

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Carolyn Meadows called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present were Chairperson Carolyn Meadows, Vice-Chairperson Joni Conner, Beverly Bakker, Carolyn Bennett and David Yonts. Mayor Larsen was absent due to illness. Attorney George Young was present.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – CAROLYN MEADOWS

Chairperson Meadows welcomed everyone and stated that she is glad the special meeting for bank proposals is over.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of the 201 Commonwealth Avenue Agreement.

Mr. Walters was not present. Attorney Young stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Walters via email and Mr. Walters has provided a general plan and timeline for restoration of the building. If the plan is presented to a judge, it will have dates and timelines. Attorney Young stated that he doesn't want to start drafting something like that unless the Council is happy with Mr. Walters' plan.

The nuisance abatement process isn't to make the place look good but to abate the nuisance, which primarily is the collapsing roof and securing the building. If nothing is done the court could authorize the town to demolish the building, which would be an extreme cost to the town. Anything Mr. Walters can do to accomplish the goal of abating the nuisance would be a cost savings to the town.

Council Member Bennett moved to authorize Attorney Young to draft a mediated settlement agreement which will include requiring Mr. Walters to provide proof of a contract with a general contractor at the October 8, 2024 Council meeting and a deadline of February 1, 2025 to come into compliance. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of a Request from Nicole Abel Regarding Halloween Decorations.

Mrs. Abel requested permission to place mannequins in front of her house for Halloween. Attorney Young said he will research it, but he believes that the town doesn't have the authority to give permission for someone to use the right-of-way.

Staff will try to determine the location of the right-of-way and Council will make a decision at the October 8, 2024 Council meeting.

Discussion and Consideration of Voiding the Current Covid Policy.

Council Member Bennett moved to void the current Covid Policy. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of a Pickleball Court.

Council Member Conner moved to add a pickleball court to the existing tennis court. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Contract Renewal for Holmes & Young Attorneys at Law.

Council Member Bakker moved to renew the contract for Holmes & Young. Council Member Bennett seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Contract Renewal for The Net Group/Municreative.

Council Member Bakker moved to renew the contract for The Net Group/Municreative. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Contract Renewal for Two-Fold Water Engineering.

Council Member Bennett moved to renew the contract for Two-Fold Water Engineering. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Approval of the Special Magistrate Agreement.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the Special Magistrate Agreement. Council Member Bennett seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of Setting a Ribbon Cutting Date for the Vita-Park Equipment.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was set for 10am on October 23, 2024.

Discussion and Consideration of the Resignation of Ronald Stephens from the Tree Board.

Council Member Bakker moved to accept the resignation of Ronald Stephens from the Tree Board. Council Member Yonts seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Discussion and Consideration of the Appointment of Judi Costanzo to the Tree Board.

Council Member Conner moved to approve the appointment of Judi Costanzo to the Tree Board. Council Member Bennett seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2024-2; Adoption of the Official Town Seal. – 2nd Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2024-2 was read by title only. Council Member Bakker moved to approve Ordinance 2024-2 on second reading. Council Member Bennett seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2024-4; Codes Enforcement. – 2nd Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2024-4 was read by title only. Council Member Conner moved to approve Ordinance 2024-4 on second reading. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

Ordinance 2024-5; Care of Premises. – 2nd Reading

By unanimous general consent Ordinance 2024-5 was read by title only. Council Member Bennett moved to approve Ordinance 2024-5 on second reading. Council Member Bakker seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous general consent.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Bakker recognized the public in attendance.

Council Member Yonts stated that since the County has started resurfacing CR 315 the drains are covered.

Council Member Bennett thanked the public for their attendance and stated that the Final Budget Public Hearing will be at 5:05pm on September 19, 2024.

Chairperson Meadows gave an update on Mayor Larsen, who is recovering from heart surgery.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

The Maintenance Supervisor and Town Clerk had no comments.

Chief Wilburn stated that the car radios have been installed and the portables are not 100% yet. He may come before the Council at a later date regarding disposal of the old radios.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.