

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
TOWN COUNCIL HYBRID MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Conner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: JONI CONNER

Chairperson Conner welcomed everyone and stated that our thoughts go out to the victims of two-house fires.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of Independence Day Celebration.

Larry Harvey stated that July 4th is on a Sunday and a decision needs to be made when to have the celebration.

Council Member Meadows moved to have the Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 3, 2021. Council Member Bennett seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Commissioner Harvey present two CARES Checks to the Town for a total of \$99,391.78.

Discussion and Consideration of Letter of Support for Renaming Interlachen High School.

Leo Granger stated that Price Middle School and Interlachen High School are going to be combined and requested that the Council send a letter of support to the School Board in favor of changing the name of Interlachen High School to "Robert H. Jenkins, Jr. High School".

Council Member Costanzo moved to send a letter supporting renaming Interlachen High School, after our hero, Robert Jenkins. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Community Easter Egg Hunt.

The Clerk stated that Jason Matchett could not be present but was requesting that the Town co-sponsor a Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Council Member Bennet moved to approve the Easter Egg hunt. Council Member Bakker seconded. Council Member Bennett amended the motion to say co-sponsor the event at Hastings Park, the Lion's Club and the Town lot, so that the Town can provide the insurance. Council Member Bakker seconded.

After some discussion the second and motion were withdrawn.

Council Member Bennett moved to co-sponsor the Community Easter Egg Hunt contingent upon proof of adequate insurance coverage for the Lions Club property. The Town will only be responsible for the insurance coverage on Town property. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of James Moore & Company Auditor Contract.

The Clerk explained that the \$6,000.00 is in addition to the original contract so that they can provide the services that Kathy is no longer providing, since she has retired.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the James Moore contract. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Pandemic Guideline.

Council Member Bakker moved to approve the Pandemic Guidelines for employees. Council Member Bennett seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Appreciation Plaque for Lisa Suarez.

Council Member Costanzo moved to present a plaque to Lisa Suarez in appreciation for her dedication to Animal Control. Council Member Meadows seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Date for a Personnel Manual & Codes Enforcement Workshop.

The Codes Enforcement Workshop was set for March 24, 2021 at 5:05pm and the Personnel Manual Workshop was set for April 6, 2021 at 5:05pm.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Date for a Volunteer Luncheon.

This item was tabled until the fall.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

EMERGENCY ITEM:

The Council agreed to put the following discussion on the agenda as an emergency item:

The Deputy Town Clerk requested permission to send certified letters to residents with current open codes cases.

Council Member Meadows moved to allow Mrs. Glover to proceed with sending certified letters to residents with current open codes cases. Council Member Bakker seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Bakker stated that it's nice to see Hastings Park packed with children.

Council Member Bennett stated that it's nice to see Hastings Park from SR 20.

Council Member Meadows stated that she would like to see more picnic tables and pavilions installed at Hastings Park.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Larsen stated that he's happy that the Town will have the Easter Egg Hunt and Independence Day Celebration.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

The Chief stated that he is having difficulty filling the open officer position.

The Maintenance Supervisor stated that the repair on the inside of the caboose has been completed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Jean Russell stated that the inside of the caboose looks great and commended the workers that repaired it.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Young had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.