

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017

The regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kaplan at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

Joseph P. Stoeckeler, Jr., Village Manager
Philip Mattracion, Chief of Police
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer
Linda Polkoski, Village Treasurer
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

DISCUSSION

Mayor Kaplan spoke about an informal consolidation meeting that recently took place between town and Village office with Ulster County Executive Michael Hein. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss a \$20 million grant for the State's Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition. If the County was to win this grant, County Executive Michael Hein stated that it would spend the funds upgrading the County's mass transit, develop a countywide fire exercise area and cover cost associated the Village of Ellenville and the Town of Wawarsing. Mayor Kaplan further spoke about finding ways to assist the taxpayers in making the Village more livable and to remove one layer of taxes.

There were numerous audience members with many questions about the Police Department, the loss of jobs for Village employees and Village services. Discussion took place for approximately 80 minutes and Chris Kelly, UC Deputy Commissioner of Finance and Jonathan Drapkin, Hudson Valley Patter for Progress, CEO and a consultant for the process answered as many questions as possible tonight.

EXECUTIVE SESSION**#022717-1**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss specific personnel.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**#022717-2**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to reconvene into Public Session at 7:40 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

PETITIONERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Ellenville Fire District Chief, Patrick Wardynski, Jr. was before the board tonight requesting permission to host an Inspection Day Parade in the Village on September 9, 2017. Mayor Kaplan stated that the Village Board appreciates all the hard work that is done for our Village by volunteers.

MOTION APPROVING INSPECTION DAY PARADE**#022717-3**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Oliveras approving the Fire District's request to host an Inspection Day Parade on September 9, 2017 pending the receipt of a Certificate of Insurance.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Correspondence received from Laura LaBonte on behalf of Ellenville Girl Scout Troop 60002 to host a cookie booth sale in the Village's parking lot.

MOTION APPROVING REQUEST TO HOST A COOKIE SALE**#022717-4**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger approving the request from Ellenville's Girl Scout troop 60002 pending approval from the Chief of Police to hold a drive thru cookie booth sale in the parking lot adjacent to the Government Center on March 11 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

28 Center Street – A representative for the owner of 28 Center Street was before the board tonight to dispute the snow removal charge. Mayor Kaplan stated that he will look into this and get back to him.

Marcus Guiliano – Aroma Thyme Bistro – said the Wine/Run Festival took place last Sunday and was very successful.

Mr. Guiliano further stated that he has had some issues with the Building Inspector. Mr. Guiliano was told that this was a personnel issue and could not be discussed in public. It was requested that he put his complaint in writing.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mattracion updated the board on the happenings in his department and a recent grant obtained in the amount of \$4,000 for the purchase of Ballistic Helmets.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Stoeckler updated board members on the well testing site on Berme Road as well as requesting the Board to consider going out to bid again for Park Street sidewalks (east side).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Polkoski stated that the Village is presently in fiscal stress and Mayor Kaplan inquired if all grant monies have been applied for reimbursed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Osgood requested permission from the Board to begin the foreclosure proceedings for delinquent taxes.

MOTION AUTHORIZING ATTORNEY TO BEGIN FORECLOSURE PROCESS #022717-5

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to begin the foreclosure process for delinquent tax properties beginning 2011-15. All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mayor Kaplan inquired if Attorney Osgood has checked with Ulster County to discuss this matter.

**MOTION TO
SCHEDULE PUBLIC
HEARING-CEASE TO
BE AN ASSESSING UNIT
#022717-6**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to schedule a Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. on March 13, 2017 to discuss the Village of Ellenville ceasing to be a taxing assessment union.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

RESOLUTIONS

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
PEGGY YORK TO ATTEND
CLASSES
#022717-7**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the attendance of Peggy York to six different training classes in Orange County, NY, given by NYS Building Standards and Code.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION APPROVING
EXPENDITURE TO
PN ALARM
#022717-8**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the expenditure of \$3,355.00 to PN Fire & Burglar Alarm Company for annual fire inspection upon recommendation of the Building Department Inspector.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EXPENDITURE TO NYS
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS
#022717-9**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the expenditure of \$2,302.00 to NYS Conference of Mayors or membership dues.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EXPENDITURE TO PEAK
POWER
#022717-10**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the expenditure of \$1,132.25 to Peak Power Systems for a bi-annual contract for servicing three generators upon recommendation of the Village Manager.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION APPOINTING
P. YORK AS 2ND DEPUTY
CLERK
#022717-11**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to appoint Peggy York as 2nd Deputy Clerk effective March 1, 2017.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION APPOINTING
DANIEL TUCKER AS DEPUTY
TREASURER
#022717-12**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to appoint Daniel Tucker as Deputy Treasurer effective March 1, 2017 at a salary of \$40,000.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to enter into Executive Session at 8:15 pm to discuss specific personnel not to reconvene to public session.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk

