

Village of Ellenville
Board Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2017

The regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kaplan at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

Joseph P. Stoeckeler, Jr., Village Manager
Philip Mattracion, Chief of Police
Abigail Osgood, Village Attorney
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer
Linda Polkoski, Village Treasurer
Noreen Dechon, Village Clerk

PRESENTATION

Chief Mattracion presented Meritorious Police Service Awards for bravery to Police Officers Sgt. Robert Morse, Officer Ulysses Young, Ellenville First Aid & Rescue Squad member Arnold Ortiz and Ellenville Fire Department member John Avery, III. These four individuals were instrumental in saving numerous lives during a recent fire at Emerald Pond Estates. Mayor Kaplan and members of the Board of Trustees also applauded their heroism.

In addition, Nordeen Pickell, Housing Inspector, was thanked for her diligence in performing her duties to make sure all apartments are in compliance with the law.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
#031317-1**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to approve the minutes of February 27 & 28, 2017 as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Maryann Graffeo representing Joan Kervopyan, 19 Hermance Street, spoke about a recent snow and ice removal charge. After review it was determined that the sidewalk was indeed shoveled and fee should be waived.

Christopher Maroney – 14 Chapel Street – Correspondence received stating that he did shovel and believes it is his neighbor’s property that should have been ticketed. At the time of the storm pictures were not taken and it was deemed that the fee should be waived.

Arlene Moza – 205 Center Street – was before the board tonight to discuss her snow/ice fine. Mayor Kaplan requested the Village Manager research and verify if we have any pictures and report back at the next Board meeting.

**MOTION TO OPEN
PUBLIC HEARING
#031317-2**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to open the Public Hearing in reference to Local Law #3 of 2017 – Termination as an Assessing Unit at 6:15 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Attorney Osgood reviewed with Board members the legislative intent of this law. It is the intention of the Village of Ellenville to implement section 1402(3) of the Real Property Tax Law providing for the voluntary termination of the Village’s status as an assessing unit. It is also the intent of this local law to abolish the position of Assessor and to terminate any and all responsibility as provided by law for the review of the assessments of real property located within the Village of Ellenville.

**MOTION TO CLOSE
PUBLIC HEARING
#031317-3**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to close the Public Hearing in reference to Local Law #3 of 2017 – Termination as an Assessing Unit at 6:30 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION TO
ADOPT LOCAL LAW
#3 OF 2017
TERMINATION AS
AN ASSESSING UNIT
#031317-4**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2017-Termination of the Village of Ellenville as an Assessing Unit.

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

Motion passed

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE
(CONTINUED)**

Walter Ganga – 64 Warren Street – was before the board tonight to discuss his snow/ice fine. Mayor Kaplan requested the Village Manager research and verify if we have any pictures and report back at the next Board meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Mattracion reported that 24 members of his staff participated in the Shamrock Run held in Kingston in support of the Ellenville Regional Hospital's cardiac unit.

Chief Mattracion also stated that the Governor has issued a State of Emergency in conjunction with tomorrow's snow storm.

DISCUSSION

Possible Consolidation of Village of Ellenville and Town of Wawarsing – Mayor Kaplan introduced Jonathan Drapkin, CEO-Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress who will be conducting a study on the above subject matter and serving as lead consultant. Ulster County has been granted \$50,000 to pay for this study. Mr. Drapkin stated that he will be interviewing Village employees for their input as well and the Village Board and Town Board but ultimately the study will be done by Ulster County staff. The study will need to be submitted to the State for their review by June 28th and the winning municipality (hopefully Ulster County) will receive a grant totaling \$20 million. Past studies have shown that the major stumbling block is how to consolidate the Village Police Department since

the Town of Wawarsing does not have a police department. After the study is completed public hearings will be held before any decision is made.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF UC'S MUNICIPAL CONSOLIDATION
AND EFFICIENCY COMPETITION
#0131317-5**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York, through the New York State Department of State, has issued a request for applications for a Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition grant, and

WHEREAS, this competitive grant offers the winning applicants a total grant not to exceed \$19,700,000 to facilitate the implementation of the consolidation and efficiency plan, and

WHEREAS, the qualifications to be lead applicant require a municipality to either be a city, town or village with a population of over 50,000, or a County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has qualified among six municipalities eligible to compete for Phase II of the MCEC and submit an application, and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has past experience in consolidating general purpose or special district governments, developing and/or implementing shared services, and other collaborative government efficiency projects and is qualified to be a lead applicant in this competition, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ellenville, has expressed interest in participating among the consortium of Ulster County local governments in the competitive grant application, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ellenville, has expressed interest in exploring the potential dissolution or consolidation of the Village as part of the MCEC application, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ellenville commits to utilize citizen input and involvement along with significant outreach to our residents as the potential costs and benefits of Village dissolution or consolidation are evaluated, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ellenville is committed to saving Village taxpayers money and preserving the quality of life for residents as the

potential Village dissolution or consolidation is implemented, and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Village of Ellenville expresses its support for participating in the Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency application and moves its adoption.

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

Resolution passed

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Stoeckeler presented board members with a 2017-2018 tentative budget in the amount of \$3,455,452 which computes to \$23.65 per thousand. Manager Stoeckeler requested that the Board schedule a Budget Workshop.

MOTION TO SCHEDULE BUDGET WORKSHOP #031317-6

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to schedule a Budget Workshop on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Trustee Steinhoff requested that Manager Stoeckeler review the electric bill and sludge removal bills from the Sewer Department.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Polkoski stated that the 2016 tax limit forms have been completed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Osgood reported that the foreclosure letters for delinquent taxes have been sent to property owners.

BUILDING REPORT

Code Enforcer Shug updated board members on the current projects taking place in the Village:

- Cohen's Bakery
- Taco Bell

- Stewarts
- Coffee & Tea Factory
- Shadowland
- Thornton's Electric
- New deli on Canal Street
- Gujar Petroleum
- 29 Tickets and 74 Order to Remedy Violations have been issued

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION APPROVING RUN LIKE THE WIND RACE #031317-7

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing the 34th Annual Run Like the Wind on May 21, 2016 hosted by Marcus & Jamie Guiliano upon receipt of Certificate of Insurance and approval of the route by the Chief of Police.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

MOTION APPROVING USE OF BERME ROAD PARK-ELLENVILLE MOUNTAIN RUNNING FESTIVAL #031317-8

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing the use of Berme Road Park (starting and ending) for the Ellenville Mountain Running Festival on July 29th and Satan's Tar on July 30th upon receipt of Certificate of Insurance and approval of the route by the Chief of Police.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

MOTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE TWO SEMINARS #031317-9

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the attendance of Daniel Tucker, Deputy Village Treasurer to attend two seminars hosted by the Office of the State Comptroller. They are 2017 Introduction to Governmental Accounting (March 21-23) in Albany and Understanding the Budget Process (April 6) in Oneonta. Both are seminars are free to local officials.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
PAYMENT OF TWO WEEKS
VACATION-MANAGER
#031317-10**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing two weeks' vacation (10 days) to be paid to Manager Stoeckeler from his 2016-17 vacation days.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
#031317-11**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss Real Estate and specific Personnel matters not to reconvene to Public Session.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk