

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
Monday
March 26, 2018

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 John Gavaris	Present
Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Daniel Tucker, Treasurer
Brian Schug, Code
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to accept the minutes of March 12, 2018 with minor changes.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**NEIGHBORHOOD
WALK**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Gavaris to schedule the following Neighborhood Walks at 5:00 pm:

- April 9 – Maple Avenue
- April 23 – Park/Circle
- May 14 – Warren/Church/Tuthill

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mayor Kaplan requested that Brian Schug compile a list before each walk of the multi-family homes in each area.

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Kathleen Quinn, 165 S. Main Street, was before the board tonight to discuss an issue she is having on her property. Her land is sinking and believes it caused by a drainage problem on Route 209. Mayor Kaplan requested that Water, Street and Sewer department heads look into this matter and report the results back to the Village Manager.

Tony Avery, representing a Men's Softball League, was before the board tonight to discuss the use of the Berme Road Softball field. Mr. Avery told board members that the field will be only used on Saturdays before dark so there will not be a need for the overhead lights. Mayor Kaplan stated that the Village made a commitment to the Girls' High School Softball team and they have first priority to the use of the field. Mr. Avery will keep the fields mowed and maintained. Mayor Kaplan commented that the Village Board likes to see our parks being used.

**MOTION TO OPEN
PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Gavaris to open the Public Hearing for the 2018/2019 Village Budget at 6:15 P.M.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Treasurer Tucker reviewed with board members the proposed budget which represents a 1.9% tax increase. Treasurer Tucker discussed some of the budget lines that have been decreased as well as the revenue (7 months income) for the Verizon cell tower lease. The Police Retirement from the State was an inflated estimate and since originally receiving their calculations accurate numbers are now part of the budget and the street department equipment budget has been increased by \$10,000. Board members requested to see how much was spent to date in each line item before the next board meeting and Trustee Gavaris requested a fund balance for the General, Water and Sewer accounts. Treasurer Tucker will get in touch with the Village auditors for those balances. Discussion ensued about the Village's financial situation and that the State has classified us at a "moderate risk for fiscal stress".

**MOTION TO CLOSE
PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to close the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

DISCUSSION

Mayor Kaplan reported on the Joint Meeting recently held between the Village of Ellenville, Town of Wawarsing and Ellenville School District to discuss different issues pertaining to the depressed prices of real estate in our area. Are these depressed prices due to perceptions or are there real issues? If there are issues, let's look at them and hope to correct them.

POLICE

Chief Mattracion reported the following activities for his department:

- Thank you letter from James & Alice Walsh for the help they received from Officer Santimenio
- School Safety
- Narcom Training
- Upcoming events (Good Friday procession, Little League parade, Cinco de Mayo and Run Like the Wind)
- Training for Officers

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Tucker reviewed with board members the following:

- Refinancing of Bond Anticipation Notes
- Bond Counsel
- Tax Sale – advertising and filing fees
- Fuel costs
- Software
- New vehicle – building department

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Code Inspector Schug spoke about the demolition of Stewarts, construction of their new building as well as the new Taco Bell project.

PETITIONERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Solomon Wasserman, 83 Westwood Avenue, requested the board members to waive violation fees that were issued by the Building Department. Mayor Kaplan requested copies of the violations and Mr. Wasserman will bring them into Village Hall.

RESOLUTIONS

DECLARING MONTH OF MAY AS NHAMI

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff approving request from the National Health Alliance on Mental Illness to declare the Month of May as Mental Health month in the Village of Ellenville.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION APPROVING
WHITE RIBBONS ON TREES
BY HUNT MEMORIAL**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras approving request from NAMI to place 30 white ribbons around trees in the Village promoting Mental Health Awareness month.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION FOR THE USE
OF BERME ROAD FIELD**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the use of the Berme Road softball field for the spring 2018 by the High School softball team. The district will maintain the field during their season.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION APPROVING
CONFERENCE FOR
MICHAEL JETER**

Motion by Trustee Gavaris, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the attendance of Michael Jeter, Street Department Foreman, to 2018 Highway School on June 4-6, 2018 at a cost of \$110.00 held in Ithaca, NY. Cost of lodging is \$99 per night for two nights. Mr. Jeter is to travel in a Village vehicle.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION EXCESSING
EQUIPMENT**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras determined the attached list of equipment to be deemed excess property and to be placed on Auction International for sale upon recommendation of the Street Department foreman.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION ACCEPTING
RESIGNATION OF
NOREEN DECHON**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras accepting the resignation of Noreen Dechon, as Village Clerk, with deep regret, effective July 17, 2018 for purposes of retirement.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Mayor Kaplan requested Attorney Osgood to research legislation by way of a local law to reduce the number of multi-family units in residential units.

Trustee Gavaris presented a Disclosure Statement for the committees and properties owned that he is associated with.

Trustee Steinhoff requested that Michael Jeter repaint the graffiti repair recently done on the Route 209 bridge. Trustee Steinhoff also spoke about the vacant storefront and what could be done to remedy these.

Mayor Kaplan stated that the Chamber of Commerce will have a ribbon cutting at the Island Pepper Pot restaurant this coming Wednesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters not to reconvene into Public Session at 7:00 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk