

Village of Ellenville  
Board Meeting  
November 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Mayor Kaplan at 6:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan	Present
Deputy Mayor Raymond Younger	Present
Trustee John Gavaris	Present
Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Absent w/notice

**ALSO PRESENT**

Noreen Dechon, Village Manager  
Traci Jeter, Village Clerk  
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer

**PRESENTATION:**

Wagner and Hodson were before the Board tonight to discuss their final landscaping design plans for the Joseph Stoeckeler Memorial Park and Golf Course and to answer any questions that the Board and or audience may have.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to approve the minutes of October 16, 2019.  
All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Mayor Kaplan congratulated Trustee Gavaris on his election win as County Legislator for the Ellenville area and also congratulated Deputy Mayor Younger and Trustee Oliveras on their election win as Village Trustees.

Mayor Kaplan also stated that with Trustee Gavaris leaving his' position as Village Trustee there will be a vacant seat opened. This is a Mayoral appointment with Board approval.

Mayor Kaplan would like the Village Clerk to post the position asking any interested parties who live in the Village of Ellenville to submit a letter of interest to the Village Clerk.

Michael Moschetta who also ran for Village Trustee was in the audience tonight expressing his' interest and submitted a letter tonight to the Village Clerk for consideration.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Dechon updated the Board on the following:

- 1) Judge Parker's letter – This was on the agenda tonight for discussion but since Judge Parker could not be here, he will be present at the next meeting for discussion. Manager Dechon informed the Board that Chief Mattracion suggested that maybe Mr. Candido Perez will donate the money but will speak to the Chief.
- 2) Ice skating rink – The Committee needs to get together to discuss the rink.

Mayor Kaplan stated that the ice skating rink is up and has ice. He stated that the Village needs to purchase the ice skates and discuss how to operate the rink.

## **BUILDING REPORT**

Code Enforcement Officer Schug spoke about 613 Automotive. Code Enforcement Officer Schug informed the Board that he is not getting any clear answers on how and when materials are going to be removed and that appearance tickets have been issued to the property owner.

Code Enforcement Officer Schug suggested that the Village start getting proposals to remove the debris and then charge the invoice back to the property owner.

Mayor Kaplan would like Code Enforcement Officer Schug to address a letter to Mayor Kaplan addressing what needs to be done so that Mayor Kaplan can address the proper people.

Motion by Trustee Gavaris, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to instruct the Village Attorney to send a letter to the owner(s) of the property to remedy the problem within the ten days or the Village will request proposals to clean up the debris and charge back the property owners or relevy to their taxes.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Mayor Kaplan has recused himself from this vote.

Next for discussion was filming in the Village. Code Enforcement Officer stated that the Village currently has no code on filming in the Village.

Mayor Kaplan would like the Village Manager to contact the Village Attorney and request information on legislation on dealing with the film industry.

Motion by Trustee Gavaris, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to authorize filming in the Village of Ellenville subject to proof of insurance and also with the understanding that the Village will not offer services and if services are request, the Board will reconsider and charge accordingly based on their requests.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Mayor Kaplan wanted to say that he has a commitment for his' next four year term as Mayor and that is to dissolve and or consolidate services with the Town of Wawarsing. He feels that the need is not really what it used to be and he has tried to make it work. Mayor Kaplan has spoken to several Assemblymen, Our Senator and Elliott Auerbach in his' role to see if a special police district could be set up to eliminate the issue that has always been a problem when discussing dissolving and or consolidating with the Town of Wawarsing.

Trustee Gavaris wanted to speak up since he will not be here much longer. Trustee Gavaris expressed how the Town of Seneca dissolved and how it became a nightmare and how they regret it every day. Trustee Gavaris stated that the Village of Seneca is still paying for it to date. Trustee Gavaris has no problem with consolidated services but not dissolving.

Deputy Mayor Younger stated that when it comes to dissolution we are always back to the same question .... What will we do with the Police Department... people that he has spoken to want a Police Department. Deputy Mayor Younger feels that the residents are not really going to be concerned with the facts and will not educate themselves on dissolution and he is afraid that they will not have the proper information to make a conscience vote to dissolve. Deputy Mayor Younger is also opened for discussion on consolidation of services.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE TO ROBERT GREEN TRUCK DIVISION**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to authorize the expenditure of \$2,304.00 to Robert Green Truck Division for an extended warranty on the 2019 3500 Dodge Ram upon recommendation of the Street Department Foreman.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

## **BOARD REPORT**

Trustee Gavaris – Stated that he has been working with Paul Craft in regards to snow making.

Deputy Mayor Younger – Wanted to discuss the part-time police officers 1040 yearly hours. Deputy Mayor Younger would like to see that each officer stays within the parameters outlined by Civil Service.

Mayor Kaplan would like for this to be put on the Chief's agenda for discussion at the next board meeting.

Trustee Oliveras – Nothing at this time

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to go into executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss real estate matters and not to reconvene.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Jeter  
Village Clerk