

Village of Ellenville
Village Board Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2011

Budget workshop began at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting called to order at with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kaplan.

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

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

Mayor Kaplan began the workshop stating that New York State has increased the cost of health insurance and retirement contributions for Village employees by approximately 20% for the coming year.

First draft of the budget without any reduction of staff was close to a 12% increase for taxpayers. This number is unacceptable and board members would not vote for a tax increase that high.

There was discussion about a reduction in staff which would bring the increase to 6.7%. Also discussed was the possibility of Village employees taking a zero percent raise for the 2011/2012 budget year to avoid layoffs.

Deputy Mayor Younger spoke about his review of the budget numbers and would like some other ideas for reduction from the public.

Trustee Lopez wants to save jobs without burdening the taxpayers.

Several audience members questioned what we do about deadbeat taxpayers, health insurance cost, and repayment of a sewer camera and chipper that was never purchased.

Judge Parker along with Judges Toomey and Delahart spoke about the many responsibilities that a court clerk has and that the position should remain full time.

**MOTION TO OPEN
PUBLIC HEARING
#042511-1**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to open Public Hearing on the budget at 7:15 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Discussion about the budget continued with many comments from the public and employees for approximately 2 ½ hours.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
PUBLIC HEARING
#042511-2**

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Lopez to adjourn Public Hearing at 8:50 p.m. to Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
#042511-3**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to approve the minutes of April 11, 2011 as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Time Warner Cable – Correspondence received in reference to additions/deletions of cable channels.

Shawangunk Ridge Prescribed Burn Schedule – The Village of Ellenville will be notified when controlled burns will take place at Sam's Point Preserve..

**MOTION TO SCHEDULE
A JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING
WITH TOWN OF WAWARSING
#042511-4**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to schedule a joint workshop meeting with the Town of Wawarsing on May 23, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. here at Village Hall to meet with representatives from NYS Real Property Tax Services.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

POLICE

Chief Mattracion spoke about the plans for this year’s “Run Like the Wind” race and how well the recent parade hosted by the Seventh Day Adventist Church went. Also discussed was the Ellenville Public Library’s request to close Liberty Square on May 20th and Mayor Kaplan requested that the Chief contact Asha Goglier to discuss alternatives.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mayor Kaplan has been appointed as a voting member of the Ulster County Transportation Council.

Manager Sheeley informed board members of a recent phone conference with the Environmental Facilities Corporation confirming that they will be extending our zero percent financing for the full amount needed to borrow for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

TREASURER’S REPORT

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
THE CORRECTION OF
AUDIT REPORT
#042511-5**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to authorize the correction of the attached audit report dated 4/11/11. All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
THE CLOSING OF CAPITAL
FUNDS
#042511-6**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the closing of the Eastview Water Tank and the EFC Filter Capital project and transfer the cash balances to the Water Fund for repairs.

F510	Estimated Revenues	\$7,100.00
F5031	Transfer in	

F960	Appropriations	\$7,100.00
F8340.440	Shop Expense	

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing a budget amendment in the Capital Fund as follows:

H599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$7,100.00
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H960	Appropriations	\$7,100.00
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H9901.9 Transfer to Operating Fund
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO ACCEPT
BUDGET MODIFICATIONS
#042511-7**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to accept the attached budget modifications as recommended by the Village Treasurer.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

**MOTION TO VOID
ICE & SNOW REMOVAL
CHARGE
#042511-8**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to void the snow and ice removal charge for 242 Canal Street as recommended by Code Enforcer Schug.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Code Enforcer Schug gave to board members the Planning Board's advisory opinion of draft legislation for the following addition to Section 227-28 in the Village Code:

“Notwithstanding the foregoing, single bedroom apartments occupied by persons determined to have a physical impairment that would make it difficult for an occupant to navigate stairs may be located on the ground or street level, on the same floor or the floor below any non-residential use, if the apartment is fully handicap accessible and the apartment does not front on the public street.”

It was the consensus of the Planning Board members that numerous handicap accessible apartments are available at Glusker Gardens and the Ellenville Senior Housing if there was need. In addition it was their thought that the Village would be in danger of losing our commercial corridor. The Planning Board is not in favor of this addition to the Ellenville Zoning Code.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF DANIEL JOHNSON, HPC #042511-9

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to accept the resignation of Daniel Johnson from the Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately with regret.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF BRYAN ZELNIK, PLANNING BOARD #042511-10

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to accept the resignation of Bryan Zelnik from the Ellenville Planning Board effective immediately with regret and appreciation.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR VACANIES ON BOARDS #042511-11

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to advertise the vacant positions for the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Board as well as a alternates for these Planning board.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

MOTION TO EXCESS VILLAGE TRUCK #042511-12

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger declaring a Village owned 2001 Dodge Pick Up truck as excess property.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Younger questioned if the cost of the repair work needed to be done for the RBC at the Sewer Plant has been submitted to the Village's insurance company and was told it had been.

Trustee Oliveras suggested as a cost savings measure that the Blueberry Festival be held in Napanoch next year.

Trustee Oliveras would also like to discuss the proposed budget line by line at the next meeting.

Trustee Steinhoff announced that job applications for the Youth Summer Program can be obtained at Town Hall.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk