

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order 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	Present
Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Mary Sheeley, Village Manager
Phillip Mattracion, Chief of Police
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
#021113-1**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to accept the minutes of January 28, 2013 as presented.

All in favor – Aye – 4; Trustee Lopez did not vote since he was not present at that meeting.

Motion passed

DISCUSSION

Mayor Kaplan reported that recently Central Hudson Gas & Electric received an award for their response time during Super storm Sandy and requested that the Village acknowledge this.

**MOTION FOR A
LETTER TO CHG&E
#021113-2**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger that the Village Manager Sheeley write a thank you letter to Central Hudson Gas & Electric thanking them for their speedy response to electrical issues in the Village during super storm Sandy.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Deputy Mayor Younger requested that the Manager Sheeley and Central Hudson revisit the issue of an additional street light pole or a brighter light on the poles in the vicinity of 11 Hoar Street.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mattracion stated that the “Active Shooter” training for his personnel will be rescheduled. The Chief also reported that 75 property owners had not shoveled after the last snow storm. Trustee Lopez requested that this local law be re-visited in the Spring.

PETITIONERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Time Warner Cable – correspondence received in reference to channel additions/deletions.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Manager Sheeley spoke and recommended the hiring and recommended of an Insurance Consultant to review any proposals we receive for the next fiscal year.

Manager Sheeley and Engineer Donald Schmalzle reported to board members the need to increase the purchase of sludge seed for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EXPENDITURE
FOR SLUDGE SEED
#021113-3**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing the increase of expenditure up to \$10,000 for sludge seed upon recommendation of the Village engineer.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

In reference to a grant that the Village is eligible for from the Environmental Facilities Corporation for fresh drinking water; Mayor Kaplan requested that the Village engineers begin the process of plans and specifications for replacing the three dead end loops due to lack of water pressure and quality of water.

Manager Sheeley told board members that Central Hudson has begun the process of replacing some of the street lighting that is not working in the Village.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

There was discussion about delinquent Village taxes and the process for collecting them.

2 Roslyn Street – Village action plan – Both Attorney Berger and Code Enforcer Schug spoke about the process for having both banks and mortgage companies addresses violations on foreclosed properties. Code Enforcer Schug is concerned about the structure and both he and the Mayor will call the mortgage company.

Tax Certiorari – Attorney Berger spoke about a settlement that is being proposed to reduce the assessed fair market value of the Provident Bank upon recommendation of the Village Assessor.

**MOTION TO
ACCEPT SETTLEMENT
WITH PROVIDENT BANK
#021113-4**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the Village Board to accept a settlement with Provident Bank reducing their assessment fair market value to \$750,000 upon recommendation of the Village Assessor and Village Attorney.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

In the matter of full disclosure, Attorney Berger stated that he does do some work with Provident Bank in his role of attorney.

BUILDING

Code Enforcer Schug updated the board on some of the projects (Auto Zone, Lucky Petroleum and Rite Aid) that will be taking place in the Village.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION –
VACANT STRUCTURES
#021113-5**

Resolved by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to support New York State regarding the proposed laws concerning contact information for vacant structures.

WHEREAS, vacant, abandoned and foreclosed homes and structures have proliferated throughout New York State over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, vacant structures that are not maintained for months at a time degrade and depreciate the value of the vacant structure as well as the value of surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, lending institutions that hold mortgages on said vacant structures do not always provide the contact information of a responsible party; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A.88 and Assembly Bill A.824, currently pending, would make it mandatory for lending institutions to provide contact information of responsible parties regarding vacant structures; and require good faith in obtaining a foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ellenville, Village Board supports the passage of said Bills.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Ellenville hereby supports the passage of said Bills and respectfully requests that the State Representatives who represents constituents in the Village of Ellenville support the passage of said Bills.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO
SCHEDULE GRIEVANCE
NIGHT
#021113-6**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to schedule Board of Assessment Review (Grievance Night) on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 between the hours of 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO SCHEDULE
JOINT WORKSHOP WITH
TOWN OF WAWARSING
#021113-7**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to schedule a Joint Workshop meeting with the Town of Wawarsing on February 25, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO TABLE
AUTHORIZATION-INSURANCE
CONSULTANT
#021113-8**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to table authorization to the Village Manager to hire an insurance consultant to prepare and review Requests for Proposals for the upcoming insurance policies to make recommendations.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
MAYOR TO SIGN
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT
BECKLEY DRIVE BRIDGE PROJECT
#021113-9**

Motion Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the Mayor to sign a Supplemental Agreement with NYS Department of Transportation to include additional preliminary engineering and right-of-way incidental funds in reference to the Beckley Drive Bridge Project.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EXPENDITURE TO READ
ELECTRIC**

#021113-10

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the expenditure of \$2,000 to R.E.A.D. Electric, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a 40' pole (cable, telephone) at the new Wastewater Treatment plant.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
TAX COLLECTOR TO
PUBLISH 2012 UNPAID
TAXES**

#021113-11

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing the Tax Collector to publish 2012 unpaid Village taxes.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EXPENDITURE TO JOSCO**

#021113-12

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the expenditure of \$1,128.08 to JOSCO for the purchase of materials for the cutting edge of the loader as recommended by the Village Manager and Street Department foreman.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EXPENDITURE TO
SCHMIDT'S WHOLESALE**

#021113-13

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the expenditure of \$3,629.55 to Schmidt's Wholesale for the purchase of a 6" valve for a water main as recommended by the Village Manager and Water Department foreman.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EXPENDITURE TO JT J**

TAPPING**#021113-14**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing the expenditure of \$1,800 to JT J Tapping Inc. for the installation of a 6" valve for a water main as recommended by the Village Manager Sheeley and Water Department Foreman.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Younger requested an update on the Records Management Grant.

Trustee Steinhoff spoke about pit bull dogs that are roaming loose in the Village.

Trustee Steinhoff spoke about the status of the Safe Sidewalks Grant.

Mayor Kaplan requested an update on the installation of new street lighting.

Trustee Oliveras spoke about the traffic light on the corner of Maple Avenue and Route 209.

ADJOURN

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to enter into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss possible litigation and contracts and not reconvene into Public Session.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk