

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kaplan at 5:00 p.m. Meeting began earlier due to inclement weather.

Mayor Kaplan requested a Moment of Silence in memory of Sol Sandler who recently passed away. Mr. Sandler served as a Trustee for the Village Board as well as contributing his efforts to make the Village a better place to live.

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

Joseph P. Stoeckeler, Jr., Village Manager
Peter Berger, Village Attorney
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
#012615-1**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015 as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mattracion gave updates on his department's activities and spoke about the impending snowstorm.

Mayor Kaplan discussed with the Chief the concept of having the police hosting community meetings at several churches in the Village to foster good relations.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Stoeckeler gave an update on the Village's water project as well as an upcoming meeting with NY Rising.

Manager Stoeckeler informed board members of the contingencies set forth by the Environmental Facilities Corporation has given to the Village before the closeout of the Wastewater Treatment Plant project can be completed. The Village must establish a separate water fund and a separate sewer fund bank account. In addition the Village must address the deficit in the Water fund.

With the above in mind, Manager Stoeckeler recommended and gave to board members the following plan by using a portion of the “mountain money” to restructure the Village’s financial situation.

Problems

Taxes

Water Sewer Rates

Contingency of WWTP Loan

Current Needs

Water Truck

WWTP Truck

WWTP Modifications

Debt Service Loader & Truck

Near Future Needs

Inflow & Infiltration

Other

60-Ton HVAC – Government Center

Two Trucks – Street Department

Center Street Parking

Canal Street Parking

Lampposts – Center Street

Total Mountain Account Balance

\$3,200,000

Proposed Action: Draw \$1,200,000

Reason: Meet lender requirement for Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan
Retire Water Capital Debt
Minimize or eliminate any near future increase in taxes and water/sewer rates.

Proposed:

Water

Eliminate Existing Water Deficit	\$ 475,000
Eliminate Existing Water Capital Debt	175,000
Truck	50,000

Sewer

Establish Reserve for Inflow & Infiltration	100,000
Truck	50,000

General

Eliminate need for BAN for Loader & Truck	<u>350,000</u>
	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

Anticipated Outcome:

1. Enable Village to stay under Tax Cap for next several years
2. Sewer Capital Fee reduced by \$5.00 per quarter for residential users (20% reduction)
3. Eliminate quarterly Water Deficit charge (Average reduction expected to be approximately \$35.00 per quarter per house)

The following discussion took place between board members and Manager Stoeckeler. Mayor Kaplan stated that due to interest rates over the past few years, the interest received is minimal. If this money is used it would relieve some of the Village’s taxpayers burden for our water/sewer rates as well as qualify for the rebate from the State.

Attorney Berger prepared draft legislation for a local law authorizing to consider the adoption of a Local Law of the Village of Ellenville for the Year 2015 which authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village to: (i) withdraw a total sum of \$1,200,000.00 from a special reserve fund established for the Village pursuant to Chapter 289 of the Laws of 1997. This legislation will be discussed at a Public Hearing.

**MOTION TO SCHEDULE
A PUBLIC HEARING
FOR LOCAL LAW
WITHDRAWAL FROM
SPECIAL RESERVE ACCOUNT
#012615-2**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to schedule a Public Hearing on February 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to consider the adoption of a Local Law of the Village of Ellenville for the Year 2015 which authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village to: (i) withdraw a total sum of \$1,200,000.00 from a special reserve funds. All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Inspector Schug gave board members a copy of legislation adopted by other municipalities as to how they deal with abandoned homes. Mayor Kaplan questioned if there was legislation that would allow the Village to take measures before the property is in the foreclosure process and requested Attorney Berger to discuss this matter with NY Conference of Mayors.

Building Inspector Schug told board members that a class for Flood Plain Management previously approved by the Board from Maryland to Oriskany, New York.

**MOTION TO AMEND
AUTHORIZATION TO
ATTEND SEMINAR
#012615-3**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger amending previous authorization for Building Inspector Schug to attend a Flood Plain Management from Maryland to Oriskany, New York at no cost to the Village. All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Steinhoff requested that the 2015 Town of Wawarsing Revaluation schedule be placed on our website.

Trustee Steinhoff mentioned that the Complete Streets Committee is looking for members and if you are interested, please contact them.

Trustee Oliveras gave the name of a supplier for radios for our trucks and cars and Manager Stoeckeler will contact them.

Mayor Kaplan reminded everyone of the February 9, 2015 joint meeting with the Town of Wawarsing to be held at the Ellenville Elementary Music Assembly Room at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Kaplan spoke about the marketing of our area's natural beauty and Marcus Guiliano has pictures that could be placed on our website.

Deputy Mayor Younger questioned who would be on the committee to decide on the scope of the projects for the "Ellenville Million."

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. in memory of Sol Sandler.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk