

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 - 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. Attorney George Young was present, and Mayor Hanes was absent.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – BEVERLY BAKKER

Chairperson Bakker welcomed everyone.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the 2023/2024 Audit Report.

Brendan McKitrick, from James Moore presented the 2023/2024 audit report as follows: Total Town Revenues: \$2.7 Million (Prior Year \$1.9 Million), total expenses: \$1.71 Million (Prior Year \$1.50 Million). There were no discrepancies found in the audit.

Council Member Joni Conner moved to approve the 2023/2024 Audit Report. Council Member Carolyn Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of a Greenbelt Aea Between SR 20 and Atlantic Avenue.

Tabled to the March Agenda.

Discussion and Consideration of Continuing with a Tree Board or Establish a Tree Committee.

Council Member Carolyn Meadows would like the Tree Board Ordinance to be updated. The Clerk stated that a workshop will be scheduled in March to make the updates.

Council Member Carolyn Bennett moved to keep the Tree Board. Council Member Carolyn Meadows seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Interlachen Hall.

The Council moved to approve painting Interlachen Hall using Color Chart #2, which includes the following Sherwin-Williams colors:

- **Body:** #2822 Dowing Sand
- **Trim:** #0038 Library Pewter
- **Door:** #0007 Decorous Amber

The Clerk noted that incorporating new siding and windows as part of the renovation could alter the building's historic appearance. If hardy board siding and hurricane windows were installed, the building could lose its historical registry status. To preserve its historical integrity, the Council discussed the recommendation of Borel siding (a material made from ash and wood), which would cost \$57,000 compared to \$6,000 for hardy board.

Attorney Young advised that further evaluation should be conducted regarding the impact of material choices on the building's historical registry status. Additionally, budget considerations for siding material selection and modifications should be reviewed before proceeding.

After discussion, the Council moved to table the approval for renovations until the March meeting to allow time for gathering additional information.

Discussion and Consideration of Hosting a “Meet & Greet” for Mayor Rick Hanes.

The Clerk requested to set a date for a “meet and greet for Mayor Rick Hanes. The Council approved by unanimous voice vote to allow for the “meet and greet” and for staff to schedule.

CONSENT AGENDA :

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

No comment due to Mayor Hanes being absent.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Bennett thanked everyone for coming out

Council Member Conner stated that the Arbor Day celebration was wonderful. The Pet Adoption is Saturday, February 22nd and the Chili Cook-Off is March 8th from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. She also thanked Mr. Glover and his staff for their work on the Caboose addition project.

Council Member Meadows had no comments.

Council Member Yonts is thankful for the “good citizenship award” that the Town Council presents the children at Jenkins Elementary School.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Town Clerk, Joni Payne stated that she was thankful for Mr. Bill White coming out from Water Management District. Demolition of the 106 Tropic house, which is across from Hastings Park. began today. She reminded Council of the Land Development Review Workshop at 6:30pm Tuesday, February 18th.

Chief Wilburn stated that the subject that had committed the “little crime spree” has been caught and is in custody in Key West. He will be extradited back to Putnam County once the charges in Key West are completed.

Maintenance Supervisor Richard Glover stated that the Grassy Lake water has been taken out of service for inspection as of Monday, February 10, 2025. There have been no deficiencies found, and it will be back in service on Thursday. The Strickland Water Plant will be taken out of service on Thursday, February 13, 2025 and hopefully be back in service on Monday or Tuesday of next week. This is to stay in compliance with DEP and has to be done every 5 years.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young stated no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.