VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE

BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2024

6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting called to order with Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Trent at 6:00 p.m.

 ROLL CALL: Mayor Evan Trent Present

 Deputy Mayor Younger Present

 Trustee Nibe Present

 Trustee Briggs Present

 Trustee Ellis Present

ALSO PRESENT

 Michelle Booth, Deputy Clerk

 Dan Pollan, Code Enforcement Officer

 Philip Mattracion, Police Chief

PUBLIC HEARING:

Continuation of Public Hearing - On proposed amendment to the Zoning Law specifically, the legislation seeks to revise the Zoning Map established by §227-9 to redesignate Parcel S.B.L. 83.18 - 2 - 31.200 from R-1 Residential District to I-2 Industrial District

Motion by Trustee Nibe and seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to re-open the public hearing at 6:15pm. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

Building Inspector Pollan explained to the Board there are questions why this request was given to the Planning Board and not the Zoning Board of Appeals. There is really no procedure for this and should be tabled until we work on actual zoning procedures like this.

Motion by Trustee Briggs and seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to close public hearing at 6:20pm. All in favor – Aye- motion carried.

PETITIONERS AND CORRESPONDENCES:

COFFE-No updates at this time. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, February12th. New trail maps are being printed.

Parks and Recreation Report- Elena Santogage stated that there was not much to report. She wanted to mention more to the audience that there is a Steward’s program for the trails if anyone was interested.

Town of Wawarsing Recreation Department – Requesting permission to hold a St. Patrick’s Day Kids Scavenger Hunt in front of Hunt Memorial Building on March 9th, 2024 from 8: 00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Event starts 10:30 a.m. and end 1:00 p.m.

Red Cross-The Red Cross is requesting to use the Meeting room on Saturday, March 9th from 8:00am to 3pm. Trustee Briggs knows that people are concerned about the budget shortfall and since it is on a Saturday, the Village will most likely need to sit and monitor the event. Trustee Briggs would like permission from the Board to reach out to Steven Sawyer and see if another location would be available, for instance a church.

The Ellenville/Wawarsing Youth Commission- is looking for a Village resident to be a part of the committee.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Mattracion reported that his department responded to 642 calls in the month of January and had a breakdown for the Board.

In paring down on our costs 2 people on a shift plus a dispatcher. There are five resignations for part-time police officers/Captain/Investigators, one of those is for a non-related work injury.

To also try to cut costs the Chief would like to excess vehicles 745 and 741 to Auction International. 745 is the old Captains cars which is in pretty good condition and 741 has an engine block.

SEWER REPORT:

Mike Ryman, WWTP Foreman went over the purchases he needed. Trustee Ellis asked if there is only one place that this can be purchased from, and Mike responded in this case because of serial numbers they could only be ordered from this particular company.

We failed our toxicity test which we will have to do again later this year, it is usually done every five years. It’s usually an issue with metals. In December we failed cyanide the DEC and EPA had Mike go around and look for sites.

Grease Trap Inspections June 1, 2024, the Sewer Department will start doing grease trap inspections. This will need board approval as it gets closer. Bruce Donohue will be doing the inspections after hours. There is just not enough time during the workday. The fees will pay for him to do the inspections. Dan Pollan would like the Board to authorize Michael Ryman to issue the violations. Julie Lonstein would like to the village to look into the legality of Michael Ryman issuing tickets. We will have the Village Attorney look into this.

 Delaware Engineering

Bill Brown from Delaware Engineering has been working with the Village on repairs and rehab of the WWTP. Mr. Brown is working on getting funding for the village. The application process requires a motion to start the SEQR process.

Deputy Mayor Younger wanted to commend Delaware Engineering for helping us to secure the funds for the repairs.

BUILDING REPORT:

Swimming Pool Applications- currently the fee is $50, which hasn’t been changed in years. The recommendation is to raise the above ground pool fee to $75 and if the installation is above $10,000 plus 1% of the cost of installation would be added to the permit fee. For in-ground pools the fee would be $150 plus 1%.

Short Term Rentals-An application is required for short term rentals. There was never an application created. Dan Pollan created an application after reviewing two other municipalities’ applications. Fire Code inspections will be required yearly, and annual short term rental certificates will be renewed each January. There are several things in the zoning law that need to be discussed with the Village Attorney. Currently the code states that all applicants must go in front of the Planning Board. Dan would like the law to be changed so he has the authority to issue the licensing. He welcomes anyone who would like to sit in on the process. Current short-term rentals owners will be mailed the new application so we can get them registered. There are 8 confirmed short-term rentals in the village.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF

SENIOR INVESTIGATOR JESSICA MILLER

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2024.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger and seconded by Trustee Nibe accepting resignation of Senior Investigator Jessica Miller effective February 1, 2024, with regrets. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION

OF PART-TIME POLICE OF OFFICER

WILLIAM YOUNG JR. EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2024.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger and seconded by Trustee Nibe accepting resignation of part-time Police of Officer William Young Jr. effective February 1, 2024, with regrets. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF

CAPTAIN DANIEL WAAGE EFFECTIVE

FEBRUARY 12, 2025.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger and seconded by Trustee Nibe accepting resignation of Captain Daniel Waage effective February 12, 2025, with regrets. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF

