

Village of Ellenville
Village Board Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2010

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	Present
Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Kaplan acknowledged the resignation of Brian Rubin from the Shawangunk Journal and welcomed Todd Westlake in his stead.

Mayor Kaplan commented that earlier in the evening the board attended the grand re-opening of the Sushi Restaurant and encouraged everyone to visit the store.

After the grand re-opening, board members met with Village residents in Liberty Square to discuss the Streetscape Plans and later in the evening the board will be directing the Village Engineers to go out to bid for this project

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
#041210-01**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to accept the minutes of March 22, 2010 and the Mandatory Referendum Results as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mayor Kaplan thanked the Village residents and members of the board for their support in getting this referendum passed.

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Robert Halprin from Luzon Environmental was before the board tonight to discuss payment that he has been waiting for in the amount of \$28,000. Luzon was the contractor involved in the tank removals. Manager Sheeley stated that C₂G Consultant, who was in charge of overseeing this project, has not given their approval to pay this bill.

Mayor Kaplan requested that Mr. Halprin call him at his office and a conference call will be made to C₂G to discuss this matter.

Greg Bar – stated that he was very unhappy with his water bill and the rate increases. Mayor Kaplan listed the reasons that caused this increase with a major factor being the losing of the Nevele account which netted approximately a half of million annually. It was requested that at the next Water Commission meeting Mr. Bar's accounts be reviewed.

**PUBLIC HEARING
#041210-02**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to open the Public Hearing on the 2010/2011 Village Budget at 7:15 p.m. All in favor - Aye - motion carried

The Budget is available if anyone would like a copy of it and at this time the proposed budget is an increase of 4.7%. There were no public comments at this time.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC
HEARING
#041210-03**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. the public hearing to April 26.

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE
(CONTINUED)**

Chris Ferina – property owner and landlord at 12 Backman Avenue and 9 Center Street was concerned about the increase in the water/sewer rates. Mr. Ferina's bills will be reviewed at the next Water Commission meeting.

Michele Pauley – voiced her concerns about the fence at the end of Glenwood Drive which borders the school property.

Gaby's Café – Cinco de Mayo – asked for the use to use the parking lot next to their restaurant for their celebration on May 5th

at 5:30 p.m.. The Village Clerk will request a Certificate of Insurance for the celebration and there is not be any consumption of alcohol in the parking lot.

**MOTION APPROVING
USE OF PARKING LOT
CINCO DE MAYO
#041210-04**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to approve the use of the Village parking lot on May 5, 2010 by Gaby's Café in celebration of Cinco de Mayo with the condition that proof of insurance is provided and no consumption of alcoholic beverages in the parking lot.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Time Warner Cable – Correspondence received in reference to channel changes and/or deletions.

Catskill Hudson AHEC – Requesting parking spaces in the Government Center's Parking lot to service a medical office that they will have on the second floor of Provident Bank and Mayor Kaplan requested Code Enforcer Schug to contact them about the number of parking spaces they will need and to discuss signage.

Ellenridge Homeowners Association – Members representing the Ellenridge Homeowners Association were before the board tonight to discuss the booster pump station and the soil erosion. Code Enforcer Schug will contact the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation about the status of the consent order with Ellenridge and also will contact Moses Braver about the pump station.

Historic Preservation Commission – Correspondence received from Marion Dumond recommending the amendment of the grant contract which would include preparation for the National Registration Nomination Forms for Maple Avenue and sections of the Canal & Center street business district by Neil Larson. Board members agreed with this recommendation.

Ulster County Youth Bureau – Correspondence received announcing that the Village of Ellenville was approved by them to receive a \$1,002 allocation for the Youth Recreation Program for the 2010 calendar year.

Ulster County "No Name Calling Week" - Request to all communities to declare the week of April 11-17 as Ulster County No Name-Calling Week.

**MOTION TO PARTICIPATE
IN NO NAME CALLING WEEK
IN ULSTER COUNTY
#041210-05**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras that the Village of Ellenville participate in the Ulster County No Name Calling Week on April 11-17, 2010.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Ellenville/Wawarsing Youth Commission Minutes – Board members acknowledged receipt of the minutes of March 11, 2010.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mattracion reported that he has met with members of the “Run Like the Wind” and will be meeting with coordinators of the 4th of July parade.

**RESIGNATION OF
MICHAEL ASHTON
#041210-05**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to accept the resignation of Michael Ashton, part time police officer effective April 14, 2010.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

DISCUSSION

Mayor Kaplan spoke about tax exempt properties in the Village of Ellenville that are not be used for any purpose and he will be addressing this matter with the Assessors office. Mayor Kaplan requested board members to approve his request.

**MOTION IN REFERENCE
TO TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES
#011210-06**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to request the Village Assesor to ensure that all properties that are tax exempt and are not being properly used for tax exempt properties used; to review to make sure that they meet all the criteria to be tax exempt.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO APPROVE
REINBURSEMENT OF
MILEAGE TO CLERK TO THE
JUSTICE FOR TRAINING
#011210-07**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing the reimbursement of mileage for Anne Marie Ogle to attend a training session on May 7, 2010.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Board members requested agendas for the May and July training sessions.

Tony Hawk Skateboard Grant – Two years ago the Village of Ellenville on behalf of a group of students that were pursuing a skateboard park received a \$5,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation and since this group disbanded and the project never came to fruition, Mayor Kaplan requested that the check be returned to that foundation.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
THE RETURN OF THE GRANT
CHECK TO TONY HAWK FOUNDATION
#011210-08**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Lopez to return the \$5,000 grant check to the Tony Hawk Foundation along with a letter of appreciation.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
THE EXPENDITURE BY
THE SEWER DEPARTMENT
#011210-09**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to approve the purchase of 70 replacement lamps and 30 quart sleeves totaling \$3,470.00 upon recommendation of Sewer Department Superintendent.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
THE SEMI-ANNUAL CHECK
AND CALIBRATION OF FLOW
EQUIPMENT
#011210-10**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing the semi-annual check and calibration of flow equipment at a cost of \$1,235.65 upon recommendation of Sewer Department Superintendent.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO TABLE
RESIGNATION OF
THERESA NETTLES
#011210-11**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff tabling the resignation of Theresa Nettles from the Ellenville Housing Authority Board.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO APPOINT
ROGER BUCHWALTER
TO THE EHA
#011210-12**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger appointing Roger Buchwalter to the Ellenville Housing Authority effective immediately.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION ALLOWING
VILLAGE MANAGER TO
ROLL OVER VACATION
HOURS
#011210-13**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to allow the Village Manager to carry over 19.5 vacation hours from the 2009/2010 fiscal year to the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

**MOTION TO SCHEDULE
PUBLIC HEARING ON
MAY 10 IN REFERENCE
LOCAL LAW ON DEBT
REPAYMENT FEES
#011210-14**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to schedule a public hearing on May 10, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. in reference to a local law on debt repayment fees.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
THE MAYOR TO SIGN
A SETTLEMENT WITH BENDERSON
CORPORATION
#011210-15**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing Mayor Kaplan to sign a settlement with Benderson Corporation in reference to their assessment upon recommendation by the Assessor and Attorney.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Code Enforcer Schug presented board members with the Department of State’s Annual Report.

Code Enforcer Schug also spoke about the need for a part time code enforcement assistant in his department. Discussion among board members resulted in the following motion:

**MOTION TO REDUCE
CONTINGENCY BUDGET
#011210-16**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to reduce the 2010/2011 budget contingency line to \$90,000 and the Village Manager allocate \$1,800 in the proposed budget to fund the position of part time Assistant Code Enforcement Officer.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE
POSITION OF PART TIME
CODE ENFORCEMENT
ASSISTANT
#011210-17**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing the advertisement of part time code enforcement assistant subject to the appropriate qualifications to work in the building department not to exceed \$11,800.
All in favor - Aye – 3; Nay – 2 – Younger, Oliveras
Motion carried

TREASURER’S REPORT

**MOTION APPROVING
SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION
TO STATE COMPTROLLER
#011210-18**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff approving the submission of the application to exempt the sewer debt from the constitutional debt limit.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

The Village Treasurer request that she advertise for “Requests for Proposal” for professional services for inventory reporting. Board members agreed with this request.

Treasurer Polkoski further discussed the interim financing for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. George Popp, USDA, wants the Village of Ellenville to have \$7.2 million in the bank before the project begins. This would require hiring a financial advisor for a public offering. The Treasurer has been advised by bond counsel

that the Environmental Facilities Corporation offers interim financing. This matter will be discussed with the Village engineers at a later date.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

MOTION APPROVING SPRING CLEAN UP SCHEDULE #011210-19

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger approving the attached Spring Clean Up Schedule as recommended by the Village Manager.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

MOTION TO RENEW WEB SITE AGREEMENT #011210-20

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing the renewal of Faithful Design & Print for website services subject to the Village Manager reviewing the contract with Joel Schreiber man to see if he would be interested in this project.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Small Cities Grant – Manager Sheeley contacted Mark Blauer to apply for this grant along with the Town of Wawarsing and at this time he does not have the time. Mayor Kaplan spoke to Glen Gildaly and he will incorporate this project when we apply for funding for the water system in the future.

Manager Sheeley told board members that work on the Beckley Bridge will begin on April 19th.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Mayor Kaplan stated that when proposals are received from accounting firms he would like the board to interview the candidates.

Also Mayor Kaplan stated that the Emergency Plan with the Town of Wawarsing and the School District needs to be reviewed. He also spoke of the need to purchase our own wood chipper that could be used by the Street Department.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
THE BIDDING OF THE STREETScape
PLAN
#011210-21**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the bidding of the Barton & Loguidice Streetscape Plan returnable May 21, 2010.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk