

**REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2024
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL**

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Council President Butler. The Sunshine Statement was read by Municipal Clerk, Lori Reibrich. “The notice of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act has been satisfied by forwarding notice to the Coaster and Asbury Park Press. A copy of the notice is posted on the Borough bulletin board and is on file in the Borough Clerk’s office.”

Present: Mayor Nohilly, Council President Butler, Council Members Delia, Franks, DeSarno

Absent: Councilwoman Horowitz and Councilman Blasucci

Also Present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Lori Reibrich, CFO Joseph Zanga, Borough Attorney Richard Shaklee and Borough Auditor Rich Hellenbrecht

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – FOR AGENDA SPECIFIC ITEMS ONLY- EXCLUSIVE OF ORDINANCES**

Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment. He noted that there were no public present and closed the floor.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

- **MARCH 6, 2024, WORKSHOP MEETING**
- **MARCH 20, 2024, WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING**

Councilman Delia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Franks and unanimously carried.

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President Butler	Councilwoman Horowitz	Councilman Delia	Councilman Franks	Councilman DeSarno	Councilman Blasucci
Motion to Approve				X			
Motion to Second					X		
Approved		X		X	X	X	
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused			X				X

3. **RESOLUTION 2024-44: AUTHORIZING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE**

**AUTHORIZING THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 permits that the Budget as advertised may be read by its title providing that at least one week prior to the date of the hearing the following provisions are met:

1. A complete copy of the budget, as advertised, is posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted.
2. A complete copy of the budget has been available to each person requesting the same during said week and during the public hearing.
3. A complete copy of the budget was posted, as advertised, on the official Borough website.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Interlaken has complied with the aforesaid requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough is hereby permitted to waive the reading in full, of the Municipal Budget for the year 2024.

Councilman DeSarno made to motion to approve, seconded by Council President Butler and unanimously carried.

4. **2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET- PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Nohilly read the budget information for the record.

“THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WAS INTRODUCED ON MARCH 20, 2024, AND ADVERTISED BY SUMMARY, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, ON MARCH 28, 2024, IN THE COASTER, TOGETHER WITH A NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS TIME. PRINTED COPIES OF THE BUDGET HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. IN ADDITION, A FULL COPY OF THE BUDGET HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE.”

Noting that there were no public present, the Governing Body allowed CFO Zanga and Auditor Hellenbrecht to forego the public presentation of the budget. CFO Zanga made a comment that the State approved our introduced budget.

5. **RESOLUTION 2024-45: ADOPTION OF THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

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Councilman Delia made a motion to adopt the budget, seconded by Councilman DeSarno and unanimously carried.

Full Municipal Budget can be found on the Borough Website www.interlakenboro.com under “Finance Department.”

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President Butler	Councilwoman Horowitz	Councilman Delia	Councilman Franks	Councilman DeSarno	Councilman Blasucci
Motion to Approve				X			
Motion to Second						X	
Approved		X		X	X	X	
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused			X				X

6. **RESOLUTION 2024-46: AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #2 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BRIDLEMERE AVENUE – PHASE II**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #2
IMPROVEMENTS TO BRIDLEMERE AVENUE PHASE II**

WHEREAS, the Borough previously entered into a contract with Fernandes Construction, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of Final Payment Certificate #2 to Fernandes Construction Inc, authorizing payment of \$27,484.52 for final work completed for Improvements to Bridlemere Avenue- Phase II; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that final Payment Certificate No. 2 for Improvements Bridlemere Avenue Phase II is hereby authorized in the payment of \$27,484.52 to Fernandes Construction, Inc. for work completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator/Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the Final Engineer’s Certificate No. 2 documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Peter Avakian, Borough Engineer
2. Fernandes Construction Inc
3. Borough Administrator
4. Chief Financial Officer

Councilman Franks made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman DeSarno and unanimously carried.

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Motion to Approve					X		
Motion to Second						X	
Approved		X		X	X	X	
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused			X				X

7. **RESOLUTION 2024-47: BILL LIST**

**BOROUGH OF INTERLAKEN
BILL LIST REPORT FOR
BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVAL**

DATE SPAN	TOTAL
03/22/24-04/15/24	\$ 129,893.94

RESOLUTION 2024-47

WHEREAS, law requires listing of all bills approved for payment; and

WHEREAS, certification of available funds from the Chief Municipal Finance Officer has been made; and

WHEREAS, the total bill list for the regular meeting dated March 20, 2024 is in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council, of the Borough of Interlaken, that the CFO is hereby authorized to pay said bill list.

Council President Butler made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Councilman Franks and unanimously carried.

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Motion to Approve				X			
Motion to Second						X	
Approved		X		X	X	X	
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused			X				X

8. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Administration and Finance- No Report
- Public Safety – Councilman Delia pointed out the sandwich board speeding deterrent sign that the Police Department installed on Grasmere. It will be rotating locations.
- Shade Tree Commission- No Report
- Planning Board – No Report
- Board of Education- No Report
- Borough Administrator- BA Reibrich said that 24 residents signed up for the Garage Sale. Volunteerism for the balloon delivery was discussed. BA Reibrich stated that 39 kayak rack lottery forms were received for the 24 racks.

9. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Mayor Nohilly opened the floor. With no public present, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

Before Adjournment, Mayor Nohilly read a statement into the record expressing that he feels that Councilman Franks has been acting unbecoming for a Councilman. He stated that Councilman Franks relentless complaints about or to the Police over the years, as well as other complaints levied against fellow residents, were extremely excessive. Mayor Nohilly shared that Councilman Franks called the Police Chief again without going through the appropriate authority.

Mayor Nohilly discussed Councilman Frank’s wife’s use of social media that included comments about the Mayor’s son and Councilman Delia’s children. Mayor Nohilly explained that though Councilman Franks cannot control what his wife does or says, it reflects badly on him as a Councilmember.

Councilman Franks responded that he does not control, nor does he want to, his wife and her actions. He also stated he contacted the Chief to clarify the 15 mph perception comments that were made at the last meeting. He also contacted former Chief Todd and a former Interlaken Police Officer to confirm their ticket writing in the past. He stated he always sends concerns to BA Reibrich, as she is the appropriate authority. He stated that the comments made by Mayor Nohilly mean nothing to him because he feels he is serving the Interlaken residents well.

Councilman Delia thanked Mayor Nohilly for his statement and said that he was in full agreement with the comments made regarding the conduct of Councilman Franks.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further comments Councilman Delia made a motion to adjourn, seconded Councilman DeSarno and unanimously carried.

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Motion to Approve				X			
Motion to Second						X	
Approved		X		X	X	X	
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused			X				X

Lori Reibrich Farruggia, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk/Administrator