

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
Monday, March 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Jeffrey 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
Linda Polkoski, Village Treasurer
Peter Berger, Village Attorney
Brian Schug, Code Enforcer Schug
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

Mayor Kaplan stated that the Board of Trustees met earlier this evening for a budget workshop.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#032612-1

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to approve the minutes of March 12 & 19, 2012 as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

DISCUSSION

Betty Grosfent – 1 Brook Street – Ms. Grosfent submitted a paid bill from Osterhoudt Excavating in reference to the repair of a sink hole on her property. Ms. Grosfent is requesting reimbursement for this repair. The Village Attorney stated that the Village cannot reimburse a resident for repair work and suggested that Ms. Grosfent submit her bill to FEMA.

Neighborhood Walk Schedule – Different areas of the Village were discussed and the following motion was made:

**MOTION TO
SCHEDULE
NEIGHBORHOOD
WALKS**

#032612-2

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to schedule the following Neighborhood Walk Schedule:

April 9 Street Department Building
April 23 Campwoods, Helen & Catherine Streets
May 5 Rosenstock Road
May 14 Kutchner's Pond
May 30 Hickory Street
June 11 Clinton Avenue Bridge
June 25 Diane Drive
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Asha Golliger – Requesting permission on behalf of the Ellenville Public Library & Museum, the Ellenville Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce, the Ellenville Wawarsing Youth Commission & Gaby's Restaurant to host a small parade down Canal Street on May 5, 2012 in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

Rick & Katherine Weinman – Kutschner Lane – spoke about a recent water line break, junk cars, new businesses, drug dealers and gamblers, parking cars on front and side yards, trespassing, feral cats and domestic cats at large, vacant and abandoned house and emergency procedures during natural emergencies.

**MOTION TO OPEN
PUBLIC HEARING
#032612-3**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to open the Public Hearing on Timber Harvesting-Local Law #1 at 7:15 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Attorney Berger reviewed with board members new legislation in reference to Timber Harvesting in the Village. The definition of timber harvesting as well as the requirements that need to be met before any harvesting takes place was discussed.

**MOTION TO CLOSE
PUBLIC HEARING
#032612-4**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to close the Public Hearing on Timber Harvesting-Local Law #1 at 7:30 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO
ADOPT LOCAL
LAW #1 OF 2012
TIMBER HARVESTING
#032612-5**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to adopt Local Law #1 of 2012 adding a section to the Village Code – Timber Harvesting.

Roll Call Vote:	Mayor Kaplan	Aye
	Deputy Mayor Younger	Aye
	Trustee Lopez	Aye
	Trustee Oliveras	Aye
	Trustee Steinhoff	Aye

Motion passed

**MOTION TO OPEN
PUBLIC HEARING RE:
SERVICE LINE
MODIFICATION
#032612-6**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to open the Public Hearing on Service Line Modifications-Local Law #2 at 7:30 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mayor Kaplan explained why the Board of Trustees is considering amending the Village Code pertaining to the maintenance of the water service line responsibility. Mayor Kaplan and Code Enforcer Schug explained the code as it is written now (this code was amended in 2008) and the cost of approximately \$60,000 incurred by the Village since that time. Discussion ensued about what the new amendment would mean to property owners and the Village and it was decided to adjourn the Public Hearing till next meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
PUBLIC HEARING RE:
SERVICE LINE
MODIFICATION
#032612-7**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to adjourn the Public Hearing till April 9th in reference to service line modification of the Village Code at 7:45 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE
(CONTINUED)**

Kurt Wickham – dangerous situation with an abandoned house at 42 Chapel where children are playing and rats on that property.

John VanEarden – inquired about the dates for Spring Clean up and the inappropriate dress of some young people in the Village. Mr. VanEarden requested that the Village consider a clean up for large household items once a year.

Time Warner Cable – Correspondence received in reference to channel additions and/or deletions. Mayor Kaplan requested that Attorney Berger schedule a conference call with Brenda Parks to discuss the status of the franchise fee.

Marilyn & Jack Fleck – A thank you letter was received in reference to sidewalk work recently completed on Burlison Avenue by the Street Department.

Nature Conservancy – List of dates for controlled burns that will take place on the mountain ridge.

Danna DiGioia – Thank you letter to the Police Department for their assistance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

**MOTION TO ACCEPTING
RESIGNATION OF
OFFICER PHILIP BROOKS
FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER
#032612-8**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras accepting resignation of Officer Philip Brooks effective March 27, 2012.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO APPOINT
OFFICER PHILIP BROOKS
AS A PART TIME POLICE OFFICER
#032612-8**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras appointing Officer Philip Brooks as a part time police officer effective March 28, 2012. Salary is in accordance with the current Police Benevolent Association contract.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Sheeley spoke about the upcoming vacancy for the position of Clerk to the Justice and requested authorization to advertise for the position. Manager Sheeley also requested authorization to appoint Noreen Dechon and Traci Jeter to an interview committee when Judge Parker interviews candidates.

Manager Sheeley spoke about the public works projects that will be taking place soon and also requested that the Board give some thought about a dog ordinance in reference to insurance for tenants with dogs weighing over 50 pounds.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Polkoski presented to board members her monthly report as well as a spreadsheet for the Sewer Rebuild Project.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Berger will have information at the next board meeting about the payment of Village taxes in two installments.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Code Enforcer Schug updated board members of the status of the Ellenridge Booster Pump Station.

RESOLUTIONS

**MOTION APPROVING
EXPENDITURE TO
SCHMIDT'S WHOLESALE
#032612-9**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the expenditure of \$1,700.00 to Schmidt's Wholesale for the purchase of ProRings as recommended by the Village Manager and Sewer Department Superintendent.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION REAFFIRMING
EXPENDITURE TO
PACIFIC SALES &
MANUFACTURING
#032612-10**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, second by Trustee Oliveras reaffirming authorization for the emergency purchase to Pacific Sales & Manufacturing in the amount of \$1,012.50 for deck and shake #70 upon recommendation of the Street Department Superintendent and Village Manager. These items are being used at the Berme Road Playground.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION REAFFIRMING
EXPENDITURE TO
EAST COAST
ENVIRONMENTAL
#032612-11**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras reaffirming authorization for the expenditure of \$1,067.70 to East Coast Environmental as recommended by the Village Manager and Sewer Department Superintendent. The original authorization did not include shipping.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
MAYOR TO SIGN YOUTH
SERVICES CONTRACT
WITH TOW
#032612-12**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the Mayor to sign a Youth Services contract with the Town of Wawarsing.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
THE REPAIR WORK AT
SCHOOL POOL BY THORNTONS
#032612-13**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the repair of work at the Ellenville School Pool by Thornton, Inc. Our portion of the repair is \$1,190.00.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION ACCEPTING
RESIGNATION OF
CLERK TO JUSTICE
#032612-14**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras accepting resignation of Anne Marie Ogle, Clerk to the Justice, effective April 13, 2012.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT
WITH USDA NATIONAL
RESOURCS CONSERVATION
SERVICES
#032612-15**

Motion authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the USDA National Resources Conservation Services providing the Village with contracting and inspection in connection with the

Stream bank Stabilization Sewer Pumping Station at Roslyn Street and the Stream bank and channel stabilization at Ida Lane.
All in favor – Aye – motion carried.

**MOTION EXCESSING
JOHN DEERE TRACTOR
AND AUTHORIZE SALE
#032612-16**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing excessing a John Deere Tractor (1987) from the Street Department and advertising the sale of said tractor.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
CORRECTION OF AUDIT
REPORT
#032612-17**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the attached correction of audit record dated March 12, 2012.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
AGREEMENT WITH
PESTECH
#032612-18**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the Village Manager to sign an agreement with Pestech (rodent control) for the Street, Water & Sewer Departments at a monthly rate of \$60.00 plus a one time initial setup rate of \$360.00.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
ATTENDANCE OF MICHAEL
JETER TO HIGHWAY SCHOOL
#032612-19**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the attendance of Michael Jeter, Street Department, to 2012 Highway School in Ithaca, NY from June 11-13, 2012. Registration fee is \$100 and hotel accommodations plus meal costs will be submitted for approval after registration is completed.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EXPENDITURE TO
WINWATER
#032612-20**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the expenditure of \$1,202.68 to Winwater, Walden, NY for the purchase of manhole bases and covers as recommended by the Village Manager and Sewer Department Superintendent.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR STREAM STABILIZATION
#032612-21**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the request for proposal for engineering services in connection with the stream bank stabilization sewer pumping station at Roslyn Street and the stream bank and channel stabilization project at Ida Lane.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Lopez questioned an update on the softball fields in reference to the repair of the dugouts and lights. Manager Sheeley responded that she will be meeting with Superintendent Wiles and Business Manager Napoli about the situation and will be requesting that consider doing the repair themselves.

Mayor Kaplan read a letter that he has received from Cathy VanLeuven in reference to the condition of the entrance to Smiley Road and requested that this be cleaned up.

Trustee Oliveras questioned the tax status of the ARC building and Manager Sheeley will contact the Village Assessor.

Trustee Oliveras also inquired about the minutes from the Sewer Plant meetings.

Deputy Mayor Younger requested an update on our FEMA reimbursements.

Trustee Steinhoff stated that the Youth Commission is interviewing for summer positions and applications are at the Town Hall.

Trustee Lopez stated that he is no longer interested in serving as the Parks Liaison.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to
adjourn at 8:40 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk