

Village of Ellenville
Village Board Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2009

Meeting called to order at with the Pledge of Allegiance by
Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Kaplan stated that earlier this evening the Board of Trustees held a “neighborhood walk” on Maple Avenue and discovered a few issues that will need to be addressed. One issue was trees growing into the sidewalk and it was requested that Manager Sheeley work with Attorney Berger to make sure the Village policy in regard to tree removal is sufficient. Also requested that Attorney Berger check with NYCOM about the issue of loose cats that are roaming in the neighborhood and what the Village could do about this matter. Other issues were high grass, unlicensed vehicles, removal of “stop sign ahead” signs and the need to empty trash cans located by the School.

**MOTION TO
APPROVE MINUTES
#071309-01**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to approve the minutes of June 22, 2009 as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Time Warner Cable - Correspondence received from Time Warner Cable to advise channel changes and/or deletions.

Ellenville Public Library & Museum – Board members were invited to the July 15th presentation by Arm of the Sea Theatre at the Farmer’s Market site at 7:00 p.m.

Joel Schreibman – questioned the status of the Time Warner Cable franchise and Mayor Kaplan will write a letter to the Public Service Commission requesting their assistance in this matter. Mr. Schreibman also spoke about loose dogs on Mine Lane.

Ellenville Head Start – Stacy Bermo, Ellenville Headstart Program, was before the board tonight requesting permission to extend their parking lot. The Village of Ellenville owns the building and property that the program uses.

**MOTION TO
GRANT PERMISSION
TO ELLENVILLE HEADSTART
TO EXTEND THEIR PARKING
LOT
#071309-02**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Lopez to grant permission to Ellenville Headstart Program to extend their blacktop area to be used for parking subject to review by Trustee Lopez and Building Inspector Schug.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Ellenville Playground Committee – Karri Scott-DeFazio gave an update on the Playground and stated that this committee is still raising funds and in need for volunteers to complete the project. Mayor Kaplan questioned the end date of this project and Manager Sheeley commented that children are using the playground and the need for it to be secured until all work is completed.

Report of the Ellenville Government Study Committee on Village Dissolution – Steve Krulick, Carol Distel and Manny Torres were before the board tonight to present their report on the above subject.

Mr. Krulick spoke on behalf of this committee and reviewed their results (see attached). This report was broken into three sections and lengthy discussion ensued. The purpose of this study was to look into dissolution of the Village. The Ellenville Journal had conducted a survey as well as the Village to ask residents for their opinion on dissolving the Village government. Village residents do not want to give up the police department and discussed was how to restructure government to save money. There was also discussion that if special districts were formed there would be the need for their own administration and these extra administrators

would probably cost more than dissolution would save. Mayor Kaplan thanked the committee for their efforts and requested that Manager Sheeley give a copy of this report to all departments. After board members have a chance to review this report, a follow up discussion will take place at the first meeting in August.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Code Enforcer Schug informed board members that Commissioner Gary Horowitz has expressed interest in continuing as a Zoning Board member and there were no other applicants for the position.

**MOTION TO
REAPPOINT GARY
HOROWITZ TO
ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS
#071309-03**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to reappoint Gary Horowitz as Zoning Board Commissioner effective July 15, 2009 to July 15, 2014.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

RESOLUTIONS

**MOTION TO
RESCIND APPOINTMENT
OF WILLIAM MARCHUK
#071309-04**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to rescind appointment of William Marchuk (#062209-14) as part time Municipal worker.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO
APPOINT ARTHUR
HAYES
#071309-05**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff appointing Arthur Hayes, part time Municipal worker, at an hourly rate of \$10.00 not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week effective July 15, 2009.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
MAYOR & MANAGER TO
EXECUTE AGREEMENTS
#071309-06**

Resolution by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing the Mayor or Village Manager to execute all necessary agreements or certifications on behalf of the Village of Ellenville with NYS Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Beckley Bridge Project and the Village's first instance funding of the non-federal share of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible. Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

**RESOLUTION CORRECTING
VILLAGE RECORDS
#071309-07**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez for the correction of the following 2009 Village tax bills:

83.311-4-8.1	Matthews – 101 Canal Street – used as Village parking lot.	\$304.26
83.77-4-21	Greco – Clerical Error – deleted Veteran Exemption	
	Taxes billed	\$2,129.84
	Exemption	215.78
	Corrected bill	\$1,914.06

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

State Auditors – Treasurer Polkoski told board members that there will be a preliminary meeting this Thursday with NYS Auditors.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

National Incident Management System (NIMS) – It was the consensus of the board that Brian Schug will represent the Village of Ellenville for NIMS. Mayor Kaplan will compose a letter to Art Snyder, Emergency Management Operations Manager, informing him of this appointment. Also a copy of the County's resolution will be sent to Attorney Berger so a similar resolution for the Village of Ellenville can be adopted.

Paul Logan – Correspondence received from Mr. Logan in reference to an Order to Remedy Violation letter that was issued to him recently. Mr. Logan feels he is doing a community service by trimming the bushes on Moulton Street and that these bushes are

on Village property. Upon recommendation by the Village Manager we should limit the number of brush, leaves and trimmings to twice a year unless there are special circumstances (bad storms, etc.). A letter will be written to Mr. Logan informing him of our policy but will pick it up this time and unless he can show proof that these bushes are on Village property this will not be done in the future.

Department of Environmental Conservation – Code Enforcer Schug spoke about the consent order to remove the fuel/oil tanks in reference to 81 N. Main Street. Mayor Kaplan stated that it was included in the agreement for the sale of that building that the new owner will remove those tanks.

Leash Law Sign – The Village Board was in agreement with the wording on the sign that will be installed at the Berme Road Park.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Grant Writers Proposal - Manager Sheeley will try to schedule the presentations by the two grant writers for next meeting.

MOTION TO TABLE GRANT WRITERS PROPOSAL #071309-08

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to table the grant writer’s proposals till next board meeting.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Yellow Book – Manager Sheeley sent a letter to the CEO of Yellow Books informing them if someone did not clean up the books that were left at vacant properties, the Village of Ellenville will do the cleanup and bill them for our services.

Beckley Bridge Project - This project is on the Governor’s desk and should be signed this week.

Wintish Road Project – This FEMA project is completed.

Circle Avenue Project – This project has started this week and should be completed in two weeks.

Warren Street Project – Bids will be opened at noon on July 20th.

Hinchey Grant – There was discussion about the use of this grant and in addition it was questioned about the status of the Rails/Trails grant.

Pool – Manager Sheeley stated that the pool has been filled and will be open on Wednesday.

Utility Audit - Mayor Kaplan and Manager Sheeley will be meeting with the representatives that have been conducting the utility audit.

RUPCO - Manager Sheeley questioned a bill that was submitted by Village Construction in reference to the RUPCO project and Mayor Kaplan stated that their representative should come to a board meeting to discuss this matter.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Lopez asked if there are any updates on the new Sewer project and told not at this time.

Trustee Oliveras requested an update about the construction debris at Ellenridge and Code Enforcer Schug stated that he has been in contact with the property owner. Mayor Kaplan stated that in past he has attempted to help resolve matters with all parties involved but there has been an issue that his partner in his law firm did represent the previous owner and in the future he will remove himself from all discussions during his term as Mayor.

Trustee Oliveras questioned if the water at the Nevele Grande had been shut off due to lack of payment. This will be done in the near future. Trustee Oliveras also questioned the project for corrosion control for our filters.

Trustee Steinhoff gave a report on the Summer Recreation Program and also discussed an evaluation program for employees. Mayor Kaplan requested that Manager Sheeley check with our Labor Attorney to see if this allowable. Trustee Steinhoff also encouraged everyone to visit the “Pay It Forward” store on Route 209 in Kerhonkson.

**ADJOURN TO
AUDIT**

#071309-09

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to adjourn to audit and not to reconvene to public session at 9:07 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk