

Village of Ellenville
Village Board Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2011

Workshop meeting began at 6:30 p.m. Bennett, Kielson, Storch & DeSantis to discuss the May 31, 2010 financial report.

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

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

Mayor Kaplan reported that earlier this evening board members visited five condemned properties in the Village and has obtained a list of the unpaid taxes on these. Mayor Kaplan stated that at the County Tax Sale, the County is not accepting any bids for parcels unless all taxes are paid in full. After discussion about these properties, the following resolution was made:

**RESOLUTION
REQUESTING COUNTY
REDUCE TAXES
#071111-1**

Resolution by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras requesting that the County of Ulster consider selling these condemned properties (particularly 16 Tuthill Avenue) for less than the taxes owed if the property can be rehabilitated and placed back on the tax roll. In addition, before the new owners purchase the property an agreement would be made that the home would be rehabilitated within a certain time frame. If the original owner bids on their property, they would have to pay the taxes in full.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mayor Kaplan requested that he, the Village Attorney, Village Manager and Building Inspector met to compose a strongly worded letter to the property owners that either they are going to resolve the issues at their property or the Village will proceed legally to rectify the situations. These properties are:

16 Tuthill
78 Center
28 Westwood
18 Park
15 Chapel

Board members further discussed the need to have the poles for our street signs repainted and requested that the Building Inspector check on fences that are erected facing the street.

**MINUTES
#071111-2**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to approve the minutes of June 27, 2011.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dangerous Dogs – Mayor Kaplan discussed an article in today’s paper in reference to dogs and the possibility of raising fees for animals that are not neutered.

Mayor Kaplan requested Attorney Berger to investigate if the Village is prohibited from putting conditions on dog license for dogs that reside in the Village.

Manager Sheeley spoke about other communities banning dogs from festivals. Mayor Kaplan spoke about the problem with horses in the July 4th parade since their owners did not clean up after them.

Hawking, Peddling & Soliciting – There has been an issue with a peddler that is stationery with his cart on Village property. It was requested that Attorney Berger research the viability of charging a larger fee for a stationary spot on Village property.

Valley of the Giants - Mayor Kaplan told board members that they organizers of this group have been in contact with

him to see if the Village is interested in participating in a grant application.

**MOTION TO
WRITE LETTER OF
SUPPORT
#071111-3**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to write a letter of support for the grant application for the Valley of the Giants organizers.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Bike Path & Walking Paths - Mayor Kaplan would like to look into this matter again and requested that Manager Sheeley invite the members of the Rondout Valley Business Association to a future meeting.

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Time Warner Cable – correspondence received in reference to additions/deletions of cable channels.

Ellenville Assembly of God – correspondence requesting the Village Board to waive a \$90 building permit fee for a new roof.

**MOTION WAIVE
BUILDING DEPT FEE
#071111-4**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to waive the \$90 building permit for Ellenville Assembly of God for their new roof.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Peter Backman – letter received from Mr. Backman complimenting the excellent restoration of Liberty Square.

Martin Lonstein – was before the board tonight to discuss the sewer capital reserve charge for his garage. The board will review this matter. Mr. Lonstein also spoke about a tree on Carnation Avenue that has limbs falling and it was requested that Mr. Schug look into this.

Howard Osterhoudt – representing Shawangunk County Club requesting permission to close Nevele Road for local traffic only on August 5th. The Club is hosting a golf tournament at both the County Club and the Honors Haven.

The board was in agreement with this request and asked Mr. Osterhoudt to contact the Police Chief.

Ella Tompkins was before the board tonight representing her taxi company as well as the other taxi companies requesting that the Village Board consider increasing the number of taxi permits allowed from ten to twelve. It was requested that Attorney Berger review the Village code in reference to taxi licenses and to draft legislation that the board could review at the next meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

**MOTION TO DECLARE
EXCESS PICKUP TRUCK
#071111-5**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to declare a 2001 Dodge Pickup Truck with plow as excess property.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO SCHEDULE
NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS
#071111-6**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to schedule the following Neighborhood Walks:

Liberty Square	August 8
Sewer Plant	August 22

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
EXPENDITURE TO REPAIR
SCHOOL POOL
#071111-8**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing the Manager to repair the leak at the school pool not to exceed \$2,500.00.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE
FOR AN 'RFP' FOR ACTUARIAL
FIRM
#071111-9**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the advertising of a Request for Proposals for an actuarial firm since all municipalities are required to retain an actuarial to determine the annual and

future cost of medical benefits for both current employees and retirees.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Code Enforcer Schug reported that the Government Center's HVAC system has recently been serviced and it was recommended that a "cat walk" be installed around the air conditioning unit. Mr. Schug will obtain three prices report back to the board.

RESOLUTIONS

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EXPENDITURE TO
CHERRY TIRE SERVICE
#071111-10**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the expenditure of \$3,800.00 to Cherry Tire Service, Inc. for four truck tires and valves as recommended by the Street Department Superintendent and the Village Manager.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AWARDING
CONTRACT TO ULSTER
UNIFORM SERVICES
#071111-11**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger awarding the five year contract for uniform services for the Department of Public Works to Ulster Uniform Service for a yearly amount of \$5,850.00.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AWARDING
CONTRACT TO ULSTER
UNIFORM SERVICES
#071111-12**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger awarding the five year contract for rug cleaning and replacement services at the Government Center to Ulster Uniform Service for a yearly amount of \$1,297.20.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION REAPPOINTING
JOAN RICE SMITH TO
ELLENVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
#071111-13**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras reappointing Joan Rice Smith to the Ellenville Housing Authority as Commissioner effective 7/15/11 for a five year term.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION REAPPOINTING
DARLENE MAIZER TO
PLANNING COMMISSION
#071111-14**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez reappointing Darlene Maizer to the Ellenville Planning Board as Commissioner effective 7/15/11 for a three year term.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

**MOTION REAPPOINTING
PAUL TENNENBAUM TO
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
#071111-15**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger reappointing Paul Tennenbaum to the Ellenville Zoning Board as Commissioner effective 7/15/11 for a three year term.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION REAPPOINTING
KENNETH BECK TO
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
#071111-16**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras reappointing Kenneth Beck to the Ellenville Zoning Board as Commissioner effective 7/15/11 for a three year term.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Mayor Kaplan reported that there are blocked storm drains on Elm Street and Burlison Avenue.

Mayor Kaplan also reported that the Shadowland Theatre is hosting a fundraiser to allow the theater to be open year round.

Trustee Oliveras questioned the possibility of purchasing a floor buffer for the Government Center.

Trustee Steinhoff reported that the Youth Commission met earlier today and there are 255 children in the Summer Program.

Trustee Steinhoff requested that a letter be sent to Robert Berger and JB Gillette thanking them for work they do in keeping the garden at the points beautiful.

Trustee Lopez requested that the curb by the Post Office be painted.

POLICE

Chief Mattracion reported that the 4th of July festivities went well and believes there was an increase in the number of attendees.

Chief Mattracion presented to board members an activity report and stated that this coming Saturday is firearms training.

Mayor Kaplan requested that a letter be prepared to give to property owners if their lawns need to be cut.

Mayor Kaplan requested that the Chamber of Commerce tell board members of grand openings.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried