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Village of Ellenville  
Board Meeting  
Monday, August 25, 2008

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

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	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  
Dan Hauspurg, Economic Development Officer  
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

**PRESENTATION  
D&H/O&W HERITAGE  
TRAIL**

Scott Lewendon, Clough Harbour & Associates reviewed with Board members the status of the D&H and O&W Heritage Trail project. Mr. Lewendon outlined the original application to the Department of Transportation for funding with a total project estimate of \$527,000 (\$421,600 in federal reimbursement and \$105,400 local match). The DOT only awarded a total of \$317,000 (\$253,600 in federal reimbursement and \$63,400 local match). Mr. Lewendon also spoke about right-of-way issues and how they can be obtained. Also discussed was this project going over budget due to the reduction in funding and the increase in construction costs. His suggestion was to minimize the canal work and any other amenities by completing them with Village personnel and volunteers. Mr. Lewendon will help compose a letter of appeal to the director of DOT and Mayor Kaplan and the Board of Trustees are committed to this project and will have this undertaking placed on every agenda.

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**MOTION URGING  
THE DOT TO AMEND THIS  
D&H/O&W HERITAGE  
TRAIL GRANT  
#082508-01**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing the Village Manager to compose a letter to the New York State Department of Transportation urging them to allow the Village of Ellenville to amend this grant in order to allow us to proceed with a pedestrian/non-motorized vehicle project and to also include the stabilization of Lock #30.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE MINUTES  
OF AUGUST 13, 2008  
#082508-02**

Motion by Trustee, seconded by Trustee to accept the minutes of August 13, 2008 as presented.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Mattracion reported that all went well during the Blueberry Festival and Mayor Kaplan requested that a cost estimate incurred by the Police and Street Departments be given at the next board meeting. On behalf of the Village Board, Mayor Kaplan stated that the Police and Street Departments did a great job during this festival.

Chief Mattracion spoke about a \$10,000 grant that the Village of Ellenville has received from DCJS and he would like to purchase a on board video camera and a taser gun.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT  
\$10,000 DCJS GRANT  
#082508-03**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff Authorizing the acceptance of a \$10,000 grant from Division f Criminal Justice Service for the purchase of an on board video camera.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mayor Kaplan requested the Chief of Police to obtain information on taser guns and distribute his findings to the board.

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## **MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MARSHALL GEORGE #082508-04**

Motion by Trustee, seconded by Trustee accepting the resignation for purpose of retirement with regret for Marshall George, effective August 14, 2008.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

## **MOTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF LIGHTS FOR POLICE VEHICLE #082508-05**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the purchase and installation of lights for the unmarked police vehicle not to exceed \$1,000 and accepting the lowest quote received.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Curfew – Village Parks – There was discussion about the possibility of establishing a curfew at the Berme Road and Mill Street Parks. It was requested that the Chief of Police spend different times of the day and night at these parks and at the next board meeting give his recommendations and an analysis of the activities at these parks.

Fire/Burglary Alarm Letter – Chief Mattracion gave board members a copy of letter that will be sent to residents and businesses that have alarms and it was suggested that this be discussed on WELV and posted on Channel 20.

Police Policy – Trustee Lopez questioned if there was a police policy where personnel were not allowed to speak to board members. Chief Mattracion responded if it is a police matter there is a chain of command that personnel need to follow.

## **PETITIONERS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received from Stanley Rosenstock in reference to the conditions of sidewalks on Warren Street. Mayor Kaplan requested that Manager Auerbach respond to his letter. Deputy Mayor Younger also stated that the Kossar development area they are in desperate need of sidewalks. Manager Auerbach stated that the Village has purchased some equipment to make sidewalk repairs and he will prioritize a list of repairs that need to be completed. Deputy Mayor Younger questioned if the Local

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Development Corporation could loan homeowners low interest loans for sidewalk repairs.

Joel Schreibman questioned what is happening with the Dissolution Committee and it was requested that Manager Auerbach obtain a status report.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE  
THE CONTRACT TO PROCURE  
A \$5,000 LEGISLATIVE  
INITIATIVE FOR THE  
BERME ROAD PARK  
#082508-06**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract to procure a \$5,000 Legislative Initiative for the Berme Road Park.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Karri DeFazio thanked the Mayor and Board of Trustees for all their help in obtaining grants.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
THE MAYOR TO SIGN  
LONG TERM EASEMENT  
AND RIGHT OF WAY WITH  
ECSD  
#082508-07**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing the Mayor to sign the long term easement and right-of-way document with the Ellenville Central School District pertaining to the D&H/O&W Heritage Trail (NYSDOT PIN #8758.49.321)  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION ACCEPTING  
THE AUGUST 2008 AUDITED  
AND PAID BILLS  
#082508-08**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras accepting the August, 2008 audited and paid bills as presented upon recommendation of the audit committee.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mayor Kaplan commented that no expenditures should be over the budget line until it is addressed and approved by the Village board.

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Trustee Steinhoff reported that the Audit committee met this morning for over an hour and over budgeted line items were discussed, compared this year’s figures to last years and in addition they met with a representative from M & T Bank for a lock box collection system for tax collections. Also discussed was a capital fee to be charged for vacant parcels that have the potential for water/sewer services. Treasurer Polkoski told board members that tax collection is at 80% at the end of July and delinquent notices have been sent.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
MICHAEL RYMAN ATTENDING  
A WORKSHOP FOR CONFINED  
SPACE AWARENESS  
#082508-09**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing Michael Ryman to attend a Workshop for Confined Space Awareness on October 8, 2008 in Fishkill, NY. Registration fee and tolls will be taken from the Training Budget.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
A REVENUE ANTICIPATION  
NOTE FOR WATER/SEWER  
FUNDS  
#082508-10**

Motion by Trustee seconded by Trustee authorizing the Mayor to sign a RAN (Revenue Anticipation Note) for the Water/Sewer funds.

Roll Call Vote:	Mayor Kaplan	Aye
	Deputy Mayor Younger	Aye
	Trustee Lopez	Aye
	Trustee Oliveras	Aye
	Trustee Steinhoff	Aye

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
REPORT**

Ellenridge – There was discussion about a punch list of items that need to be addressed. Some of those major items are the road surfacing which needs to be done before winter and the pump station. Mayor Kaplan requested that this be placed on each agenda.

**VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT**

Sale of 81 N. Main Street – Manager Auerbach stated that there have been prospective buyers looking at the property.

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Sale of surplus equipment – Manager Auerbach commented that there is a possibility that the street sweeper would be sold and also recommended that the excess vehicles be sold to a metal recycler.

Cable TV Franchise Agreement – Attorney Cataldi told board members that the temporary franchise agreement has been reviewed and extended for six months.

Food Donation Box – Request received from an Ellenville High School Student to place a food donation box in the Village lobby.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
A FOOD DONATION BOX  
#082508-11**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing a Food Donation Box for non-perishable foods for the local food pantry.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION DESIGNATING  
ERNEST FAUST  
AS FLOOD CONTROL  
SUPERVISOR  
#082508-12**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Oliveras designating Ernest Faust as Flood Control Supervisor.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**BOARD REPORTS**

Mayor Kaplan spoke about the Noonday Club's Citizen of the Year dinner that will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Honor's Haven Resort & Spa. This year's honoree is Reverend Julius Collins.

**MOTION TO  
PREPARE PLAQUE  
FOR CITIZEN OF THE  
YEAR  
#082508-13**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez that a plaque be prepared honoring Reverend Julius Collins as the 2007 Noonday Citizen of the Year.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mayor Kaplan discussed the suitable policy the Village should use when deciding when organizations receive a plaque and it was decided that each request be looked at individually.

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Mayor Kaplan questioned the status of the Capital Improvement Plan and the Local Government Efficiency Grant.

Deputy Mayor Younger spoke about the letter received from Rolling V Bus Company in reference to the demolition of their building on Canal Street.

Trustee Steinhoff questioned if the board would like the YMCA to present a final report for the Summer Program and was told they would.

Mayor Kaplan questioned if the Police are actively enforcing the bike helmet law.

Trustee Oliveras questioned the status of 256 Canal Street and Mayor Kaplan requested that someone respond to Mrs. Bradford's letter.

Mayor Kaplan informed board members that there is an Arts Initiative Meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN  
INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION  
#082508-14**

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 8:45 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon  
Village Clerk