

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
March 11, 2019

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE PASSING OF RAYMOND MATTHEWS.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

Joseph P. Stoeckeler, Village Manager
Traci Jeter, Village Clerk
Abigail Osgood, Village Attorney
Daniel Tucker, Village Treasurer
Supervisor Houck, Town of Wawarsing
Councilman Buchwalter, Town of Wawarsing
Councilman Johnson, Town of Wawarsing
Councilman Briggs, Town of Wawarsing

Mayor Kaplan thanked Michael Jeter for doing a great job this winter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Gavaris to accept the minutes of February 25, 2019 with the amended changes.
All in favor – Aye –motion carried

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Marcus and Jamie Guiliano – Requests to have their 36th Annual Run like the Wind Race on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to authorize the 36th Annual Run like the Wind Race on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Trustee Gavaris ask Supervisor Houcks who was sitting in the audience if the Town was going to help the Village with these events. Supervisor Houck said it was on the Town agenda for next week’s meeting.

National Alliance on Mental Illness – Requested to tie about approximately 20 ribbons on the main streets in the Village during the weekend of April 27, 2019 and removing them no later than June 1, 2019 and also like the Village to declare the month of May, 2019 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Village of Ellenville.

Motion by Trustee Gavaris, seconded Deputy Mayor Younger to authorize the National Alliance on Mental Illness to tie about approximately 20 ribbons on the main streets during the weekend of April 29, 2019 and remove them no later than June 1, 2019 and to declare the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Village of Ellenville.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

John Graffeo – 25 North Main Street – Request to have his’ snow and ice violation waived on both properties.

Motion by Trustee Gavaris, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to waive the snow and ice administration fee on both properties.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Mr. Graffeo gave Manager Stoeckeler his’ phone number so that the next time this happens he can be called.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to invite the Ellenville Varsity Basketball team, Coach Bonitz and Assistant Coaches to the next meeting of March 25, 2019.

Habitat For Humanity – 181/183 Center Street – Request to have their snow and ice violation waived.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to waive the snow and ice administration fee.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

MANAGER’S REPORT

Manager Stoeckeler updated the Board on the following items:

- 2019/2020 Budget

Motion by Trustee Gavaris, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to schedule a budget workshop for March 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

All in favor – Aye- motion carried

- Spoke to the Assessor about if and when the transaction takes place with the golf course what will the impact on taxes be
- Housing Grant that the Village applied for was unsuccessful and the Village is applying again in July, 2019.
- Kick off meeting for the Water Improvements/Hydrant project will be soon
- Barton and Loguidice storm recovery project

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to authorize the Mayor to sign the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery document which will make GOSR lead agency.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kaplan	- AYE
Deputy Mayor Younger	- AYE
Trustee Oliveras	- AYE
Trustee Gavaris	- AYE

Motion carried

- Made an announcement that if anyone needed to register to vote for the upcoming Mandatory Referendum Election held on March 20th, 2019 can do so tomorrow, March 12, 2019 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall.
- GOSR is going to reallocate some of the Streambank money into the emergency shelter project and in early April the Village should be going out to bid
- Generator project
- Sidewalk project will be going out to bid. This cost will be covered under the CHIPS program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Spoke to the Board to authorize the Treasurer to become a member of the NYGFOA of Financial Officers for 2019 in the amount of \$85.00.

Motion by Trustee Gavaris, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to authorize the Village Treasurer to become a member of the NYGFOA in the amount of \$85.00 for 2019.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Osgood updated the Board of the 2016 Tax Foreclosures.

RESOLUTIONS:**MOTION AUTHORIZING
MICHAEL RYMAN TO ATTEND
THE NY RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION
TRAINING WORKSHOP**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to authorize Michael Ryman to attend the NY Rural Water Association Training Workshop at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY on Monday, May 20, 2019 through Wednesday, May 22, 2019 in the amount of \$837.00 plus meals subject to using a village vehicle.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
BRIAN SCHUG AND NORDEEN PICKELL
TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL HUDSON
VALLEY CODE ENFORCEMENT
OFFICIALS EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to authorize Brian Schug and Nordeen Pickell to attend their annual Hudson Valley Code Enforcement Officials Education Conference at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie, NY on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 through Friday, April 26, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$600.00 subject to using village vehicle.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
BUILDING DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND
THE NYSBOC CLASS TRAINING**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to authorize Brian Schug, Nordeen Pickell, Ken Bovo and Roman Stecyk to attend the NYSBOC Class training in Chester, NY on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 in the amount of \$240.00 (\$60.00 per person) subject to using a village vehicle.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE
TO EAGLE DIESEL POWER COMPANY**

Motion by Trustee Gavaris, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to authorize the emergency expenditure of \$5,320.68 to Eagle Diesel Power Company for the repair to vehicle #5 (2011 International Dump Truck) upon recommendation of the Street Department Foreman..
All in favor – Aye – motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE
TO AMTHOR WELDING**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to authorize the emergency expenditure of \$2,196.43 to Amthor Welding for an electrical roll rite tarp system for vehicle #5 upon recommendation of the Street Department Foreman.
All in favor – Aye – motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
VILLAGE CLERK TO ADVERTISE
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CFA
SMALL CDBG APPLICATION**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Gavaris to authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for a public hearing on April 22, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the 2019 CFA Small CDBG application, eligible activities, program requirements, past projects, possible future projects and public comments and suggestions upon recommendation of the Village Manager.
All in favor – Aye – motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR
TO ACCEPT AND SIGN PROPOSAL
FOR ELLENVILLE/WAWARSING STREAM
BANK RESTORATION PROJECT**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to authorize the Mayor to accept and sign the proposal from Barton and Loguidice in the amount of \$40,000.00 for assistance in securing easements related to the Ellenville/Wawarsing Stream Bank Restoration Project funded by GOSR (project #R3-CR-Ellenvillestreambankrestor-PI-LMI) upon recommendation of the Village Manager...

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kaplan	-AYE
Deputy Mayor Younger	-AYE
Trustee Oliveras	-AYE
Trustee Gavaris	-AYE

Motion carried

**MOTION TO ACCEPT
FEE PROPOSAL FROM
BARTON AND LOGUIDICE**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to accept the fee proposal of \$125,700.00 from Barton and Loguidice for the Deteriorated Water Mains/Hydrant Replacement Project upon recommendation of the Village Manager.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kaplan	-AYE
Deputy Mayor Younger	-AYE
Trustee Oliveras	-AYE
Trustee Gavaris	-AYE

Motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
VILLAGE CLERK TO GO
OUT TO BID FOR THE
ELLENVILLE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to authorize the Village Clerk to go out to bid for the Ellenville Sidewalk Improvement Project with sealed bids due on April 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. upon recommendation of the Village Engineers(For handicapped accessibility, cost covered by CHIPS Program.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kaplan	-AYE
Deputy Mayor Younger	-AYE
Trustee Oliveras	-AYE
Trustee Gavaris	-AYE

Motion carried

Before going into discussion on the Shawangunk Country Club, the Mayor reviewed a couple of projects that the Village is currently working on. The Village is looking into withdrawing a total of \$100,000.000 from the mountain money reserve. The first \$50,000.00 will be for social media to offset negative publicity and to market Ellenville as a great place to live. This fifty thousand will be divided into two years with \$25,000.00 each year. The other \$50,000.00 will be to improve the North Gully Water Falls and use as a tourist attraction. The vote for this will take place on March 20, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s and St. Andrew’s Church.

**PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2019-
WITHDRAW FROM SPECIAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR
THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 48
ACRES OF LAND INCLUDING THE SHAWANGUNK
COUNTRY CLUB AND GOLF COURSE**

Motion by Trustee Gavaris, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to open The public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Local Law #3 of 2019 – Withdraw from special reserve funds for the acquisition of approximately 48 acres of land including the Shawangunk Country Club and Golf Course.
All in Favor – Aye – motion carried

Mayor Kaplan explained that a couple weeks ago the Village was faced with a situation that the Shawangunk Country Club was being forced to sell and to sell as senior citizen/ public work force housing. Mayor Kaplan explained that the Village has enough rental properties and with this it will take away a jewel that we have now. The Board decided to purchase the Shawangunk Country Club and to improve the use of the property for the purpose of all year round community recreational activities.

