tree Committee versus a Tree Board.

Discussion and Consideration of the Resignation of Judi Costanzo From the Tree Board.

Council Member Bennett moved to accept the resignation of Judi Costanzo from the Tree Board. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Appointment of Laverne Larsen to the Tree Board.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the appointment of Laverne Larsen to the Tree Board. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Donating the Old Copier to I.V.F.D. Station 4.

Council Member Meadows moved to donate the copier to I.V.F.D. Station 4. Council Member Bennett seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the 201 Commonwealth Avenue Agreement.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the agreement with the stipulation that #2 under "Settlement Terms & Conditions" be changed as follows: "The town has agreed that if the property is brought into compliance by the date determined, then the fine will be reduced to \$5,000. If the tenant fails to do so, the reduction would not be in place and the fines will continue to accrue." Council Member Bennett seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of a Nuisance Abatement for 106 Tropic Avenue.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the nuisance abatement. Council Member Bennett seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Draft for Request for Proposals for the Sign at the Intersection.

The Council liked sign #1 & #3 and requested that they be submitted to a designer with the inclusion of "Between the Lakes" and "Established in 1883". The colors in the town seal are to be incorporated in the sign.

RESOLUTIONS:

A) Resolution 2024-10 ; Back Flow and Water Rates.

By unanimous general consent, Resolution 2024-10 was read by title only.

Council Member Meadows moved to approve Resolution 2024-10. Council Member Bennett seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

B) Resolution 2024-11 Hydrant Rental Procedures and Fees.

By unanimous general consent, Resolution 2024-11 was read by title only.

Council Member Conner moved to approve Resolution 2024-10. Council Member Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

ORDINANCES :

A) Ordinance 2024-6; Water Connection Procedures. – 1st Reading

Council Member Yonts moved to approve Ordinance 2024-6. Council Member Bennett seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA :

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Hanes thanked Mayor Larsen for his support and guidance. He thanked all the board volunteers and stated that the Christmas celebration was a great success.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Bennett stated that the Christmas celebration was good, but more lighting is need along the parade route.

Council Member Conner welcomed the new mayor and stated that although the Christmas celebration was good, she wished There had been more participation in the ugly outfit contest.

Council Member Meadows thanked the Public Works Department for their help with the Christmas celebration.

Council Member Yonts thanked all who participated in the Christmas celebration.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Town Clerk, Joni Payne reminded the Council of the required ethics and cyber training and that the Christmas celebration was like a Hallmark movie.

Chief Wilburn also thanked the Public Works Department for their work in the Christmas celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.