

Village of Ellenville
Village Board Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2011

Meeting called to order at with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kaplan at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

Mary Sheeley, Village Manager
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk
Richard Straudt, Don Fletcher, Don Schmalzle and Glen Gildaly, Village Engineers-Barton & Loguidice

Mayor Kaplan stated that this is a special meeting to discuss the cost of building a new sewer treatment plant or retrofitting the old plant. The project of building a new plant has been in the works for almost three years and the new bids for this endeavor came back higher than estimated three years ago.

Mr. Mark Koester from Koester Associates, Canastota, NY was before the board tonight to discuss the possibility of retrofitting the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Koester reviewed two options for the board to discuss. Option 1 would be to replace the existing equipment with no plan to increase capacity and this cost would be \$7,504,000. Option 2 would be to upgrade the plant in-kind including increasing the capacity with a cost of \$8,906,040.

Discussion about the current treatment plant ensued especially the age of the plant which is sixty years.

The price to build a new wastewater treatment plant will be \$10,400,000 with the most up-to-date energy efficient equipment and the average cost would be an increase of \$480 per household.

George Popp, Environmental Facilities Corporation, was also at the meeting to discuss our funding source. Would the stimulus

money still be available as well as a 30 year zero percent loan?
This was something Mr. Popp could not guarantee.

If the Village were to retrofit the plant, the process would have to begin over, plans would need to be drawn by our engineers and reviewed by the EFC and DEC which work could not begin for at least a year.

The Mayor and board members gave their views on this matter and a decision will be made at the March 28, 2011 meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk