

VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE  
BOARD MEETING  
June 22, 2020  
6:00 p.m.  
PUBLIC/ZOOM MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan	Present
Deputy Mayor Younger	Present (arrived late)
Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present
Trustee Moschetta	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Michael Warren, Village Manager  
Traci Jeter, Village Clerk  
Daniel Tucker, Village Treasurer  
Abigail Osgood, Village Attorney -VIA ZOOM  
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer - VIA ZOOM

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Moschetta to approve the minutes of May 27, 2020.  
All in favor – Aye- motion carried

MOTION TO OPEN  
PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL  
LAW #3 OF 2020

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to open the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. on Local Law #3 of 2020 – Termination of the Justice Court System.  
All in favor – Aye- motion carried

Attorney Osgood stated that even though this local law is subject to a permissive referendum the Board may take action tonight and approve this local law and once approved the Village Clerk will then have to post and publish the contents of this local law so that any registered voter can be heard upon said proposed law.

Deputy Mayor Younger agrees that it makes sense to have one court and that it may be the perfect opportunity for the Village and Town to work together.

Mayor Kaplan would like the minutes to reflect that the court will not terminate based on the Board's vote tonight but will terminate after the sitting Judges' term making this local law effective January 1, 2023.

Trustee Steinhoff also wanted to inform the Board that the Village is still having a hard time finding an Acting Village Justice.

MOTION TO CLOSE  
PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL  
LAW #3 OF 2020

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Moschetta to close the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. on Local Law #3 of 2020 – Termination of the Justice Court System.  
All in favor – Aye- motion carried

MOTION TO ADOPT  
LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2020 –  
TERMINATION OF THE JUSTICE  
COURT SYSTEM

Motion by Trustee Moschetta, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to adopt Local Law #3 of 2020 – Termination of the Justice Court System subject to permissive referendum as required by law and the court remaining as long as the current term of the Judge continues.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Kaplan	-	AYE
Deputy Mayor Younger	-	AYE
Trustee Steinhoff	-	AYE
Trustee Oliveras	-	AYE
Trustee Moschetta	-	AYE

All in favor – motion carried

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC  
HEARING DISCUSSION ON THE  
2020 CFA SMALL CITIES CDBG APPLICATION,  
ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS,  
PAST PROJECTS, FUTURE PROJECTS AND PUBLIC  
COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to open the public hearing on the discussion on the 2020 CFA Small Cities CDBG application, eligible activities, program requirements, past projects, future projects and public comments and suggestions at 6:15 p.m.

All in favor – Aye- motion carried

Mark Blauer was before the Board tonight to speak about the 2020 CFA Small Cities CDBG application and to answer any comments and or suggestions from the Board and public.

Mayor Kaplan had two suggestions for this application:

- 1) Equipment to remove sludge from the sewer system – Mayor Kaplan stated that the Village pays well over \$100,000.00 each year on sludge removal even though the Village thought that the drying bed system would save the Village money at the end of the day it was useless and became a huge cost.

Mayor Kaplan asked the Sewer Department Foreman, Michael Ryman, if he was aware of any equipment available that would help get rid of sludge without trucking it out. Michael Ryman replied by saying that there is equipment available however, there are metals in the Village sludge and we would have to find something that would be made special for our situation.

- 2) Joseph Stoeckeler Memorial Park and Golf Course – Mayor Kaplan would like this property more usable and more parks like. If not with this grant but perhaps with another grant.

Mayor Kaplan considered the following projects for the park:

- 1) Two mile walkway around the perimeter of the golf course.
- 2) Building an ice skating rink with actual piping and also a covering so that the Village will not have to deal with the weather.
- 3) Snow making device to help with the tubing

Mark Blauer stated that when there are forty applications and only four are funded the Regional Counsel becomes decisive with their twenty points. Mr. Blauer stated that it is in everyone's best interest for the Regional Counsel to like your project.

Mayor Kaplan would like Manager Warren to invite the Regional Counsel to a luncheon which will be sponsored by Mayor Kaplan at the Joseph Stoeckeler Memorial Park and Golf Course to discuss project ideas.

Deputy Mayor Younger asked Mr. Blauer if there were several projects that the Village could apply for or just one overall project. Mr. Blauer informed Deputy Mayor Younger that the Village can apply for more than one project but the Village will only be competing against themselves so Mr. Blauer suggested that the Village sticks to one project.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC  
HEARING DISCUSSION ON THE  
2020 CFA SMALL CITIES CDBG APPLICATION,  
ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS,  
PAST PROJECTS, FUTURE PROJECTS AND PUBLIC  
COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to close the public hearing on the 2020 CFA Small Cities CDBG application at 6:39 p.m.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

## PETITIONERS & CORRESPONDENCES:

Samantha Ellis – Was before the Board via Zoom expressing how she and a group of people would like to do a Black Lives Matter similar to what was done Washington, Detroit, etc. Ms. Ellis would like to do this on Maple Avenue in front of the school and would like permission to do so.

Mayor Kaplan stated that the Board will not vote on this tonight. Mayor Kaplan informed Ms. Ellis that before the Village puts down permanent signage a notice should go out to the community asking for input on how they feel about it.

Trustee Steinhoff suggested to Ms. Ellis that as a committee she may want to look at other alternatives and suggested putting up murals that everyone can see rather than putting signage on Maple Avenue that people may not see. Mayor Kaplan agreed with Trustee Steinhoff in that having a mural may have more of an impact rather than signage on a road that you may not be seen especially during the winter months when it may not be seen at all.

Deputy Mayor Younger asked if there has been a committee formed. Ms. Ellis stated not as of yet.

Mayor Kaplan informed Ms. Ellis that the comment of the Board is that they are interested in considering their proposal but first a small committee should be formed.

Debra Brissett – Was before the Board to discuss what happened with George Floyd and expressed how Mr. Chauvin clearly had issues and wanted to make sure what Mr. Chauvin did will not happen in the Village. Ms. Brissett wanted to know if the police department currently had the following:

- 1) Psychological evaluations for all Officers
- 2) Target practice qualification
- 3) Rap sheets that are looked at by the FBI?
- 4) Choke hold policy

Mayor Kaplan stated that all her questions will be addressed during police reports by the Chief of Police.

## POLICE REPORT:

Chief Mattracion informed Ms. Brissett that the Police Department does not have a choke hold policy and that the choke hold method is not use and is not taught in the training sessions. Chief stated that the use of force is limited to a verbal warning and if necessary OC spray is used.

Chief Mattracion also informed her that fire arm trainings are held twice a year and every officer must qualify and that State law requires that finger print checks are done by the FBI for every applicant and if an applicant has a felony charge than he/she is disqualified from employment and if an applicant has a misdemeanor than it's discretionary and based on the length of time it occurred.

Chief Mattracion informed the Board that he will be having a public group committee meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2020 to go over the policies and procedures for his' department. By the executive order of the Governor the deadline for these policies and procedures is April 21, 2021 and the Chief of Police would like to have his' policies and procedures in place by the end of the year.

Ms. Brissett and Michael Jeter would both like to be considered for the public group committee.

## MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Warren spoke to the Board authorizing a one-time only rollover of personal time for all employees to be use by August 30, 2020 due to COVID-19 (resolution #3)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Tucker gave the Board an updated profit and loss statement for the Joseph Stoeckeler Memorial Park and Golf Course and answered any questions that the Board had.

## ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Osgood spoke about the hotel/motel shelter long term rental and informed the Board that Ulster County Social Services does not have a program for emergency shelters.

Mayor Kaplan stated that before the Board works on a specific language for hotels and motels he would like a motion that it is inhumane to put four or five adults/children in a room for a length of time when a hotel/motel is only meant for an overnight stay.

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Moschetta that it is inhumane to put four or five adults/children in a room for a length of time when it is only t meant for an overnight stay.  
All in favor – Aye- motion carried

Trustee Steinhoff wanted to know when was the last time the Village had a fire inspection at the hotel. Trustee Moschetta stated that at the last meeting it was up in the air as to when the last time was. Attorney Osgood stated that the Village can do inspections and Code Enforcement Officer said that the Building Department can schedule an inspection within the next couple weeks.

Mayor Kaplan would like Attorney Osgood to get a proposed law together for the next meeting of July 27, 2020.

Mayor Kaplan also stated that the Board will hold off on the proposed law in regards to vehicles in residential areas until Dan Shuster can be present.

## BUILDING REPORT:

Nothing at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION TO AMEND  
LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2020  
(RESOLUTION #1)

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Moschetta to amend Local Law #2 of 2020 – Amending Chapter of 227 of the Village of Ellenville Code pertaining to regulations of short term lodging facilities.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Kaplan	- AYE
Deputy Mayor Younger	- AYE
Trustee Steinhoff	- AYE
Trustee Oliveras	- AYE
Trustee Moschetta	- AYE
All in favor - motion carried	

MOTION TO INCREASE  
PAUL CRAFT'S SALARY  
(RESOLUTION #2)

Motion by Trustee Moschetta, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to increase Paul Craft's salary from \$14.72 to \$17.00 effective immediately.

All in favor – Aye- 3 – Trustee Steinhoff disqualified herself from voting as she is related to Mr. Craft – motion carried



MOTION TO AUTHORIZE  
A ONE-TIME ROLLOVER  
OF PERSONAL TIME  
(RESOLUTION #3)

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Moschetta to authorize a one-time rollover of personal time to be use by August 30, 2020 due to COVID-19 upon recommendation of the Village Manager.

All in favor – Aye- motion carried

BOARD REPORTS:

Mayor Kaplan has some concerns about opening up the basketball courts and playground since the Town of Wawarsing is not opened. Mayor Kaplan feels that if we open than everyone from the Town will use our parks and we will have a social distancing problem. Mayor Kaplan proposed that the Village sets up a joint meeting with the Town to discuss this matter and would like Manager Warren to reach out to Supervisor Houck.

Mayor Kaplan also informed the Board that he met with the three restaurants that were not within the Canal strEATS area and the French Corner. Mayor Kaplan stated that the three restaurants might consider joining. As for the French Corner, Mayor Kaplan stated that this was not intended as a street fair whereas every business was going to be included but he let the French Corner know that if they wanted to put a promo on each table they were more than welcome to.

Trustee Moschetta – Nothing at this time

Trustee Steinhoff – Wanted to know the following:

- 1) Monument at Liberty Square – Spoke to Michael Jeter about the monument and he stated that it is stored at the Street Department.

Trustee Steinhoff stated that the monument is too low and would like to raise it.

Mayor Kaplan informed the Board that he received a proposal from Billing Memorial to raise the monument

and suggested that the Village Manager contact Charlie and Noreen Dechon to see if they could do a fund raiser to pay for this.

- 2) Emergency Shelter Bid – Wanted to know the status on this bid. Village Clerk Jeter informed Trustee Steinhoff that the Board has not yet awarded this bid project. Manager Warren will look into this matter.

Trustee Steinhoff would like Manager Warren to invite Kathy Butler and Jane Eck to the review meeting.

- 3) Lawn/Snow removal – Trustee Steinhoff wanted to know how many letters where send out. Manager Warren informed her that no letters were sent out.

Trustee Oliveras – Nothing at this time

Deputy Mayor Younger – Nothing at this time

MOTION TO SCHEDULE  
THE NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD  
WALK FOR BERME ROAD  
PARK

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Moschetta to schedule the next neighborhood walk for the Berme Road Park. All in favor – Aye- motion carried

ADJOURN

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Moschetta to go into executive session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss personal and not to reconvene. All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Jeter  
Village Clerk

