

**Interlaken Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, 06 July 2020, 6:43 PM – 8:57 PM**  
**Meeting Conducted Remotely with Zoom Video Conferencing Software**

Meeting ID: 516 337 9977

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**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Greg Harrigan called the meeting to order at 6:43pm.

**2. Roll Call – Members Present via Remote Conferencing:**

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

Susanna Littel, Planning Commission chair was present  
Bart Smith, Town Clerk was present

**3. Presentations:** None.

**4. Public Comment,** presented via remote conferencing and email:

Warren Klautt, 294 Jungfrau. Warren asked if the town could change the street sign for Jungfrau. The correct spelling is one word.

**5. Consent Agenda:** None.

**6. Approval of Agenda or Changes**

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

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

**Discussion:** no discussion

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

**7. Approval of 06/16/2020 Employee Compensation Hearing Minutes**

**Motion:** Council Member Chuck O’Nan moved to approve the 6/16/20 Employee Compensation Hearing 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. Approval of 06/16/2020 FY2021 Budget Hearing Minutes**

**Motion:** Council Member Marge Bowen moved to approve the 6/16/20 FY2021 Budget Hearing 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.

## 9. Approval of 06/16/2020 Council Regular Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Council Member Sue O’Nan moved to approve the 6/16/20 Council Meeting minutes.

**Second:** Council Member Marge Bowen seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** no discussion

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

## 10. Interlaken Traffic Safety Issues – Traffic Control Measures

### Public Comment

The council opened up public comment regarding the placement of a temporary speed bump on Jungfrau Hill road in reaction to a resident’s concern over speeding vehicles.

- Chris Burkley, 264 Big Matterhorn Circle: see the attached email.
- Leslie Haarup, 324 Interlaken: see the attached email.
- Kristine Hooker, 335 Bern Way: see the attached email.
- Susanna Littel, 331 Jungfrau: expressed her concern about the sign placed in the ROW. She’s not aware of many speeders and feels speeders should be addressed one by one.
- John Dunty, 331 Jungfrau: expressed his concern that the town responded to a single homeowner’s request without using the proper procedure, including input from all residents. He voiced concern over the petition circulated by Mr. Connor, suggesting it did not represent all residents.
- Steve Connor, 322 Jungfrau: see the attached statement.
- Kevin Parsons, 326 Jungfrau: expects professionalism from the town – a handwritten sign is not acceptable. Has not seen a 50-mph car, and voiced concern that the issue was not discussed publicly. He suggested we spread the word to Interlaken residents regarding speed limits and safety.
- Kristine Hooker, 335 Bern Way: suggested the town perform a traffic study to assess the problem. She doesn’t feel it is a problem. She suggested that many towns don’t use speed bumps and that we should find an alternative to checking speed on Jungfrau. She contacted the sheriff and requested they come out on a weekend to monitor traffic.
- Elizabeth Hora Cook, 275 Interlaken: she loves the speed bump in front of their house, and also supports a thought-out process and research on alternatives.
- Leandra & Chris Groesbeck, 324 Jungfrau: they have a good view of the road and witness the cars that routinely speed. They feel the benefits exceed the headaches with speed bumps and prefer that approach to stop signs.
- Steve Wilson, 237 Interlaken: he noted that cars routinely speed heading downhill on Interlaken and that the speed bumps help. He feels that speed bumps and enforcement are the best approach but noted that the sheriff rarely comes up to Interlaken.
- Rhett Cook, 275 Interlaken: he approves of speed bumps and feels the town council should be empowered to make the decision, as opposed to a public referendum.
- Dan Villella, 299 Interlaken: supports the use of speed bumps.
- Anjee Bradshaw, 300 Jungfrau: supports speed bumps and voiced concern that kids and dogs may get hurt if the problem is not addressed without delay.

## Council Comment

Greg Harrigan, Mayor: Mayor Harrigan noted that this issue was discussed at the last council meeting. He personally witnessed cars exceeding the 20-mph limit routinely, creating a dangerous situation on Jungfrau by Mr. Connor's house. In an effort to expedite a temporary solution, he placed a removable speed bump on Jungfrau. After some individuals voiced concern, he had it removed, and then restored it after getting approval from the town council. Greg emphasized that his action was in response to a real safety threat affecting the town as a whole, and not in order to respond to a single complaint by a homeowner. He witnessed the danger firsthand, then responded in a quick fashion with a temporary solution. He acknowledged that it would have been better to consult the council prior to taking action. Greg received 2 emails from residents who were opposed to the speedbump and 64 signatures from a petition circulated by Mr. Connor in favor of the speed bump. He doesn't feel we need to delay a response with further study, but to proceed quickly before people and animals get hurt. This issue has prompted more involvement from residents than anything prior. Our stop signs are typically ignored, especially by contractors, atv operators, and non-residents. The town is contracting someone to come out and paint lines on the road in the area of concern. Greg noted that previous requests for increased patrols from the sheriff have been denied, even when the town offered to pay extra for them. The speed bump may not be the perfect solution, but something must be done quickly to address public safety. He feels painting the roads will be helpful. He doesn't want speed bumps everywhere. He wants to purchase 4 or 5 removable speed bumps and move them around town. He suggested we place a sign as you enter informing drivers that there are speed bumps. He feels we need to do something effective immediately to stop the behavior. He will also look into getting a traileered speed sign that reports your speed. Greg expressed appreciation for all that voiced their concerns and opinions.

Justin Hibbard, Council Member: Justin has witnessed many speeders and is concerned for his kids' safety. He wishes the sheriff had a bigger presence and suggested placing 20 mph speed limit signs on both sides of Jungfrau. Justin asked if the town was able to issue speeding tickets. Justin also expressed appreciation for all that voiced their concerns and opinions. Greg noted that hiring an enforcement officer – a post certified officer would be prohibitively expensive. Justin suggested a stop sign going uphill on Jungfrau and was opposed to a downhill stop sign by Mr. Connor.

Chuck O'Nan, Council Member: Chuck noted that the average speed in Promontory was 45-50 mph. A police presence is the only effective deterrent. He noted that the people who signed the petition don't necessarily want speed bumps, but rather want the speeders dealt with. He wondered if we could record speeders on photos and have them ticketed. He also asked if anyone looked into the legal issues. Who is responsible if there is an injury or damage from an encounter with a speed bump. If someone flies over a speed bump and causes damage or injury, what are the consequences. Greg will consult the town's lawyer. Chuck will look into getting a solar powered unit that reports speed, permanently installed, using solar power. He noted that the town has another 20-mph sign in the pumphouse.

Marge Bowen, Council Member: Marge would prefer a speed bump further down from Mr. Connor's house than a stop sign. Winter road conditions make a downhill stop sign dangerous. A speed bump going downhill makes more sense.

Sue O'Nan, Council Member: Sue felt that only enforcement would work, that public awareness is important, but doesn't want stop signs everywhere in town. Greg offered to contact Lt. Gardner to request more sheriff patrols.

Justin and Chuck agreed to take charge of signage and painting the roads.

## **11. Financial Reporting – End of FY2020 Reports**

This agenda item was postponed till the next council meeting due to time constraints from extensive public comment.

## **12. Dumpsters Update – DPW Site Status**

Neal Bowlen, our excavator, has completed work on St. Moritz and Big Matterhorn. He is starting to excavate the area for a temporary DPW site starting tomorrow. Mr. Zenger has put forward a long-term proposal for possibly next year that we are discussing.

## **13. Asphalt and Shoulder Repair Work Update**

Work on Big Matterhorn and St. Moritz is complete. Shoulders have been repaired. There are other spots we want to address as well after he completes the DPW site. We will evaluate at that time. Bart will contact Wes Johnson about the MSD areas that need work. Eckles is on the way up here to do this – can we send MSD the bill if Eckles gets here before MSD can deal with it. Copy Greg on the email – he wants to be here to meet with them.

## **14. Pump House Generator Grant Status**

We still don't have an approval from FEMA for our grant. There is no indication when the town will be notified. Delays are due in part to FEMA's struggle with COVID-19. The state will potentially begin to fine the town \$1000 per quarter for lack of compliance with the generator requirement.

## **15. Planning Commission Report**

See the attached Planning Commission report.

## **16. Previous Action Items and Updates**

Clerk Smith is still working on the fire mitigation report for WCFD. The dumpster blanket requirement has been added to the permit application requirements.

## **17. Other Business**

None.

## **18. Council Comments**

None.

## **19. Adjournment**

Council Member Hibbard moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Sue O'Nan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10 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.