

Village of Ellenville  
Board Meeting  
Monday, September 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kaplan at 7:10 p.m. This meeting is opened in memory of Harry Resnick who passed away recently.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

The Board met earlier this evening at 6:30 p.m. to audit the bills.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
#090913-1**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to approve the minutes of August 26, 2013.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**PETITIONERS &  
CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondences were received from Ivan Kalter thanking the Ellenville Police Department for their recent assistance with a motor vehicle problem and a thank you for the Ellenville/Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce to the Village for the successful Blueberry Festival.

Shiloh Baptist Church – Request to use the Mill Street Park for a Community Outreach Day.

**MOTION TO GRANT  
REQUEST-MILL ST  
PARK  
#090913-2**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez granting permission to the Shiloh Baptist Church to host a Community Outreach Day at the Mill Street Park on September 21, 2013 from 9:00am-6:00p.m. All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Manager Sheeley stated that the Mill Street Park repairs will be done before September 21, 2013.

Also received was correspondence from Honor's Haven announcing the opening of their Wellness Center and an update from NYCOM in reference to the State's pension rates.

Thomas Kentop spoke to board members about his client "Amazing Dragon" and their site plan located at 211 S. Main St. Mayor Kaplan requested that a meeting be scheduled with Mr. Kentop, himself and the Village Manager.

Edward Rosenblatt – Mr. Rosenblatt inquired if a determination had been made in reference to his taxes and Mayor Kaplan will schedule a meeting with the Village Manager and Village Tax Collector.

**DISCUSSION**

**PROCLAMATION-  
ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS MONTH  
#090913-3**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger:

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER, 2013  
AS ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, We must safeguard schools and communities for our children, and, through our recognition of the serious issues that face them each day, offer our children an environment that holds promise and security; and

**WHEREAS**, Many organizations, school districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children; and

**WHEREAS**, Each day an estimated 160,000 children refuse to go to school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the loneliness that comes from being excluded and made the target of rumors and cyber-bullying; many more students attend school in a chronic state of anxiety; and

**WHEREAS**, It is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth as well as the risks of teenage suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, Providing a safe physical and emotional environment is a significant goal and a personal responsibility of each individual; and

**WHEREAS**, It is time to **“Stand UP for Character – DOWN to Bullying!”**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that Village Board of the Village of Ellenville do hereby designate the month of October 2013 as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month in the Village of Ellenville as a symbol of our commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying.

**All in favor - Aye - motion carried**

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Mattracion reported that the firearms and defensive training has been completed and on September 28<sup>th</sup> OSHA training will take place.

Also Chief Mattracion gave an update on recent arrests as well as the bear sightings in the Village.

## **MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mayor Kaplan stated that earlier this evening the Board met at the Street Department facility and would like to acknowledge their efforts in keeping their building in tidy condition.

Manager Sheeley updated the board on the Capital Projects at the Street Department and it was decided not approve a task order for engineers in reference for a new overhead door but instead proceed without retaining an engineer.

Hunt Memorial Building electric repairs – The Village Board went to the Hunt Building this evening and came to the conclusion that a significant capital improvement will need to be done rather than the a repair and

the Board will meet with the HMP Commission and the Chamber of Commerce.

Manager Sheeley has attempted to contact Joanna Winer in reference to who owns the portion of the road that their house is located.

Manager Sheeley will also follow up with the Street Department foreman in reference to the drainage issues on Moulton Street.

Manager Sheeley further updated the board on the playground camera and lighting at the Berme Road Park. Also a new paving schedule will be given to board members since the Town Highway department will not be able to assist our staff.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Polkoski spoke about the reimbursement of purchases that were made by an individual in reference to the building of the Berme Road Park. It was the consensus of the board that before any reimbursement is made we receive a letter from Kari Scott DiFazio certifying and signed that this purchases were made as well as any credit cards receipts showing the purchases.

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Code Enforcer Schug reviewed with board members a list of ten of the most neglected properties in the Village. Mayor Kaplan proposed to prepare a draft of a letter notifying the property owners that they have made this list and to invite them a Board meeting so they may discuss the issues and how to resolve them.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

##### **MOTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF PART TIME DISPATCHER SAWYER #090913-4**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, Trustee Lopez accepting the resignation of Stephen Sawyer as part time police dispatcher effective July 29, 2013.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION ACCEPTING  
RESIGNATION OF  
PART TIME POLICE  
OFFICER LOGAN  
#090913-5**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff accepting the resignation of Lamark Logan as part time police officer effective August 27, 2013.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
RESCIND MOTION #081313-23  
#090913-6**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to rescind motion #081313-23 authorizing Manager to sign an agreement with Telecom Data Service, Inc.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION APPOINTING  
HARRISON SMITH-  
MUNICIPAL WORKER-  
WWTP  
#090913-7**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger appointing Harrison Smith as a Municipal Worker assigned to the Wastewater Treatment Plant effective September 11, 2013 at an hourly rate in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Ellenville and Local #750 dated August 26, 2013.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION APPROVING  
EXPENDITURE TO  
BRINKERHOFF TREE  
#090913-8**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez approving expenditure to Brinkerhoff Tree Removal for various tree removals estimated in the amount of \$1,050.00 upon recommendation of Street Department Foreman and Village Manager.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION APPROVING  
PAYMENT TO ALTERIS  
RENEWABLE  
#090913-9**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger approving payment to Alteris Renewable in the amount of \$168,654.96 in reference to the Wastewater Treatment Plant upon recommendation of Barton & Loguidice.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION REAFFIRMING  
CHEMUNG SUPPLY  
#090913-10**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez reaffirming authorization for installation of guiderail for 43 Chapel Street by Chemung Supply Corporation in the amount of \$1,558.60 as recommended by Street Department Foreman and Village Manager.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO CONTRACT  
WITH HVEA ENGINEERS  
#090913-11**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to give conditional approval to contract with HVEA Engineers from Beacon, NY as a consultant for the Safe Route to School grant program. This action will come before the board again once a fee is established.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**BOARD REPORTS**

Deputy Mayor Younger spoke about a condition of a property located at 5 Rear Chapel Street and requested an update on the Harris I & II wells as well as the Fallsview well.

Trustee Steinhoff reported that the Youth Commission met recently and they are working on the Youth Flag Football program.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to adjourn to Executive Session not to reconvene to public session to discuss contractual matters at 8:00 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted, submitted,

Noreen Dechon  
Village Clerk