

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan at 7:00 p.m. and requested a Moment of Silence in memory of Officer Theodore "Pete" Owens and Street Department retiree, Andrew Krom.

ROLL CALL	Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan	Present
	Deputy Mayor Raymond Younger	Present
	Trustee Efrain Lopez	Present
	Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
	Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Mary Sheeley, Village Manager
Philip Mattracion, Police Chief
Peter Berger, Village Attorney
Brian Schug, Code Enforcer Schug
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
#012312-1**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to accept the minutes of January 9, 201 as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mayor Kaplan mentioned that today there was a court proceeding taking place in Kingston that he and Manager Sheeley attended in reference to an applicant trying to purchase the Nevele Grande. We indicated that the Village would like to see this property used as a hotel and the proceeding will continue tomorrow.

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Kaplan spoke about some of the commissioners on the Planning Board that are away from Ellenville for several months. This is causing a problem with being able to have a quorum of board members therefore having to cancel meetings. Mayor Kaplan requested the Manager to write to all commission members about this situation. Trustee Steinhoff requested that we review all board members to check if the training requirements have been met.

**MOTION TO
APPOINT CARL
ROSENTSTOCK AS
ALTERNATE MEMBER
OF PLANNING BOARD
#012312-2**

Mr. Carl Rosenstock has submitted an application to become an Alternate Member of the Planning Board and Mayor Kaplan requested a motion to appoint Mr. Rosenstock

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to appoint Carl Rosenstock as an Alternate Member of the Planning Commission effective immediately.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

PRESENTATION

David Gilmour, Community Planner, was before the board tonight to discuss Complete Streets. Through the NYS Department of Health a project in Ulster County, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County called Creating Healthy Place to Live, Work and & Play Project. Its partners are working to prevent obesity and type 2 diabetes by making it easier to be physically active and eat healthy foods. This program focuses on Fostering Physical Activity, Fostering Health Eating, Healthier Restaurant Options, Healthy Snacks in After-School Program and Nutrition and Physical Activity in Childcare Centers.

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE
(continued)**

Time Warner Cable – Correspondence in reference to channel additions/deletions. Mayor Kaplan reported that correspondence has also been received from Time Warner Cable in reference to monies owed to the community and cables users and hopes that the NYS Cable Commission will follow up on this matter.

Betty Grosfent – Brook Street – was before the board tonight to discuss the sink hole on her property that she believes was caused by Village neglect. Manager Sheeley has investigated the matter and Ms. Grosfent does not agree with the findings and insists the Village reimburse her for the repair done at her residence. Mayor Kaplan requested that Ms. Grosfent submit her repair bill and a determination will be made.

Councilman Terry Houck – Town of Wawarsing’s cable liaison and questioned the status of the Village’s franchise agreement.

Mayor Kaplan updated Councilman Houck on the issues that are outstanding with Time Warner Cable.

Sal Ligotino – Correspondence requesting the removal of some of the traffic lights in the Village and Mayor Kaplan gave the letter to Chief Mattracion to review with NYS Department of Transportation and get back to Mr. Ligotino.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Don Fletcher and Don Schmalzle, Barton & Loguidice, met earlier today with the Mayor, Manager, Attorney & Building Inspector to discuss various issues that have arose with the wastewater treatment project. Trustee Steinhoff questioned the budget amount for the contingency budget for this project.

Mr. Fletcher presented to board members a task order for engineering and project designs for the Village's Water System Improvements. Mr. Fletcher stated that he has met with the Health Department and they have recommended that the Village seek other wells rather than use the reservoir as a water source since this water needs to be filtered before it can be consumed. Mr. Fletcher has been talking to FEMA about the damage done by the hurricane at North Gully filter plant. If funds are received, rather than repair the filter plant, he suggests that we use those monies to seek other underground wells. The cost to develop a new well would be approximately \$900,000 and repair to the filter plant would be \$300,000. Board members would like to review this project and discuss it at the next scheduled meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Mattracion discussed with board members the snow shelving Village ordinance. Chief Mattracion spoke about his focus on the repeat offenders. Mayor Kaplan requested that the Chief meet with Brian Schug and Peter Berger before the next meeting to review the code and offer suggestions for board members. It was the consensus of the board that for the repeat offenders, we have the Village staff shovel immediately and then bill the property owners.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sheeley spoke about the need to increase our water rates and that we cannot allow the water fund deficit to continue. The revenues are not meeting the expenditures in this fund. Ask Mary to cut the next water budget.

Trustee Lopez requested a breakdown of the costs incurred for the water breaks. Mayor Kaplan requested the Village Manager to

prepare a breakdown in the budget of the regular expenditures and revenues and the extraordinary expenses and revenues. Also requested was what it has cost the Village since a change in our law that makes Village and not the taxpayer responsible for water lines from the main valve to the curb box. Manager Sheeley reviewed with board members the recommendations made by the Water Commission.

**MOTION TO
SCHEDULE PUBLIC
HEARING ON WATER
RATES
012312-3**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to schedule a Public Hearing to discuss the possible increase of water rate on Monday, February 13, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Berger gave board members draft legislation for the possible adoption of a local law on Timber Harvesting and requested a Public Hearing be scheduled.

**MOTION TO
SCHEDULE PUBLIC
HEARING ON TIMBER
HARVESTING
012312-4**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to schedule a Public Hearing to discuss the adoption of a Local Law in reference to Timber Harvesting on Monday, February 13, 2011 at 7:45 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Code Enforcer Schug spoke about the need for a printer replacement on the OEL8000II console. Also discussed was the possibility of suggesting T-Mobile, if a lease agreement is signed, they replace our generator at the Government Center.

RESOLUTIONS

**MOTION TO
APPROVING
CORRECTION OF
AUDIT REPORT
012312-5**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger approving the attached correction of audit record dated January 9, 2012.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION APPROVING
EXPENDITURE TO
LUZON ENVIRONMENTAL
012312-6**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger approving the expenditure of \$1,195.00 to Luzon Environmental Services to replace the printer on the OEL8000II console as recommended by the Building Inspector.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
PUBLICATION OF
DELINQUENT TAXES
012312-7**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorization the publication of 2011/2012 delinquent Village taxes.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Steinhoff told board members that the Youth Commission will be meeting this week.

Trustee Steinhoff reported that a spreadsheet was compiled from local municipalities in reference to engineering fees.

Mayor Kaplan reported that at a recent department meeting he discussed with the Street Department foreman to use brine before any upcoming storms.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Lopez to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk