

Interlaken Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, 01 February 2021, 6:33 PM – 8:00 PM
Meeting Conducted Remotely with Zoom Video Conferencing Software

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1. Call to Order – 6:33 pm

2. Roll Call

Greg Harrigan, Mayor
Justin Hibbard, Council Member
Chuck O’Nan, Council Member
Sue O’Nan, Council Member
Marge Bowen, Council Member

Susanna Littell, Planning Commission chair was present

Bart Smith, Town Clerk was present

3. Presentations: None Scheduled

4. Public Comment:

Tasha Lingos, 311 Interlaken Drive – Tasha noted that there is a 2/9/2021 Midway Meeting regarding Phase 2 of the Reserves at Midway development.

5. Consent Agenda: None

6. Approval of Agenda or Changes

Motion: Council Member Sue O’Nan moved to approve the agenda.

Second: Council Member Bowen seconded the motion.

Discussion: no discussion

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council Members unanimously voting Aye

7. Approval of 01/06/2021 Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Council Member Bowen moved to approve the 1/06/21 minutes.

Second: Council Member Sue O’Nan seconded the motion.

Discussion: no discussion

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council Members unanimously voting Aye

8. FY2021 Proposed Budget Amendment

Clerk Smith presented an amended version of the previously approved town FY2021 budget (see attachment). The proposed changes to the budget include adding lines for reporting CARES act funding for the town, and a corresponding expense of CARES revenue towards support of the Wasatch County Fire district. Both lines balance out with revenue and expense of \$20,115. Other changes are minor, adding blank lines and some miscellaneous categories for revenue and expense that were not covered in the previously approved budget. For example, a “miscellaneous revenue” line was added to the General fund to cover revenue like the \$10 fee paid to the town for an easement to Strawberry Communications for installing a tower at the pump house.

Motion: Council Member Hibbard moved to approve the amended FY2021 budget as presented.

Second: Council Member Chuck O’Nan seconded the motion.

Discussion: no discussion

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council Members unanimously voting Aye

9. Guardrail Repair and Bid

Smith is still waiting to hear back from Shane Mang of NRGY Builders for a bid to repair the Bern Way guard rails. They will also do a per foot bid to add guardrails on the road connecting Interlaken Drive and Bern Way. See the attached map for details. Smith asked the council if we should we keep the jersey barriers to add more protection to the exposed curve at the top of Bern Way.

Greg – he doesn’t think we need the jersey barrier. Do we need to fix the lower section of that guardrail? We will check to see. Let’s get the entire thing fixed. Chuck – where’s the contractor that backed into it and did the damage below. We don’t know. Greg will inspect and mark the guardrail where it needs repair.

We will get bids for both. Do we need to apply for a grant for the lower guardrails?

Marge – she will talk to John, and perhaps contact TO as well regarding grants.

Smith will also follow up with TO about guardrail grants.

10. Water Billing FY2021

Smith sent the first water billing for FY2021 on 1/24/21 and 1/26/21. All bills were sent via email except 4, for lot owners who specifically requested a paper bill, or who don’t have an email address on record with the town. All water overage billings were waived for this year, as agreed upon by the council earlier this year. The total billing amount sent out was \$173,070. The annual base fee is \$816 for an empty lot, and \$972 for a lot with a connection to the system or an active building permit.

Greg – how far are we from installing the digital readout system? Smith responded that the town did budget for the system for this year, but he will contact the vendor to verify current pricing and deployment options. The town may to decide to buy the digital readout equipment up front and install the required antennas to service each meter over time.

Smith noted that Midco did not service the water tank this year because of issues related to COVID. We will reschedule with Midco for this spring.

11. Luzern DPW Site Dumpster Issues

Smith spoke with the town attorney regarding the town’s enforcement capability regarding dumpster misuse. See the attached email for details. The council voted previously to approve surveillance equipment for monitoring the inside of the pumphouse. Smith will order this equipment. See the attached email for details. The town will be installing option F plus option G.

Chuck will talk with Dylan about signs for the site.

Marge – did the extra pickup day address the dumpster overflow problem? Bart – it’s better. Greg – there are unbroken boxes from addresses outside Interlaken. Marge –we should wait until we move to the new DPW site at Edelweiss before we pay for exterior cameras. Greg – people are still abusing it – pallets, chemicals. Greg doesn’t really want cameras there. We should do an interior camera for the pump house as discussed, but wait for any exterior surveillance. Let’s have Tim continue his work and we will apply it to the new site.

Justin – if we catch a license plate how do we capture the actual perpetrator? Question for Tim. Greg – it’s more about changing people’s behavior, not generating revenue. The county prosecutor would get the fines. Chuck – by the time we get this moved, we will have the signage, which can be moved, and the info from Tim. Let’s wait and get everything ready for the new site.

12. Pump House - Generator and Metering Upgrade

Bart reported that the town has submitted its first grant reimbursement request (see attachment). The total request amount submitted was \$36,202.43. The recipient share for this submittal is 75% or \$27,151.82. The installation is nearing completion. Nick Birch is waiting on parts to install a cold weather start package, but the system is functional. Chuck will look for someone to install the fencing and get bids.

13. Strawberry Communications ISP Update

Tasha – how many people are signed up right now? Greg – about 30. Tasha – at the previous meeting, Strawberry said the antenna would only be 5 feet above the roof line and it's clearly higher than this. Tasha is offended and upset that she didn't have a voice in the approval process. She wondered why everyone had a voice in the Soper project, but no one did for this. There was also discussion about the pumphouse by the IMWC prior to being built, but not this. The trees that were promised to shield the pumphouse were not taken care of and haven't provided any screening.

Greg – we were surprised also about the tower height. In order to create the benefit for the town, it needed to be higher than originally planned.

Tasha – she was concerned that the tower will emit rays and possibly interfere with birds in the area. She doesn't think this is right for 30 people.

Greg – I totally understand, but the internet in our community is not sufficient to support our modern usage requirements. The world is changing below us – there will be homes built right below your home, and it will have a greater impact than the tower.

Tasha – is there money in the budget to plant pine trees to block off the pumphouse and the tower view from above?

Greg – can we use water from your home to irrigate those trees?

Tasha – agreed to that. She appreciates all we do for the town.

Justin – there could be some possible changes down the line. He was also surprised about the height of the tower. He assumes that the height is required for line of sight. There is new technology that uses a different frequency that doesn't require that limitation. Strawberry is starting to test this technology and it may be used in town in the future.

14. Neighborhood Watch Program Update

Sue – had a meeting on 1/19 – they discussed keeping a lookout for cars parked for more than 24 hours, and dumpster misuse, and they decided to meet quarterly. Next meeting will be in April. She thought she'd have the fire warden attend the next meeting - Troy. There are currently 11 participants.

Tasha agreed to participate in the program. Greg – deputize Tasha and give her a vest.

Greg – should we put up more neighborhood watch signs. Bart noted that we will need a new sign for the new entrance at Canyon View Dr from Zenger's.

15. Planning Commission – Report and Building Permit Status

Susanna Littell reported that there's been very little movement. TO report did not show any significant updates on their report.

- Parsons – some progress
- Barton – some progress
- Vermazen – 4-way and weather barrier Lot 23 passed
- Solar permit – Art Lang – it was quickly installed
- Mike Harrell Lot 47 – has submitted plans, but the town has not received his fees

- Potential project – Jimmy Seear, Big Matterhorn – can he construct a house on the same lot with an existing house on the lot and then move into the new house when it's complete? Greg – thinks that is a hard and easy no. You can only have one house on the property. Mr. Seear claims that as soon as the new house is completed, the old house would be demolished. Greg is against that.

16. Previous Action Items and Updates

None to report

17. Other Business

none

18. Council Comments

none

19. Adjournment

Council Member Sue O’Nan moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Bowen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 1 at 6:30 pm. Depending on health and safety issues due to the COVID-19 virus, the meeting may be held as an online video conference, instead of the usual pump house location.