CAPTAIN/DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

ANTHONY WEED EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 16, 2024.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger and seconded by Trustee Nibe accepting resignation of Captain/Director of Training Anthony Weed effective February 16, 2024. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF

ANTHONY LAROCCA PART-TIME POLICE

OFFICER EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 12, 2024 DUE

TO AN UNRELATED WORK INJURY.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger and seconded by Trustee Nibe accepting resignation of Anthony LaRocca Part-time police officer effective February 12, 2024, due to an unrelated work injury, with regrets. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF

$6,358.00 TO HACH FOR DO PROBE WITH

LUMINESCENT DISSOLVING OXYGEN

TECHNOLOGY UPON RECOMMENDATION

OF SEWER DEPARTMENT FOREMAN

Motion by Trustee Nibe and seconded by Trustee Ellis authorizing expenditure of $6,358.00 to HACH for DO probe with luminescent dissolving oxygen technology upon recommendation of Sewer Department Foreman. All in favor-aye -motion carried.

MOTION AUTHORIZING TO EXCESS POLICE

VEHICLES 745 AND 741 TO AUCTIONS

INTERNATIONAL UPON RECOMMENDATION

OF THE POLICE CHIEF.

Motion by Trustee Nibe and seconded by Trustee Briggs authorizing to excess police vehicles 745 and 741 to auctions international upon recommendation of the police chief. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF

$5,391.00 TO EAST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL

FOR SEWER CHEMICALS UPON RECOMMENDATION

OF SEWER DEPARTMENT FOREMAN

Motion by Trustee Briggs and seconded by Trustee Nibe authorizing expenditure of $5,391.00 to East Coast Environmental for sewer chemicals upon recommendation of Sewer Department Foreman. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION AUTHORIZING DAN POLLAN,

TO ATTEND NYSBOC-TRI COUNTY CHAPTER

NYSBOC ONE DAY TRAINING COURSE ON

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 AND

RENEW MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR NORDEEN PICKELL

AND ROBERT RAYNOR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR A

TOTAL AMOUNT $260.00.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger and seconded by Trustee Ellis authorizing Dan Pollan, to attend NYSBOC-Tri County Chapter NYSBOC one day training course on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 and renew membership fees for Nordeen Pickell and Robert Raynor membership dues for a total amount $260.00.

MOTION RE-APPOINTING PAUL ROSS AND

JEFF RUBIN TO JOINT HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMISSION WITH BOTH TERMS ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2026.

Motion by Trustee Nibe and seconded by Trustee Briggs re-appointing Paul Ross and Jeff Rubin to Joint Historic Preservation Commission with both terms ending December 31, 2026. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN

TAX LIEN FORECLOSURE AGREEMENT FOR 2021 TAX YEAR.

Motion Deputy Mayor younger and seconded by Trustee Nibe authorizing Mayor to sign tax lien foreclosure agreement for 2021 tax year. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION FOR BOARD TO INITIATE

SEQR REVIEW FOR THE WASTEWATER

TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT.

Motion for Board to initiate SEQR review for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Motion made by Trustee Briggs and seconded by Trustee Nibe

Mayor Trent-aye Deputy Mayor Younger-aye

Trustee Ellis-aye Trustee Nibe-aye

Trustee Briggs-aye

Motion carried.

MOTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM FOR

VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE WASTEWATER

TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT

Motion authorizing Mayor to sign Environmental Assessment Form for Village of Ellenville Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

MOTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE

CLERK TO ADVERTISE OUTSTANDING

TAX LIST IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

Motion by Trustee Briggs and seconded by Trustee Nibe authorizing Village Clerk to advertise outstanding water/sewer list in local newspaper. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE CLERK

TO ADVERTISE OUTSTANDING WATER/SEWER

LIST IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

Motion by Trustee Nibe and seconded by Trustee Ellis authorizing Village Clerk to advertise outstanding water/sewer list in local newspaper. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD

HEREBY ACCEPTS THE MAYOR’S RECOMMENDATION

TO TERMINATE EMPLOYEE #8000, EFFECTIVE THE

CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 12, 2024.

Be it resolved that the Village Board hereby accepts the Mayor’s recommendation to terminate employee #8000, effective the close of business February 12, 2024. Motion by Trustee Briggs and seconded by Trustee Nibe. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION HIRING ELLIOTT AUERBACH AS VILLAGE

MANAGER WITH A SALARY OF $1 EFFECTIVE

FEBRUARY 13, 2024. TERMS IN PACKAGE.

Motion by Trustee Briggs and seconded by Trustee Nibe hiring Elliott Auerbach as Village Manager with a salary of $1 effective February 13, 2024. Terms in package. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION TO RAISE THE ABOVE GROUND

POOL FEE TO $75 AND IF THE INSTALLATION

IS ABOVE $10,000 PLUS 1% OF THE COST OF

INSTALLATION WOULD BE ADDED TO THE

PERMIT FEE. FOR IN-GROUND POOLS THE

FEE WOULD BE $150 PLUS 1%.

Motion by Nibe and seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to raise the above ground pool fee to $75 and if the installation is above $10,000 plus 1% of the cost of installation would be added to the permit fee. For in-ground pools the fee would be $150 plus 1%. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

Board Reports:

Nothing at this time.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michelle Booth

Deputy Clerk

Bills Audited:

General-$56,564.69

Water-$13,218.36

Sewer-$8,889.16

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Total-$78,672.21