Manager Stoeckeler informed the Board that he received letters of support from The Ellenville Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce and the Ellenville/Wawarsing Parks and Recreation Commission.

PETITIONERS:

Jean Miller – 1 Jean Street – Wanted to know how the Village will pay for the salaries to run the Shawangunk Country Club and where the money will be coming from.

Mayor Kaplan stated that the Country Club has revenue and now having no mortgage, a nontaxable property and golf rentals this will also generate additional revenue. Mayor Kaplan also noted that the Village will also be applying for grants to help with this project.

Manager Stoeckeler presented the Board with a copy of a Proforma Income statement from the Club which was created by the Deputy Village Treasurer and the Village Manager. This income statement will be available to the public.

Diane Tso – Wanted to express that the Village has a lot to offer and that sometimes the Village is overlooked. Mrs. Tso stated that she owns the stone house across the street from the Country Club and rather than turn that property into housing units it would be a great opportunity to buy and improve the club and put the Village on the map.

Mayor Kaplan stated that the Village has reached out to the Town of Wawarsing to enter into a Municipal Agreement to maintain the golf course.

Iris Friedman – 45 Tuthill Avenue - Wanted to know if the Board votes on this tonight will the financials be available to the public. Mayor Kaplan informed her that Manager Stoeckeler would give her a copy. Trustee Gavaris asked the Village Clerk if she could post this on the Village's website. The Clerk will post to the website by the end of the week.

Martin Rapkin - What about the added expenses.... repaving the parking lot, insurance and staffing for the winter activities. What will be the opening day cost for all these additional expenses?

Manager Stoeckeler informed Mr. Rapkin that the structure will be to have someone run the restaurant and that the Village has put out RFPs (request for proposals). Manager Stoeckeler said as for the other things, it has not been ironed out as of yet.

Mayor Kaplan believes that the Country Club can generate income or come close to net neutral as possible. The main concept is to make this a year round use.

Colleen Craton - Expressed how thrilled she was to have something like this in the Village. There is nothing to do in the winter in Ellenville and this will be a great opportunity.

Supervisor Houck – Supervisor Houck wanted the Town to be acknowledged as working with the Village on this project and spoke about the positive things that will come from this purchase.

Marcus Guiliano – This project is a great idea. The only concern was the letter he received to submit a proposal for restaurant space with a two week dead line. He expressed how someone cannot run a restaurant in less than two weeks. Mayor Kaplan stated that even though the time may be short whatever time the Village gives it will not make someone able to open up a restaurant for the whole season. Mayor Kaplan informed him that the Village is also looking into proposals for a temporary food truck and Mr. Guiliano liked that idea.

Elliott Auerbach – Wanted to know when the Village was going to vote to move the \$475,000.00 and what will be the next step. Mayor Kaplan informed Mr. Auerbach that by the end of the meeting tonight there will be a vote.

Reverend Mary Gunther - Wanted to know what the urgency was in getting this money and will it be a cost to the tax payers. Mayor Kaplan informed her that if we do not do it now, the Country Club would be closed and to maintain the golf course, it will never be done in time.

Deputy Mayor Younger – Want to make sure that the Board has an open discussion at each meeting prior to the vote. The idea has great potential and will be of great use.

Roger Buchwalter – Mr. Buchwalter stated that the Village needs to build on what we have and this will be more than a golf course.

**MOTION TO CLOSE
PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Trustee Gavaris, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to close the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

All in favor – Aye- motion carried

Motion by Trustee Gavaris, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to schedule a mandatory referendum on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at St. Mary’s and St. Andrews Parish Hall from 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The referendum will allow withdrawing a total sum up to \$475,000.00 from a special reserve fund for the acquisition of approximately 48 acres of land including the Shawangunk Country Club and Golf Course for the purpose of year round community recreational activities.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kaplan	- AYE
Trustee Gavaris	- AYE
Deputy Mayor Younger	- AYE
Trustee Oliveras	- AYE

Motion passed

BOARD REPORTS

Nothing at this time

Seth Wood – Request to have his’ snow and ice violations waived.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Gavaris to waive only the administration fee.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

ADJOURN

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Gavaris to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Jeter
Village Clerk

