

Village of Ellenville  
Village Board Meeting  
Monday, March 22, 2010

Meeting called to order at with the Pledge of Allegiance by  
Mayor 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	Absent w/notice

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mary Sheeley, Village Manager  
Peter Berger, Village Attorney  
Philip Mattracion, Police Chief  
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk  
Linda Polkoski, Village Treasurer  
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Mattracion introduced Michael Ashford as a part time police officer candidate who board members interviewed earlier this evening. Mr. Ashford has prior police experience and has worked in Ulster County.

**MOTION TO HIRE  
MICHAEL ASHFORD  
AS PART TIME POLICE  
OFFICER  
#032210-01**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to hire Michael Ashford as a part time police officer on Step 2 of the current PBA contract effective March 24, 2010.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO ACCEPT  
GRANT FROM SENATOR  
BONACIC'S OFFICE  
#032210-02**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,500 to assist with the purchase of computer software and training supplies from Senator Bonacic office.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Village Parking Lots – Chief Mattracion discussed the problem with the overnight parking in the Village lots during the winter and Mayor Kaplan requested that Attorney Berger research “towing laws” for cars that repeatedly park illegally. Mayor Kaplan also requested that Manager Sheeley contact the County to see if there is a possibility for an Inter-Municipal Agreement that residents could use a portion of their unused lot on Center Street during the winter months.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Mandatory Referendum – March 26, 2010 - Mayor Kaplan commented that Brian Rubin’s article was factual and accurately portrayed the reasons for the public referendum but the editorial that was written was missing important information.

Mayor Kaplan discussed the circumstances as to how the deficit was incurred and the three choices to reduce this deficit are:

- 1 – Use a portion of the mountain money (public referendum);
- 2 – Ask the Senate for permission to deficit financing or
- 3 – pay the deficit by increasing taxes

Deputy Mayor Younger also spoke about the ways this board has reduced some of the deficit and it is the right choice to use some of the mountain money.

#### **PETITIONERS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Request from the Ellenville Public Library & Museum to host a short parade on Cinco de Mayo from the Library to Gaby’s restaurant.

#### **MOTION APPROVING ELLENVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY’S REQUEST #032210-03**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to grant permission to the Ellenville Public Library & Museum in collaboration with the Ellenville Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce and Gaby’s Restaurant, to hold a small parade down Canal Street with police escort on May 5, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in honor of Cinco De Mayo for approximately thirty minutes.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
#032210-04**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Lopez to approve the minutes of March 8, 2010 as presented.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mr. Anthony Zlatkin was before the board tonight to discuss his willingness to represent the Village of Ellenville at the Ulster County Planning Board. Mr. Zlatkin is a local business owner and has an invested interest in our community and he is qualified to represent the Village of Ellenville in this venture. Mr. Zlatkin has extensive computer technology and also has a Masters Degree in Engineering.

**MOTION TO RECOMMEND  
TO THE ULSTER COUNTY  
PLANNING BOARD  
#032210-05**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to recommend to the Ulster County Planning Board the appointment of Anthony Zlatkin to represent the Village of Ellenville.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Time Warner Cable – Correspondence received in reference to channel additions/deletions that will occur in the near future.

Town of Wawarsing – Letter received from Supervisor Distel in reference to the Harris Well and Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village of Ellenville Water Department and Napanoch Water District. Mayor Kaplan stated that at a joint meeting with the Town of Wawarsing a few weeks ago discussion took place about having Mark Blauer, grant writer, work on a grant application to obtain funding for a new main from the Harris Well to the existing Village main. Mayor Kaplan further stated that he has requested that the Town of Wawarsing pay half of the Village's share of this fee since it is the Town's interest to obtain this grant and we are still awaiting a response from Supervisor Distel.

Joel Schreibman – told board members that he has met with Supervisor Distel in reference to the franchise agreement and the funding for Channel 23 on the local access station. Mr. Schreibman also questioned the status of the franchise agreement. Mayor Kaplan requested Attorney Berger contact Kate Hope from the Public Service Commission to help the Village of Ellenville in this matter.

Chamber of Commerce - Mayor Kaplan received a letter from Dr. Mark Craft on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and voiced concerns about parking in front of the Post Office that have been incorporated in the new streetscape plans and the effects it would have on the downtown area. Mayor Kaplan requested that we invite Dr. Craft and Glen Gildaly to meet the board on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to discuss this matter at Liberty Square.

**MOTION TO SCHEDULE  
NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS  
#032210-06**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to schedule the following neighborhood walks:

April 12	5:00 pm	Downtown Area
April 26	5:00 pm	Cape Avenue Bridge
May 10	5:00 pm	Rails/Trails Project
May 24	5:00 pm	Water/Sewer Project w/engineers
June 14	5:00 pm	Kossar Place development

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO FORM  
A COMMITTEE TO  
MEET WITH MANAGER  
ON A QUARTERLY BASIS  
#032210-07**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to appoint Trustee Steinhoff and Deputy Mayor Younger to meet with Manager Sheeley on a quarterly basis as stipulated in her contract.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO TABLE  
THERESA NETTLES  
RESIGNATION FROM  
ELLENVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
#032210-08**

Motion Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Lopez to table the resignation of Theresa Nettles from the Ellenville Housing Authority Board.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

It was requested that the Village Clerk contact the Housing Authority requesting that they alternate the meeting times between afternoon and evening meeting times to accommodate working members.

**RESOLUTION STRONGLY  
URGING THE HOUSING  
AUTHORITY TO USE  
LOCAL CONTRACTORS &  
CRAFTSMAN**

**#032210-09**

Resolution by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to strongly encouraging the Housing Authority to consider using competent and/or qualified local contractors and craftsman whenever possible.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
THE PURCHASE OF THREE  
VALVE CHAMBERS**

**#032210-10**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger to authorize the purchase of three valve chambers from Wastecorp Pumps in the amount of \$1,242.00 upon recommendation of the Sewer Department Superintendent.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO  
SCHEDULE A PUBLIC  
HEARING ON THE  
VILLAGE BUDGET**

**#032210-11**

Resolution by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to schedule Public Hearing on the Budget on April 12, 2010 at 7:15 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Hunt Memorial Building Contract – Attorney Berger is reviewing this contract and is waiting for revisions from the architecture.

Determination for Local Law on Debt Repayment Fees - Attorney Berger will draft a proposed local law for the assessment of property owners for the repayment of debt. This will be discussed again at the April 12, 2010 meeting.

Computel Consultants – Board members received a copy of the letter that Attorney Berger sent to Computel Consultants.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Code Enforcer Schug presented to the Board the attendance for the Planning and Zoning Board members at monthly meetings along with their training hours. Mayor Kaplan suggested that a letter be sent to board members about their attendance and training.

Also there was discussion about a part time employee in the Building Department and this will be discussed at future meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**RESOLUTION TO  
AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO  
EXEXUTE AGREEMENT  
WITH NYEFC  
#032210-12**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with NYS Facilities Corporation to refinance principal balances for bonds outstanding which will reduce the interest rate of said bonds.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Contract with Auditors – Treasurer Polkoski discussed renewing the contract with auditors, O’Connor, Davies, Munns & Dobbins. Mayor Kaplan would like to request for proposals from other auditors.

**RESOLUTION TO  
RENEW CONTRACT  
FOR THE 2009/10 YEAR  
WITH O’CONNOR, DAVIES,  
MUNNS & DOBBINS  
#032210-13**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to renew our contract with our current accounting firm, O’Connor, Davies, Munns & Dobbins for the 2010 fiscal year at the same rate as 2009.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**RESOLUTION TO  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR AUDIT FIRMS  
#032210-14**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to advertise for Request for Proposals for three years to accounting firms that have experience with municipal financing beginning 2010/2011 returnable May 24, 2010.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE  
 APPROPRIATING TRANSFERS  
 #032210-15**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to approve the following appropriation transfers upon recommendation of the Village Treasurer:

From:	A	1680	4	Data Processing	C.E.	\$	1,340.00	
	A	1930	4	Judgement	C.E.	\$	2,500.00	
	A	1990	4	Contingent	C.E.	\$	59,100.00	
	A	9040	803	Worker's Comp		\$	21,129.00	
	A	9720	7	SIB Interest		\$	1,455.00	
	A	9731	7	BAN Interest		\$	1,155.00	
	A	9760	7	TAN Interest		\$	<u>2,381.00</u>	
						\$	89,060.00	
To:	A	1010	4	Trustee	C.E.	\$	120.00	conference
	A	1230	4	Manager	C.E.	\$	300.00	conference
	A	1440	4	Engineer	C.E.	\$	20,000.00	FEMA (\$11,418.78) & Warren St (
	A	1670	4	Central Print & Mail Police Professional	C.E.	\$	1,500.00	increased postage costs & advertis
	A	3120	437	Serv	C.E.	\$	8,000.00	negotiations
	A	3120	442	Police Uniforms	C.E.	\$	1,500.00	part-timers
	A	3120	454	Police Insurance	C.E.	\$	4,450.00	
	A	3120	470	Police Tires	C.E.	\$	1,100.00	
	A	3120	471	Police Auto Repair	C.E.	\$	1,700.00	
	A	5110	200	Street	Equip	\$	900.00	Dump Truck
	A	5142	4	Snow Removal	C.E.	\$	14,000.00	
	A	7145	4	Joint Rec	C.E.	\$	3,800.00	Pool
	A	7310	4	Youth	C.E.	\$	250.00	Insurance
	A	8160	4	Refuse Collection Community	C.E.	\$	1,000.00	Town Charges & garbage bags
	A	8510	4	Beautification	C.E.	\$	700.00	
	A	8560	4	Shade Trees	C.E.	\$	1,000.00	Emergency removals
	A	9016	825	Police Retirement		\$	23,000.00	Incease due to economy
	A	9951	9	Ban Princ		\$	<u>5,740.00</u>	
						\$	89,060.00	
From:	G	9040	803	Worker's Comp			3045.00	
	G	9720	7	SIB Interest			95.00	
	G	9730	7	BAN Interest			251.00	
	G	9770	7	RAN Interest			4000.00	
							<u>7391.00</u>	
To:	G	8130	2	Sewer Equip			2161.00	portable sampler
	G	8110	1	Admin salaries	P.S.		<u>5230.00</u>	
							7391.00	

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGING  
RECEIPT OF TREASURER'S REPORT  
AND VOUCHER REPORT  
#032210-15**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras acknowledging receipt of the Treasurer's Report and Voucher Report for March, 2010.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mayor Kaplan spoke about the storm related tree limbs that are on the Village streets and discussion ensued about the purchase of a chipper.

It was requested that the Treasurer work with Juan Caba about the funding for a chipper. Manager Sheeley suggested that we hire someone who has a chipper and in the meantime locate a chipper to buy.

Manager Sheeley told board members that the a meeting has been scheduled with the Chief of Police and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee to discuss the parade route.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon  
Village Clerk