

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
Monday, October 27, 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	Absent w/notice
	Trustee Efrain Lopez	Present
	Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
	Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Philip Cataldi, Village Attorney
Philip Matracion, Chief of Police
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer
Linda Polkoski, Village Treasurer
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

**MOTION TO
APPROVE MINUTES
#102708-1**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to approve the minutes of October 14, 2008 as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Tobacco Free Action Coalition of Ulster County – Letter received requesting that our Village adopt a non-binding resolution for public awareness for the curtailing of advertising tobacco products to children.

**RESOLUTION FOR
PUBLIC AWARENESS
IN REFERENCE TO
TOBACCO ADVERTISING
TO OUR YOUTH
#102708-02**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez adopting a non-binding resolution that would bring public awareness to the issue of tobacco advertising in retail stores in our Village.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

Kingston/Ulster Empire Zone- Mayor Kaplan discussed the continuance of the Village's commitment to the Kingston/Ulster Empire Zone and the yearly contribution of \$5,500.00. There has been little participation on the part of property owners and it was requested that a letter be written to property owners in the zone asking for their input. Mayor Kaplan further requested that a letter be sent to the Kingston/Ulster Empire Zone asking for a postponement for our decision until such time that this matter is discussed with the eight property owners and also request confirmation that the "grandfathered" business owners would not be jeopardized. A decision will be made at the next regularly scheduled Village Board meeting.

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE
(continued)**

Ellenridge Homeowners Association – Susan Picarillo representing Homeowners Association was before the board tonight with the requested engineering quote in reference to the testing of service mains and fire hydrants. Ms. Picarillo received a quote from Fellenzer Engineering and Mayor Kaplan requested Brian Schug to compare this quote and the quote received from the Village engineers before the next meeting. Mayor Kaplan stated that the Village is committed to assist the homeowners with Village manpower if necessary to complete this task. Mayor Kaplan also suggested a meeting date be set for all parties involved in the Ellenridge Development for the completion of the pump station.

Time Warner Cable – Letter received informing the Village of channel changes and/or additions. Mayor Kaplan commented that Kate Hope visited him in reference to the Time Warner Cable contract and he requested that she get involved with trying to get a response from Time Warner Cable and to also discuss with them the keeping of an office in Ellenville, the donation of some television equipment or a public access studio.

Ellenville Regional Hospital – Letter received thanking the Ellenville Police Department for their participation in their annual Harvest Health Fair.

Mayor Kaplan received a request from Catherine Reed asking for the Village's support in an initiative that Family Practice and the Ellenville Regional Hospital will be undertaking to apply for a grant to offer incentives to local physicians.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
THE MAYOR TO SIGN
A LETTER OF SUPPORT
TO FAMILY PRACTICE &
ELLENVILLE REGIONAL
HOSPITAL
#102708-03**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support for a grant application for the Ellenville Regional Hospital and Family Practice.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Shared Services – Mark Steinhoff spoke about a recent article he read in reference to a sewer camera for the City of Kingston and inquired IF the Village has moved forward in reference to sharing equipment with other municipalities. Mayor Kaplan responded that a meeting did take place with the Villages of Ellenville, Walden and Woodridge and there is an interest in sharing equipment and each municipality is in the process of compiling a list of equipment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mattracion told board members that as of November 12th, he will be cutting back his staffing for the winter months.

“No Parking Signs” – Hickory Street – Chief Mattracion recommended that the “No Parking Signs” remain on Hickory Street at least until the work is completed on the Hickory Street bridge. It was the consensus of the board not to make any changes at this time.

Chief Mattracion also spoke about the speed on Cape Avenue and found there is not excessive speed on that road. Also discussed was the speed of motor vehicles coming into the Village, the Halloween curfew and the recent firearm qualifications. On November 15th AED & CPR training will take place.

The Police Department’s monthly report was reviewed and a request was made for a list of repeat offenders for the False Alarms.

Trustee Steinhoff questioned the P.A.L. supply line in the budget and this will be addressed during the Treasurer’s report.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT
THE RESIGNATION
OF PART TIME OFFICER
MICHAEL DECHON
#102708-04**

Motion to accept the resignation of part time police officer Michael Dechon effective October 22, 2007 with regret.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO AMEND
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RE: CDBG SMALL CITIES
#102708-05**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to amend Request for Proposal in reference to the application preparation, program administrative and delivery services for CDBG Small Cities Program to include a return date no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2008.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
A BOND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE SALT SHED AND THE
PURCHASE OF DE-ICING EQUIPMENT
#102708-06**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to authorize a bond anticipation note in the amount of \$132,900 for the construction of a salt shed and the purchase of de-icing equipment.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Kaplan	Aye
Trustee Lopez	Aye
Trustee Steinhoff	Aye
Trustee Oliveras	Aye

Motion carried.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
A BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE FOR
THE REMOVAL OF FUEL TANKS &
CORROSION CONTROL
#102708-07**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to authorize a bond anticipation note in the amount of \$227,100 for the removal of fuel tanks at various Village owned locations and corrosion control at Village wells.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Kaplan	Aye
Trustee Lopez	Aye
Trustee Steinhoff	Aye
Trustee Oliveras	Aye

Motion carried.

**ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION**

Mayor Kaplan spoke about a demonstration of an electric truck and car that took place earlier in the evening and this will be discussed at a future meeting.

The funding for a proposed sewer plant will be placed on the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Surplus scrap metal will not be disposed of until such time price per pound of metal will increase.

**MOTION TO APPOINT
MICHAEL RYMAN, STP
CHIEF OPERATOR
#102708-08**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to hire Michael Ryman as STP Chief Operator effective October 29, 2008 upon recommendation of the Village Manager. This position will have a one year probation and salary will be in accordance with the Local 750 contract.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Code Enforcer Schug told board members that we received a quote from GH Mechanical in reference to the building mechanical contract.

Mayor Kaplan requested that Mr. Schug invite Barton & Loguidice to the meeting with Ellenridge in reference to the fire hydrants. Also discussed was the incomplete paving at Ellenridge and their escrow account.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Cataldi told board members that we received a purchase order for 81 N. Main Street and would like to discuss this in executive session.

Trustee Steinhoff questioned if the phone audit agreement was in place and Attorney Cataldi stated that it was.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mayor Kaplan requested that Treasurer Polkoski review with board members the “over budget sheet”. Some items discussed were the Justice Court copier line, Economic Assistance expense, joint recreation project, youth program and engineers cost. Trustee Oliveras requested that before this report is given to board members the reasons for the overage should be explained on the report. The next audit committee meeting will be on November 21, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Cape Avenue Bridge – Manager Auerbach reviewed with board members Ulster County’s report in reference to this bridge. Ulster County wants to provide a short term solution to repair this bridge but Mayor Kaplan stated the sidewalk should be fixed immediately. Mayor Kaplan requested that Manager Auerbach schedule a meeting with Town and County highway departments and to also contact our County legislators to request their assistance.

Wintish Road Restoration – Barton & Loguidice has reviewed the quotes received in reference to this project and have recommended the project be awarded to Arold Construction.

**MOTION TO AWARD
BID TO AROLD CONSTRUCTION
FOR WINTISH ROAD PROJECT
#102708-9**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to award the bid for the Wintish Road restoration project in the amount of \$151,175 to Arold Construction as recommended by the Village Engineers.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Steinhoff spoke about a seasonal art exhibition that she recently saw in a town in New Jersey and will give a copy of their brochure to Ms. Friedman.

Trustee Lopez requested that a plaque be presented to Iris Friedman for all her volunteer work in the Village.

Mayor Kaplan spoke about a study that was done in reference to the high taxes in the Village of Ellenville. He commented that the solutions are difficult and the need for the community behind the Village Board in reference to shared services with the Town of Wawarsing. Mayor Kaplan further stated that Village residents are unfairly assessed and also addressed the exempt properties that are

not on the tax rolls and requested the Clerk to invite the Assessor to our next board meeting to discuss some of these topics.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
#102708-10**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the sale of real estate at 8:50 p.m. not to reconvene to public session.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk