

Village of Ellenville
Village Board Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2011

Audit Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kaplan at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan	Present
Deputy Mayor Raymond Younger	Present
Trustee Efrain Lopez	Absent w/notice
Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Peter Berger, Village Attorney
Linda Polkoski, Village Treasurer
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer
Philip Mattracion, Chief of Police
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
#11011-1**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to accept the minutes of December 13 & 16, 2010 as presented. All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

Mayor Kaplan reported the Ruby Group has recently purchased the Ellenridge property and they will be building the water pump booster station as well as resolving the drainage problems. The Ruby Group has submitted a Letter of Credit for the slope stabilization plan as well as updating the escrow account. Deputy Mayor Younger questioned if the Homeowners Association is aware of the recent happenings and was told they are.

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Time Warner Cable – Correspondence received detailing cable additions and/or deletions. Joel Schreiber questioned the date of the letter and the fact that Time Warner has not given the Village thirty days notice as required. It was requested that a letter be sent

to Time Warner reminding them of their responsibility to give thirty days notice before any cable changes are made.

Ellenville/Wawarsing Youth Commission – The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the commission’s latest minutes. Mayor Kaplan had an issue with the new proposed agreement whereas our share of the new agreement is \$72,900 and the Town of Wawarsing’s share is \$168,000 and the Town is taking sole ownership of the program without any input from the Village. The Town is not taking into account that the Village pays the full pool maintenance (chemicals, paint, etc.) for the School pool. Trustee Steinhoff will bring this matter to the Youth Commission.

**MOTION TO
REOPEN PUBLIC
HEARING-TWC
FRANCHISE RENEWAL
AGREEMENT
#11011-2**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to reopen the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. in reference to the Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement renewal.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Attorney Berger reviewed with board members some of the issues that were presented at the last board meeting. After lengthy discussion between board members and Joel Schreibman, a member of the Village’s cable commission, it was determined that a decision on this renewal would not be made at tonight’s meeting.

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN PUBLIC
HEARING-TWC
FRANCHISE RENEWAL
AGREEMENT
#11011-3**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to adjourn the Public Hearing until the next Village meeting at 7:30 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Matracion reported that his officers have created a list of all the non shoveled sidewalks in the Village.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT
RESIGNATION OF
DISPATCHER LOVELACE
#11011-4**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Bernadette Lovelace effective December 23, 2011.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE
(continued)**

Elizabeth Hooper – Ms. Hooper has recently returned to Ellenville and is requesting to be considered for an alternate position on the Ulster County Planning Board.

**MOTION RECOMMENDING
ELIZABETH HOOPER TO THE
UCPB AS AN ALTERNATE
#11011-5**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to recommend to the Ulster County Planning Board that Elizabeth Hooper be appointed to the alternate position on their board.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Update on Liberty Square Project – Mayor Kaplan spoke about the project and some of the problems with the parking in the area near the Post Office. Don Schmalzle, Barton and Loguidice, gave to board members some suggestions to remedy this situation. Mayor Kaplan would like to see additional parking by the Hunt Memorial parking lot and an addition of a crosswalk between the post office and the Hunt parking lot.

There was further discussion about the cigarette butts that are on the sidewalk in front of the T-West Bar and Deputy Mayor Younger suggested that the parking spot in front of the bar be removed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sheeley gave to board members some of the departments' monthly reports and has been in contact with Central Hudson in reference to installing a street light on Hoar Street. The monthly cost for this light would be \$11.63 as well as the purchase price of approximately \$5,000.00. This area will be the first neighborhood walk in the Spring.

Also Manager Sheeley discussed the subject of hiring an insurance consultant for the 2011/2012 policy year.

Manager Sheeley told board members that she has began the budget process and has placed a freeze on any unnecessary purchases.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Berger requested to have a public hearing in reference to Local Law No. 1 of 2011 which would allow the position of Treasurer or Clerk to the Justice Court to live outside of the Village limits.

**MOTION SCHEDULING
A PUBLIC HEARING
FOR LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2011
#11011-6**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2011 for February 14, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Attorney Berger gave to board members sample legislation for outdoor wood boilers. It was requested that we obtain a copy of the recent legislation that was passed from the Town of Rochester and this discussion will continue next month.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Code Enforcer Schug discussed with board members a modification to the Village Code in reference to the requirements for a Public Hearing in reference to Special Use Permits for accessory apartments.

**MOTION TO THE
PLANNING BOARD REQUESTING
A REVIEW OF THE ZONING CODE
#11011-7**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras requesting the Planning Board to review the Zoning law that requires Public Hearings before a Special Use Permit for accessory apartments.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Polkoski gave to board members correspondence she received from the Office of the State authorizing the exclusion of indebtedness pursuant to the application in reference to debt exclusion.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
THE CORRECTIONS FOR
AUDIT REPORT
#11011-8**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the corrections for the Audit Report dated December 13, 2010.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EXPENDITURE FOR
PRECISION INDUSTRIES
#11011-9**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing the expenditure for Precision Industries in the amount of \$17,460.86 for RCB gear box upon the recommendation of the Sewer Department Superintendent.

BOARD REPORTS

Mayor Kaplan stated that he has sent a letter to County Executive Hein requesting they consider making the Village whole for delinquent taxes otherwise offering greater assistance such as requirement a Village installment plans for payment of taxes when offering an installment plan of State, Town and County taxes.

Deputy Mayor Younger questioned if we have been reimbursed for the any projects and was told we have for the Beckley Drive Bridge but not Liberty Square or Wintish Road.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
#11011-10**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to enter into Executive Session with the Village Engineers to discuss possible litigation and not to reconvene to Public Session at 8:15 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk