

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
Monday, August 13, 2008

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

Mayor Kaplan requested a moment of silence of memory of Francis Irwin, a longtime Town of Wawarsing councilman.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

Elliott Auerbach, Village Manager
Philip Cataldi, Village Attorney
Philip Mattracion, Chief of Police
Linda Polkoski, Village Treasurer
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer
Juan Caba, Street Department Foreman
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

**MOTION TO
APPROVE MINUTES
OF JULY 28, 2008
#081308-01**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to approve the minutes of July 28, 2008 as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Senior Citizens Funding – Mayor Kaplan stated that in the year’s budget the line item for the senior citizens was not included. Mayor Kaplan would like to see this \$1,000 funded and asked the Village Treasurer if it was available in the contingency line. Treasurer Polkoski stated that this is just not a matter of finding the money in the budget, but it becomes a cash flow problem. Trustee Oliveras commented that the board is trying to clear up the Village deficit and Manager Auerbach suggested that after we review the first quarter of the budget this could be reconsidered

**MOTION TO TABLE
DISCUSSION OF SENIOR CITIZEN
FUNDING TILL SECOND
MEETING IN SEPTEMBER
#081308-02**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to table the discussion of senior citizen funding till the second board meeting in September.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Certification Differential, Replacement Rate & Overtime - The Village is currently paying an employee a higher wage when they perform work in a different capacity other than their current position and this settlement would be a yearly stipend in addition to that pay. It was agreed that this be discussed with a board committee and the collective bargaining unit.

**MOTION TO TABLE
DISCUSSION & APPOINT
SUB-COMMITTEE
TO MEET WITH COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING UNIT
#081308-03**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to table discussion and authorize the Mayor to appoint Trustee Oliveras and Trustee Steinhoff to a sub-committee to meet with the collective bargaining unit in reference to certification differential, replacement rate and overtime and to give a report at the second meeting in September.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mattracion gave to board members the June and July 2008 Activity Report. Mayor Kaplan requested that this report be combined and compared to last year figures.

Mayor Kaplan complimented our Police Department and the Village Board for staying on top of the issue of overtime.

Chief Mattracion and Mayor Kaplan spoke about physical fitness of the police officers and his recent research on sick time that has been used by employees.

Trustee Lopez questioned the status of the lights for the unmarked police vehicle and was told that Trustee Oliveras is working on this matter.

Trustee Lopez asked for a follow up on an incident of tire slashing that took place on Park Street a few weeks ago.

**MOTION TO REOPEN
PUBLIC HEARING
DESIGNATION OF
HISTORIC LANDMARK
STATUS
#081308-04**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to reopen the Public Hearing for the designation of Historic Landmark Status for the Christ Lutheran Church at 7:15 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mrs. Marion Dumond, President of Historic Preservation Committee and Chris Bollin, Council President of the Christ Lutheran Church were before the board tonight to discuss this request. Mrs. Dumond stated that she has continued her research and found that in 1960 the Historic Preservation Committee did nominate Christ Lutheran Church for historic landmark status. Mrs. Dumond further stated that the current Historic Preservation Committee voted unanimously to nominate the Church for landmark status.

**MOTION TO CLOSE
PUBLIC HEARING
DESIGNATION OF
HISTORIC LANDMARK
STATUS
#081308-05**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to close the Public Hearing for the designation of Historic Landmark Status for the Christ Lutheran Church at 7:21 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO DESIGNATE
THE CHRIST LUTHERAN
CHURCH TO HISTORIC
LANDMARK STATUS
#081308-06**

The below motion was made by Trustee Lopez and seconded by Trustee Oliveras:

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees (hereinafter the "Board") of the Village of Ellenville (hereinafter "Ellenville") for a public hearing to be held by said Board at the Ellenville Government Center, 1st Floor, 2 Elting Court, Ellenville, New York at 7:15 pm on July 28, 2008 to hear all interested parties on an application by the Christ Lutheran Church, located at 105

Center Street, and nomination by the Ellenville Historic Preservation Committee (hereinafter “Committee”) for designation of the Church as a Village Historic Landmark in accordance with § 127-4 of the Code of the Village of Ellenville; and

WHEREAS, the Board adjourned the public hearing on that date and time and a further resolution was adopted by the Board to re-open the public hearing to be held at the same location at 7:15 pm on August 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at the Ellenville Government Center at said date and time and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said application; and

WHEREAS, it was the findings of the Board that the Christ Lutheran Church was originally erected in 1862, is one of the oldest houses of worship existing in the Village, and possesses special character and historic value as part of the local cultural history of the Village; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) this is a Type II action and no further environmental review would be required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE IN REGULAR SESSION DULY CONVENED, that the Christ Lutheran Church located within the Village at 105 Center Street be and is hereby designated a Village Historic Landmark.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Rolling V Bus Company – Mayor Kaplan told board members about an application for a demolition permit from the Rolling V Bus Company at the former Ellenville Lumber site. Mayor Kaplan contacted the Historic Preservation Committee for their input about this site and Mrs. Dumond read comments from research that was done by Katherine Terwillger and also the present Historic Preservation Commission discussed this site and would like to wait until the Fall when a new survey of the Village historic properties will be completed before any decisions are made.

**MOTION TO REQUEST
ROLLING V BUS COMPANY
TO POSTPONE THEIR
DEMOLITION
#081308-07**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras that a request to Rolling V Bus Company is made to ask them to consider postponing the demolition of their building until such time the Village and Historic Preservation Committee complete an audit of Village properties as historic landmarks.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

It was requested that the Village Clerk prepare this letter to be sent to Rolling V Bus Company tomorrow.

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Time Warner Cable – letter received in reference to channel changes and/or deletions. Mayor Kaplan requested that the Village Manager contact Time Warner in reference to their not meeting the thirty day notification stipulation.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Don Fletcher, Barton & Loguidice was at the meeting tonight to give an update and report of projects that are taking place in the Village.

FEMA Projects – Mr. Fletcher gave board members a spreadsheet outlining the total cost, mitigation, reimbursement to date, sub grantee administration, engineering costs and construction costs for the following FEMA projects: Wintish Road, Wastewater Treatment Plan erosion, stream work and process repairs, Roslyn Street erosion and shoulder and culvert repairs.

Also discussed were projects for the pedestrian improvements, hazard mitigation, Warren Street sidewalks and the Water Treatment Plant along with their funding and total costs.

Mayor Kaplan questioned Mr. Fletcher about the problem of drainage on Circle Avenue and he responded that the area is in need of catch basins.

Mayor Kaplan spoke about the Ellenridge Development where there is a section of this project that has a water pressure problem and requested that Barton & Loguidice look into this matter and report back to the board. Mayor Kaplan stated that in addition a

section of Ellenridge is having a drainage issue and requested that be looked into also.

Shared Services- Mayor Kaplan spoke about grant money for municipalities that are available for shared services, i.e. sludge removal, and Manager Auerbach has spoken to other communities who might be interested in a joint venture.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION TO ADOPT CELL PHONE POLICY #081308-08

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff adopting the Employee Cell Phone Policy as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

It was requested that any employee who has a Village owned cell phone receive a copy of this policy.

MOTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SEWER DISCHARGE PUMP #081308-9

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Oliveras per recommendation of Wastewater Treatment Plan Superintendent Bruce Distel authorizing the purchase of a sewer discharge pump from PS Troy, New York, purchase price not to exceed \$3,800.00 plus shipping.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

MOTION TO SCHEDULE A RUPCO WORKSHOP MEETING #081308-10

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to schedule a workshop with representatives from RUPCO in reference to the Main Street Grant NY Phase II on September 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mayor Kaplan discussed with Code Enforcer Schug about a question raised earlier tonight in reference to the performance bond and Ellenridge with a problem occurring there with frozen ground thawing.

Mayor Kaplan thanked Mr. Schug for bring to the board's attention the possibility of the demolition of a building at the old Ellenville Lumber site.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Village Treasurer Polkoski spoke about the General Fund loaning the Water/Sewer fund money due to a shortage as a result of sluggish collections. Mayor Kaplan questioned the status of spending and Ms. Polkoski stated that after reviewing all the bills our spending is down.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Glenwood Drive – Residents on that street have reported water pressure problems. The New York State Rural Water firm checked that water line and found the pipes are galvanized and are only 2" in size. The Water Department has flushed the hydrants in that area and in the near future a new water line will be installed.

Sewer Camera – We are going out to bid for an updated new price for this camera and the cost should be approximately \$58,000.

Sewer Fund Borrowing – Manager Auerbach stated that he has been in contact with Assemblyman Cahill and legislation will be drafted in the near future.

Sale of 81 N. Main Street – Several inquiries have been made and at the present time we are entertaining an offer for a sale.

Capital Improvement Plans - Manager Auerbach is working on these plans.

Winter Salting Plan – The Mayor, Manager and Street Department personnel have met with Jim Reed in reference to reducing our salt usage and building a salt shed.

Family Medical Leave – The staff in the office are researching to see if this had been adopted in the past.

Local Government Efficiency Grant – Manager Auerbach stated that he has been in touch with other local municipalities and they are interested in some joint ventures.

Maple Avenue Traffic Light – This project will be with in the next month and be completed by the end of October.

Personal Policy Committee – Mayor Kaplan appointed Trustees Oliveras and Steinhoff to this committee.

BOARD REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Younger questioned the timetable for the repair of the Clinton Avenue Bridge and was told that work would begin in 2012.

Deputy Mayor Younger inquired if the bus shelters were completed and noticed that some of them do not have seats.

Trustee Steinhoff spoke about a letter received from the NYS Department of Transportation in reference to the Rails/Trails grants. Mayor Kaplan requested that this be agenda for the next meeting and to invite Tony Percoco and Paul Ross to this meeting.

Trustee Oliveras discussed the idea of a curfew in the Village parks.

Trustee Oliveras commented on the need for a gate at the front of the street department entrance. It was decided that this be part of the capital improvement plans.

Trustee Oliveras spoke about the smoking that is taken place around the new government center and requested that “No Smoking” signs be placed around the building.

Trustee Steinhoff told board members of a recent Youth Commission meeting and the Youth Commission will not need to use the “ticket sales” office on Berme Road.

Trustee Lopez commented on the cost of having six phone booths in the Village and it was decided this matter would be looked into after our electric audit is completed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION #081308-11

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of personnel matters and audit and not to reconvene to public session at 8:50 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk