

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
Monday, March 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	Absent w/notice
Trustee Efrain Lopez	Present
Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mayor Kaplan spoke about the despicable comments made about Brian Schug, Code Enforcer Officer by a local business owner. Even though these remarks can come under Freedom of Speech, Mayor Kaplan requested the Village Board vote condemning the actions and posting by Marcus Guiliano.

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras reiterating that Brian Schug does an excellent job for the Village and directs the Chief of Police to contact Facebook and any other website host to stop these slanderous comments.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
#032717-2**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to accept the minutes of March 13, 2017 as presented.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

PETITIONERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Lynds – 4 Bogardus Place – Correspondence received in reference to the condition of the neighboring property at 2 Bogardus Place. Mr. Lynds is concerned for the safety of his tenants and the adjacent residents. Mr. Schug stated that he has issued violations in the past and will continue to do so until the building is safe.

Nancy Napoleon – Headstart – Correspondence received in reference to Peggy York informing the Board that Mrs. York went over and beyond her duties to help them recently. Ms. Napoleon wanted to let Mrs. York know how much they appreciated her help.

James Burschano – 23 Canal Street – before the board tonight requesting relief on fines he received in reference to snow shoveling. Mr. Burschano stated that he was relying on one of his tenants to take care of shoveling but they failed to do so. Mayor Kaplan stated the reason for this law is for the safety of our residents.

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to reduce the administration fee of the above fine to \$350.00.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

DISCUSSION

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to cancel the April 10, 2017 board meeting due to the Passover Holiday.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2017/2018 Village Budget. This meeting will be held on April 24, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mattracion reported on the activities in his department and spoke about upcoming events that will take place in the Village. Chief Mattracion also reported that his department will be receiving a grant for Ballistic Helmets and the need for new body cameras.

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the Village Manager to sign an agreement with Ulster County URGENT Task force.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the purchase for body cameras in the amount of \$3,960 to be billed on June 1, 2017.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Stoeckeler reported to Board members on the following:

- Staff Meetings with Jonathan Drapkin
- Meeting with GOSR to discuss Easements (NY Rising)
- Potential Storms Reimbursement from NYS Dept. of Transportation
- DOT Easement

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to request from the Ellenville Central School District a modified easement upon recommendation from CHA Associates for Rail/Trail project.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to obtain rates for a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) up to \$500,000

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to authorize Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for \$250,000 from Catskill Hudson Bank at 1.25% interest for 6 months.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Osgood spoke to board members about the renewal of the T-Mobile Lease and also a new lease for Verizon Mobile.

Mayor Kaplan requested that a letter be written to Ulster County in reference to unpaid Village taxes.

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to send a letter to Ulster County Executive Michael Hein as well as Kenneth Ronk, Chairman of the Ulster County Legislative with the following resolution:

“The Village of Ellenville request Ulster County adopt and enforce a policy as of January 1st of a given year, if a property in the Village of Ellenville that is subject to foreclosure in that year, the County will not enter into

an installment agreement or accept tax payments unless the taxpayer agrees to resolve their unpaid Village taxes as well.”

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BUILDING

Code Enforcer Schug updated the board on the below listed snow/ice fines and a motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras:

64 Warren Street – No action taken

205 Center Street – waived ½ administration fee

203 Center Street – no action

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, Trustee Oliveras to schedule the attached 2017 Spring Clean Up dates from April 17 – May 12, 2017 upon recommendation of Street Department Foreman.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the attendance of Daniel Tucker to Accounting Principles and Procedures given by the State Comptroller’s Officer in the Town of Wappinger on May 23-25, 2017 upon recommendation of the Village Treasurer. The fee for this class is \$85.00.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing the renewal of the T-Mobile lease for a period of 5 years beginning May, 2017 with an increase of 3% annually. May, 2017’s first payment will be \$1,738.90.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Lopez to authorizing the Mayor to sign a lease agreement with Verizon wireless at a monthly rate of \$1,900 with a yearly increase of 2%.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Steinhoff spoke about installing electrical outlets for the Hunt Memorial building and Mayor Kaplan requested that the Village Manager obtain quotes for this.

Mayor Kaplan spoke a new schedule for the Neighborhood Walk dates.

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to schedule the following Neighborhood Walks at 5:00 p.m. weather permitting:

May 8 Kossar Place and the Street Department

May 22 Park Street

June 12 Parks & Rail Trail

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to enter into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters for a specific employee not to reconvene to public session.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk