

Village of Ellenville  
Board Meeting  
Monday, November 10, 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  
Philip Matracion, Chief of Police  
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer  
Dan Hauspurg, Economic Development Officer  
Linda Polkoski, Village Treasurer  
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

Mayor Kaplan congratulated the Ellenville High School football team on becoming the Section IX champs and wished them good luck with their game on Friday.

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE MINUTES  
#111008-1**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to approve the minutes of October 27, 2008 as presented.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**PRESENTATIONS**

Steve Finkle from the Kingston-Ulster Empire Zone came to the board meeting tonight to answer any questions that the Village Board had in reference to the Village's withdrawal from this zone.

Mayor Kaplan stated that letters had been sent to business owners in the designated area informing them that the Village was considering discontinuing our contribution to this zone and if they had any thoughts on this matter to get in touch with him. Also discussed was the question if the Village does withdraw from the zone would it affect the existing "grandfathered in" businesses, the future of this program after 2011 and Mayor Kaplan requested that Dan Hauspurg get in touch with Mr. Finkle before a final

determinations was made and to place this subject on the next board agenda.

**PETITIONERS &  
CORRESPONDENCE**

H. Osterhoudt Excavating - Mr. & Mrs. Howard Osterhoudt gave board members a letter requesting that their property be returned to its original zoning designation of R-A. Mr. Osterhoudt gave his reasons for this zoning change and Mayor Kaplan requested that this request be referred to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation.

Time Warner Cable – Correspondence received in reference to a number of channel additions/deletions.

UC Department of Social Services – Correspondence received with extended winter office hours.

Chamber of Commerce – Correspondence received requesting the Village reinstate their yearly donation to the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Kaplan requested that Manager Auerbach respond to this request reminding them of the maintenance of the building their office is in and this office is also rent free. Also the installation a new heating system along with expenses incurred with overtime for the Police and Street departments during their Blueberry Festival.

Mark Steinhoff – Mr. Steinhoff spoke about a recent newspaper article in reference to a vertical stack wind turbines and how they could help offset our electrical cost in the government center.

Joel Schreibman – Mr. Schreibman commented that he is appalled at the lack of progress on the cable franchise and Mayor Kaplan responded that it has not been from a lack of trying but Time Warner has not been responsive to our calls. Mr. Schreibman also stated that the Ellenville Central School District is not in compliance with the shared usage of Channel 20. Mr. Schreibman spoke about the new salt shed at the Street Department and how it blocks his view of the park; Manager Auerbach commented that screening will be discussed.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Mattracion informed board members that Devil’s Night and Halloween occurred without incident. In addition the Ellenville Police Department received a plaque for a Traffic Safety Award from the Automobile Association of America.

Chief Mattracion gave his analysis of false alarms that have occurred recently. Trustee Oliveras questioned if property owners have been notified of our new local law and they have not. It was requested that when police officers respond to an alarm, a notice is given to the property owner. Trustee Oliveras asked about the alarm incident that occurred at the Lonstein Motors property.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT  
JAG GRANT  
#111008-02**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to accept a \$10,000 grant from for the purchase of computer equipment for police vehicles.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**PETITIONERS &  
CORRESPONDENCE  
(CONTINUED)**

Kari DeFazio on behalf of the Ellenville Playground Committee requested from the Village Board a letter support for a grant application.

**MOTION FOR  
A LETTER OF SUPPORT  
FOR THE ELLENVILLE  
PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE  
#111008-03**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the Ellenville Playground Committee to proceed with additional grant applications showing the support of the Village of Ellenville with the project.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION TO HIRE  
ARCADY SOLUTIONS  
FOR CDBG GRANT  
#111008-04**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to hire Arcady Solutions to administer the Village of Ellenville OCR 2007 Competitive Round CDBG at a cost not to exceed \$6,500 (\$65.00 per hour for 100 hours) to be paid out of the grant.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTON APPROVING  
THE PURCHASE OF SB200  
SNOW BLOWER  
#111008-05**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Oliveras approving the purchase of a SB 200 Snow Blower attachment from Bobcat of Mid-Hudson in the amount of \$3,331.00 which is on New York State Contract.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTON TO AUTHORIZE  
A CHANGE OF LIFE INSURANCE &  
ACCIDENT DEATH &  
DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE  
#111008-06**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing a change of Life Insurance and Accidental Death & Dismemberment insurance from First Reliance Standard (\$989.60) to Assurant Employee Benefit (\$706.42) at an increase in coverage and a savings of \$275.00 per month effective November 1, 2008.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTION  
ACCEPT RESIGNATION  
OF DOLORES PELUSO AS  
ZONING BOARD ALTERNATE  
MEMBER  
#111008-06**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee to accept the resignation of Dolores Peluso as Zoning Board alternate member effective November 30, 2008 with regret and appreciation for her service.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

It was requested that a letter be sent to Ms. Peluso thanking her for service to the community.

**RESOLUTION  
TO APPROVE  
APPROPRIATION TRANSFER  
WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND  
#111008-06**

Treasurer Polkoski told board members of errors that were in the original 2008/2009 budget which were interest payments on our Bond Anticipation Notes and SIB interest. Discussion ensued about the long term financing through the State and it was requested that Manager Auerbach schedule a meeting with our financial advisors. It was requested that the Treasurer prepare an analysis of the sewer department deficit by next Village board

meeting and the spending of the sewer fund last year. Also discussed what it would take to clear the Village deficit.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to approve the below appropriation transfers within the General Fund.

				Justice Court Custodial		
From:	A	1110	451	Supplies	C.E.	300.00
	A	1110	430	Office Supplies	C.E.	<u>200.00</u>
						500.00
To:	A	1110	432	Copier	C.E.	360.00
				Computer		
	A	1110	463	Contract	C.E.	<u>140.00</u>
						500.00
				Police		
From:	A	3120	427	Teletype	C.E.	600.00
	A	3120	430	Office Supplies	C.E.	400.00
	A	3120	434	Street Cleaning	C.E.	<u>200.00</u>
						1200.00
				Confidential		
To:	A	3120	423	Invest	C.E.	670.00
				Computer		
	A	3120	463	Contract	C.E.	<u>530.00</u>
						1200.00
				Street		
From:	A	5110	426	Radio	C.E.	1000.00
	A	5110	440	Shop Expense	C.E.	2000.00
	A	5110	454	Insurance	C.E.	1000.00
	A	5110	472	Repair Supplies	C.E.	2882.00
	A	5110	476	Street Signs	C.E.	<u>2000.00</u>
						8882.00
To:	A	5110	435	Travel	C.E.	166.00
	A	5110	441	Training	C.E.	716.00
	A	5110	445	Paving	C.E.	5000.00
	A	5110	471	Auto Repairs	C.E.	<u>3000.00</u>
						8882.00
From:	A	1990	4	Contingency	C.E.	75000.00
	A	3120	1	Police	P.S.	13241.00

	A	9760	6	TAN Princ		<u>50000.00</u>	
						138241.00	
To:	A	1362	4	Tax Advertising	C.E.	500.00	
	A	1680	4	Data Processing	C.E.	5522.00	
	A	6410	1	Economic Asst	C.E.	5000.00	*
	A	6413	4	Farmer's Market	C.E.	500.00	*
	A	7145	4	Joint Rec (pool)	C.E.	5739.00	
	A	7311	4	Youth Recreation	C.E.	2000.00	*
	A	7550	4	Celebration	C.E.	2000.00	
	A	8170	4	Street Cleaning	C.E.	500.00	
	A	8510	4	Comm. Beaut.	C.E.	500.00	*
	A	8620	4	Grant Writing	C.E.	2000.00	*
	A	9050	8	Unemployment		4000.00	
	A	9720	7	SIB Interest		14000.00	
	A	9730	7	BAN Interest		<u>95980.00</u>	
						138241.00	

\*these items had no appropriation in the original budget  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTION  
TO ADVERTISE FOR  
A REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSAL FOR THE  
PREPARATION OF USDA  
PRE-ELIGIBILITY PACKAGE  
#111008-07**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing a Request for Proposal for the Preparation of USDA pre-eligibility determination package and full application for Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements returnable December 5, 2008.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO  
WITHDRAW CELL  
PHONE POLICY  
#111008-08**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to withdraw the "Cell Phone Policy" for Village employees with that is currently in effect with the understanding that this will be discussed with the unions.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTION  
TO APPROVE  
APPROPRIATION TRANSFER  
WITHIN THE WATER FUND  
#111008-09**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to approve the below appropriation transfers within the water fund.

				Admin		
From:	F	8310	454	Insurance	C.E.	3200.00
	F	8310	477	Engineering	C.E.	2000.00
						<u>5200.00</u>
To:	F	8310	439	Credit Card Fees	C.E.	200.00
				Computer		
	F	8310	463	Contracts	C.E.	5000.00
						<u>5200.00</u>
				Transmission & Distribution		
From:	F	8340	426	Radio	C.E.	500.00
						<u>500.00</u>
To:	F	8340	433	Postage & Freight	C.E.	360.00
				First Aid		
	F	8340	446	Supplies	C.E.	100.00
	F	8340	470	Tires	C.E.	40.00
						<u>500.00</u>

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTION  
TO APPROVE  
REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
JOEL SCHREIBMAN  
#111008-10**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to approve up to \$150.00 reimbursement for Joel Schreibman, member of the Village of Ellenville Cable Commission, to attend the Government Video Expo from 12/2/08-12/4/08 in Washington, D.C.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO  
TABLE  
AMENDING MOTION  
#102708-08  
#111008-11**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to table the amendment of motion #102708-08 in reference to the appointment of STP Chief Operator.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Mechanical Equipment Maintenance Contract – Inspector Schug would like to review the proposal received and look at last year’s invoices before he makes any recommendations. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

“Used Auto Sales” locations – Mayor Kaplan requested that Inspector Schug place this matter on the agenda as a result of a LDC meeting where an applicant applied for funds for a used car lot. There was concern among the members about having used car lots at the gateways of the Village. It was requested that the Planning Board look at the Village map in general to see where these businesses would be appropriate and furthermore that Attorney Cataldi look into possible legislation overseeing used car lots and to research what zones are now authorized to have used car lots in the Village and to bring this matter up at the next planning board meeting as a concern of the Village Board.

ArtsWAVE – Request from the ArtsWAVE committee to waive the building department permit fee. This is a non-profit organization and it was the consensus of the board to waive this fee.

**MOTION  
TO WAIVE BUILDING  
PERMIT FEE FOR  
ARTSWAVE  
#111008-12**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to waive the building permit fee for ArtsWave.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Ellenridge Fire Hydrants – Inspector Schug spoke about the estimate received from Fellnezer Engineering in reference to the testing of the fire hydrants at Ellenridge. It was requested that we obtain the estimate for travel time and



Mayor Kaplan reminded everyone that is a meeting scheduled on November 18<sup>th</sup> with all interested parties in reference to Ellenridge.

Building Permits – The number of building permits are up from last year mostly due to business construction.

#### **VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Official Newspaper – Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to change the Village of Ellenville's official newspaper from the Ellenville Journal to the Shawangunk Journal.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Solar Street Lights update - Manager Auerbach commented that Congressman Hinchey's office will be assisting us in this program and we will be moving on this project shortly.

Rail/Trail grant update - Manager Auerbach has had correspondence with the State that would allow the Village to use grant funds on restoration of the trails.

#### **BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Steinhoff requested that on the balance sheets that the Treasurer gives to board members that if we receive any reimbursement for grants and the purpose of the grants could be reflected on them.

Trustee Oliveras would like to have a meeting scheduled with employees to speak about morale.

Trustee Oliveras proposed that any seasonal employee who has worked for the Village more than five years receive .50 more than the base rate. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to adjourn to audit and Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. not to reconvene to public session.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon  
Village Clerk