

Village of Ellenville  
Board Meeting  
Monday, September 8, 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  
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer  
Juan Caba, Street Department Foreman  
Dan Hauspurg, Economic Development Officer  
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

Mayor Kaplan reported on the Neighborhood Walk that he and the Board of Trustees completed in the area of Spring and Hickory Streets and Lonnie Drive. It was requested that the Village Clerk continue notifying residents of the "Neighborhood Walk." Some items that were brought to the board's attention included a fence that is an eye sore and it was requested that the Inspector Schug review the property maintenance section of the Village Code and to discuss and this code at the next Village Board meeting. Also it was requested that the Chief of Police send a patrol car to this area at different times to see if there are any issues with speeding in the area. The Village Clerk will send residents on Hickory Street a survey in reference to the "No Parking Signs" on the north side and if they would like them removed and parking allowed. Mayor Kaplan complimented those property owners in this area for maintaining their homes.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
#090808-01**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to approve the minutes of August 25, 2008 as presented.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**PRESENTATION OF  
PLAQUES**

The Mayor and Board of Trustees presented a plaque to Marshall George for his twenty eight years of dedicated service to the Village of Ellenville's Police Department. Also presented was a plaque to Bruce Distel for his twenty two years of dedicated service to the Village of Ellenville. Mayor Kaplan stated that it has been a privilege and honor to work with both gentlemen.

**SHARED SERVICES**

Mayor Kaplan spoke about the Shared Services Incentive Grant that is available for municipalities to work together. The Village has already contacted the Town of Wawarsing to look into the removal of sewer sludge as a joint venture and requested the Village Manager to contact surrounding Villages to meet as a group to discuss some major apparatus that could be shared between municipalities in particular street and sidewalk repair equipment.

**SPRAGUE &  
KILLEEN**

Dwight Coombe of Sprague & Killeen, the Village of Ellenville's insurance agent gave an overview of the Village's 2008-2009 insurance policies which resulted in savings of approximately \$10,000. Different items that were discussed included the possibility of a cost savings for "Defensive Driving Courses" for employees. Mayor Kaplan thanked Mr. Coombe for continued efforts on behalf of the Village of Ellenville.

**ULSTER COUNTY  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Nancy Slingerland, Vice President of the Ulster County chapter of Habitat for Humanity was before the board tonight to discuss their current project on Clinton Avenue. Ms. Slingerland told board members that volunteers are needed to help finish the project and on September 20 at the Ellenville Shop Rite and on September 27 at the Ellenville Public Library they will have a table available to recruit volunteers. Mayor Kaplan inquired about the off street parking at this project and requested that this matter be looked into and appropriate parking supplied.

**FIRE SAFETY  
PROGRAM**

Chan Rivera, Napanoch Fire Commissioner, was before the board tonight requesting permission to continue soliciting business in the

Village of Ellenville for donations to their program at the Ellenville Central Schools for fire safety.

**RESOLUTION GIVING  
PERMISSION TO THE NAPANOCH  
FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SOLICIT  
BUSINESS IN THE VILLAGE OF  
ELLENVILLE FOR THEIR  
FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM  
#090808-02**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger granting permission to the Napanoch Fire Department to continue the solicitation of Village of Ellenville's businesses for their support for the school education program on Fire safety.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RALLY NY**

Rich Otis and Ivan Orisek of Rally New York told board members of their upcoming fall events on October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. No events or racing will take place on any Village roads. Mr. Otis spoke about an upcoming poster contest and gave board members a poster outlining the details.

**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
CEREMONY**

Mayor Kaplan reminded all that were present that there will be a 9/11 memorial ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Liberty Square.

**YMCA SUMMER  
YOUTH PROGRAM**

Sam Bugna, YMCA Summer Youth Coordinator, reviewed with board members her report for the Ellenville/Wawarsing summer program. Mrs. Bugna spoke about this being a brand new program, the number of employees, the location of the different programs, the campers, the pools, summer feeding program, support staff, equipment and programming and next year's budget. Also discussed was the difference between a summer recreation program and a summer camp program.

Mrs. Bugna told board members that her office is back at the BOCES building and plans for the 2009 school year have began. Mrs. Bugna invited board members to the opening night of flag football on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Younger questioned with the success of the summer program had there been any indication that the YMCA might come to Ellenville on a permanent basis and Mrs. Bugna replied there has been some discussion on that matter.

Mayor Kaplan and the Board of Trustees thanked Mrs. Bugna for a job well done. Dianne Krulick, a member of the Youth Commission, stated that Mrs. Bugna and her staff did a wonderful job.

**PETITIONERS &  
CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Lee Augustine told board members he has been selling campaign items on the weekends on the corner of Route 209 and Canal Street. A member of the police department inquired if Mr. Augustine had a permit for Public Assembly. Attorney Cataldi stated this occurrence comes under the Public Assembly code and Mr. Augustine would need to notify the Village Police of the times and dates as to when he will be selling these items.

**RESOLUTION GIVING  
PERMISSION FOR PUBLIC  
ASSEMBLY  
#090808-03**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez giving permission for public assembly to Mr. Augustine subject to the completion of permits forms and the notification of dates and times to the Police Department.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Philip Polkoski – A copy of a letter to the editor written by Mr. Polkoski was given to board members in reference to absentee landlords.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Mattracion spoke about a recent article in reference to the enforcement of bicycle helmets for younger riders. Chief Mattracion suggested that a committee be formed to supply bicycle helmets for children, Mayor Kaplan suggested holding a road bike rally and obtain the names of children in need of helmets.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING  
A CURFEW FOR DEVILS NIGHT  
AND HALLOWEEN  
#090808-04**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras establishing that all persons under the age of 18 shall not be permitted to be out passed the hour of 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2008 and Friday, October 31, 2008 unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Blueberry Festival – Chief Mattracion reported that expenses incurred by his department during the Blueberry Festival was Approximately \$1,500 and Manager Auerbach commented that \$1,500 was also incurred by the Street Department.

Impact Patrol – Chief Mattracion reviewed his report where his department worked with the Ulster County Sheriff’s department This project was called “Blue and Gold” and funding was received from the Impact Patrol grant and feels this program was a tremendous success.

Curfew in Parks – Chief Mattracion feels there should not be a curfew placed on the Berme Road Park but placing a curfew on the Mill Street Park is a good idea.

**RESOLUTION PLACING  
A CURFEW ON THE  
MILL STREET PARK  
#090808-05**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras placing a curfew and closing the Mill Street Park from Dusk to Dawn.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

CPR & Defibrillation Training – Chief Mattracion told board members that this training will take place on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
VILLAGE CLERK TO ATTEND  
2008 NYSHIP REGIONAL  
MEETING  
#090808-06**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing the Village Clerk to attend the 2008 NYSHIP Regional meeting on October 2, 2008 in Nanuet, NY with no cost to the Village.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

It was requested that the Village Clerk give a report on this meeting.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
VILLAGE MANAGER TO ATTEND  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETING  
#090808-07**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the Village Manager to attend a Local Government Meeting on October 14, 2008 at Bear Mountain with no cost to the Village.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING  
NEIGHBORHOOD WALK  
SCHEDULE  
#090808-08**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the following “Neighborhood Walk Schedule.” These walks begin at 5:00 p.m.

September 22, 2008	Sandra/Roslyn/Zane & Church
October 14, 2008	Cape/River & Eastwood
October 27, 2008	Downtown Business District

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTION CHANGING  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
DATE  
#090808-09**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras changing the Village Board meeting date from Monday, October 13, 2008 to Tuesday, October 14, 2008 in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE  
SBL 91.22-1-3  
#090808-10**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the purchase of SBL 91.22-1-3 (110 x 95 – Mill Street and Center) from Ulster County for \$75.00 plus applicable recording charges.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Canal & Broadhead Townhouses – Pump Station – Code Enforcer  
Brian Schug spoke to board members about a letter dated August 5, 2008 from Charles Snyder, RUPCO, in reference to the pump station and a meeting that took place on August 4th. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to what had been agreed upon and it was requested that Mr. Schug fax the original resolution that had been passed to Mr. Snyder and also that we are awaiting a response from our engineers as to the design and specifications of this pump station.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT**

Attorney Cataldi stated that he is working on the written agreement with Provident Bank for investing the “mountain money” and

Mayor Kaplan requested that this matter be handled in a timely manner.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Sale of 81 N. Main Street - Manager Auerbach told board members that he is expecting an offer on the building this week.

D&H/O&W Heritage Trail - Manager Auerbach is appealing the NYS Department of Transportation's decision on this trail and Mayor Kaplan questioned if we have heard anything from Congressman Hinchey's office on the grant that we would like to combine with project.

Ellenridge – The upper area of Ellenridge has been paved and the Village engineers will be looking at the specifications on this section.

Salt Shed – One bid had been received and the Building Inspector will be reviewing these plans and it was also recommended that a new truck be purchased at this time.

Seasonal Workers - Manager Auerbach requested that the Board consider extending the seasonal appointment of Fred Hart and Rosnel Banks for an additional three months.

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING**

**SEASONAL WORKERS**

**#090808-11**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger that Fred Hart and Rosnel Banks be reappointed from Wednesday, September 24, 2008 to Tuesday, December 23 at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**BOARD REPORTS**

Mayor Kaplan reminded board members of the following events that will be taken place:

September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dedication of new bays at the First Aid and Rescue Squad 1 pm – 4 pm
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Noonday Citizen of the Year Dinner honoring Rev. Julius A. Collins, Jr.
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	EWCOO hosting a barn dance to benefit Farmers Market

Mayor Kaplan attended a Town of Wawarsing workshop today where the Arts Alliance was discussed and he would like the Village Board to consider putting them back in our budget.

Mayor Kaplan also spoke about the new activity in the Village with the Silver Cup Diner opening soon and Ace Hardware moving to their new location at 140 S. Main Street.

Trustee Oliveras questioned the status of the bell in front of old Village Hall and was told that it had been requested that Mrs. Dumond do some research on how the Village obtained the bell.

Trustee Oliveras also questioned the status of the sewer camera and Mayor Kaplan stated that this could be discussed at the joint municipality meeting.

Trustee Steinhoff questioned the status of the telephone audit and Manager Auerbach will follow up on this matter.

Trustee Lopez inquired about the drainage on Circle Avenue and Manager Auerbach commented that the street has been marked for installation of storm drains and work will begin in the near future paid out of our CHIPS funds.

Manager Auerbach told board members that NYS Rural Water will be in the area tomorrow to look at the problems that have been occurring on Maple Avenue and Glenwood Drive. It was requested that this company also look at the Ellenridge development's water pressure.

Manager Auerbach further commented that the NYS Department of Transportation has changed the dates for construction to begin on the Beckley, Clinton and Hickory bridges.

Trustee Lopez questioned the restitution work program and he will speak to the Judge in reference to this matter.

**ADJOURN TO  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION  
#090808-12**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and not to reconvene to public session.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon  
Village Clerk