

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL	Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan	Present
	Deputy Mayor Raymond Younger	Present
	Trustee Efrain Lopez	Present
	Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
	Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Philip Cataldi, Village Attorney
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer
Dan Hauspurg, Economic Development Officer
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

**MOTION TO
APPROVE MINUTES
#101408-1**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to approve the minutes of September 22, 2008 as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

Kingston/Ulster Empire Zone- Mayor Kaplan received a letter today in reference to this subject and would like to table this discussion till next meeting.

**MOTION TO TABLE
DISCUSSION
#101408-2**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to table this item to the October 27, 2008 board meeting.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Halloween Curfew – Since the October 31, 2008 night football game has been cancelled, it was requested by Chief Mattracion that the curfew for this night be 8:30 p.m.

**HALLOWEEN CURFEW
#101008-3**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to amend the original curfew for Halloween, October 31, to 8:30 p.m. All in favor - Aye - motion carried

NYSHIP Meeting – Village Clerk Dechon gave a synopsis of a meeting previously attended earlier this month in reference to the New York State Health Insurance Plan.

Survey Results – “No Parking Signs” removal on the north side of Hickory Street – a survey was sent to the residents of Hickory Street where the majority would like to see the signs removed. One resident did comment that these signs were placed on this street for safety issues and Mayor Kaplan felt this is a valid concern and requested that Chief Mattracion look into this matter before the board considers removing these signs.

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Susan Picarillo – Ellenridge Homeowners Association – was before the board tonight to discuss the required testing of the private fire service mains and fire hydrants. The section of water mains and hydrants to be tested are from unit #26 - #50 (Hillside Lane) and #51 - #69 (Mountain View Lane.) Mr. Schug sent a letter dated August 19, 2008 to the Homeowners Association and Ellenridge Holdings informing them that this testing is mandated and must be completed within 60 days. Ms. Picarillo stated that this expense would be a hardship for the homeowners and requested that the Village do the testing.

Mayor Kaplan questioned the status of forcing the issue of building a booster system and requested that Mr. Schug call the property owner and also send a letter stating that at the next board meeting we are prepared to go to bid to build a booster system.

In reference to the testing of service mains and fire hydrants, it was requested that Mr. Schug contact our Village engineers to get a proposal for the cost of this testing and also Ms. Picarillo is to obtain an estimate for this work. This discussion will continue at the next scheduled board meeting.

Joanne Gaeta – represents a management company and spoke to the board about what she feels is an unfair practice that a tenant’s unpaid water and sewer bills are rolled over to the property owner’s taxes. Mayor Kaplan stated that this is an issue between

the tenant and the landlord and this process is part of the Village Code.

**NEIGHBORHOOD
WALK**

Mayor Kaplan reported that earlier this evening the board had a “neighborhood walk” in the vicinity of Cape Avenue. The board has a concern with the condition of the Cape Avenue Bridge and the sidewalks and requested that we contact Ulster County and urge them to do a site visit.

**MOTION TO CONTACT
ULSTER COUNTY HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT IN REFERENCE
TO CAPE AVENUE BRIDGE
#101408-4**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff that we the request the County assist the Village in inspecting and reviewing the bridge to determine how to make it safer for our residents.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Speed on Cape Road to Cape Avenue - Also on the walk it was brought to the boards’ attention about the excessive speed on this road and it was requested that Chief Mattracion check to see that speed signs are posted and to enforce the speed limit.

Also discovered on this walk that the River Street sign is missing and a “No Outlet” sign should be posted and in addition the building department will be sending out letters for hedge issues and there was an area where a guardrail might be necessary.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE PURCHASE OF A FORD 350
TRUCK
#101408-5**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing the purchase of Ford 350 ³/₄ ton truck with plow subject to confirmation that the money is in place and this vehicle is on State bid. This vehicle will be purchased a Johnson Ford not to exceed \$38,000.00 with a \$1,000.00 rebate and financing at 0%.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

SALT SHED

Trustee Lopez spoke about the placement of the new salt shed and it was requested that a meeting be scheduled to meet with Mr. Reed to discuss this matter.

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE
ACADY SOLUTIONS TO
ADMINISTER HUNT MEMORIAL
RESTORATION GRANT
#101408-6**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to hire Arcady Solutions to administer the Hunt Memorial Restoration Grant at a cost not to exceed \$5,850 (\$65.00 per hour for 90 hours.) This fee will be paid out of grant.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO ESTABLISH
FALL 2008 CLEAN UP SCHEDULE
#101408-7**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to establish the Fall 2008 Cleanup schedule.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO PURCHASE
BADGER METERS
#101408-8**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to purchase twenty five (25) badger meters at a cost of \$4,607.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
RFP FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION
AND SUPPORT SERVICES
FOR MICRO ENTERPRISE
LOAN PROGRAM
#101408-9**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to authorize a Request for Proposal for program administration and support services for the Micro Enterprise Loan program.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Dan Hauspurg commented that the Village Board should explore a more efficient manner for program administrations. One approach could be an in-house administration program with a self funding position.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Schug reviewed with board members a letter received from Dorian Lennert-Shank requesting a zoning on her building at 6-8

Backman Avenue from B3-Highway to Zone R3-Residential. Mr. Schug suggested that the board look at tweaking the zoning line west back two or three parcels where they are residential homes and keep the 209 corridor as business.

**MOTION REQUESTING
A RECOMMENDATION
FROM THE PLANNING BOARD
IN REFERENCE TO CHANGING
ZONING LINE
#101408-10**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to request a recommendation from the Planning Board on a proposed change to the zoning laws to change the district lines.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**REJECTING FUEL TANK MODIFICATION
BID
#101408-11**

Mr. Schug told board members that one bid was received for the fuel tank modifications and it was slightly higher than we budgeted for.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez that the sealed bid of Conklin Services and Construction, Inc. to furnish modifications to underground storage tanks (USTs) including tank removal, new tank installation and upgrades be rejected by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ellenville pursuant to its discretionary powers to do so under General Municipal Law § 103 in that the bid price received is in excess of the funds available for the purchase and hiring of said services.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO
READVERTISE
FUEL TANK MODIFICATION
BID
#101408-12**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez that the Village's consultant, C2G Environmental Consultants, LLC, with the assistance of the Village's Engineers make any necessary revisions to the specifications, and to readvertise them in the Ellenville Journal and the Times Herald Record returnable to the Village Clerk's office by 3:00 p.m. on November 13, 2008 to be publicly opened and read at such time.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Younger spoke about reading the outcome of the pool litigation in the Ellenville Journal in which the Village was involved in and questioned if our attorney knew about this. Attorney Cataldi said he did not and is not privy to any settlement.

Deputy Mayor Younger also spoke to a Sohaib Saeed, student, who was originally involved in the skateboarding park and requested that he come back to a Village board meeting.

Deputy Mayor Younger requested that the grates on the trees in the downtown area be checked and also to adjust the lights on Berme Road be turned off at 9:00 p.m. for the winter

Trustee Steinhoff stated that the audit report will be given at the next meeting.

Mayor Kaplan spoke about the County's billings to municipalities for the last election. The Village of Ellenville has not received a bill. Mayor Kaplan also commented that on October 28th at 11:00 a.m. Congressman Hinchey will be in Liberty Square to award the Village with a \$295,000 Main Street Grant Phase II and at 12:00 p.m. Assembly Cahill will be at the unveiling of the new traffic light at the corners of Route 209 and Maple Avenue.

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION
#101408-13**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:10 p.m. not to reconvene to public session.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk