VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE

BOARD MEETING

August 23, 2021

6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

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

 ROLL CALL Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan Present

 Deputy Mayor Younger Present

 Trustee Francisco Oliveras Present

 Trustee Patricia Steinhoff Present

 Trustee Dhasan McComb Absent

 ALSO PRESENT Michael Warren, Village Manager

 Michelle Booth, Deputy Clerk

 Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer

 Christopher Lutz, Deputy Chief

 Kareen Donohue,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to approve the minutes from July 26, 2021. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and Seconded by Trustee Oliveras to open the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM, regarding the CDBG-Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

No public comment

Deputy Mayor Younger would like to see if there is funding for low-income housing and work force housing.

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and Seconded by Trustee Oliveras to close the Public Hearing at 6:25 PM, regarding the CDBG-Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

DISCUSSIONS

The Mayor would like to show the Village’s support to restaurants that have a fully vaccinated staff. The Village will issue certificates to put in their windows. This will be voluntary.

The Mayor wanted to discuss online rants that have been taking place on the internet/social media. Its not fair to the Village employees who are trying to do their jobs. The Mayor would like to come out publicly and state that in particular our Building Department has been under a lot of negative comments. In the last 20 years the mayor has been dealing with many building departments and he states that there is no fairer building department than Ellenville. Brian Schug is very easy to deal with and very helpful. The Mayor publicly thank Brian for all his hard work.

A lot of the rants are accusations, for instance the mountain money. The Village took the accusation very seriously and hired a forensic account. Come to find out the Village had more money in the account that was never transferred to the general fund.

The Mayor discussed the DIR grant. The Village is eligible to apply for a 10 million grant for revitalization of the downtown area. We did apply in 2018 but did not have the projects. Now, we have plenty of projects. We currently have 15 members on the committee who are businesses that are trying to revitalize the area. It was recommended that we reduce the committee to about five as we are getting closer to submitting the application. The Manager commended the creativity of the committee.

PETITIONERS & CORRESPONDENCES:

1. Flag raising ceremony to mark the 30th anniversary of the independence of Ukraine.

POLICE REPORT:

The Mayor is proposing that we do not close Canal Street on Friday and Saturdays through the end of September. The Restaurants have a pretty good handle on outdoor dining on the sidewalks. Also, the Shadowland is now open.

Market on Market will be having a disco night on Friday, August 27th. The committee is asking that Market Street be closed from 2pmto 9pm.

MANAGER REPORT:

1. The Manager discussed selling the Verizon lease
2. The Manager discussed the financial reports. Progress is being made.
3. The Mayor would like someone to check if the Liberty Square lights are working.
4. The Mayor would like a resolution sent to the County that our area is in dire need of a swimming pool. All the swimming facilities are now on the other side of the county.
5. The Mayor would like the Village Manager to set up a meeting with the County for several agenda items.
6. The Hunt Committee will be invited to the next Village board meeting.
7. The house on Tuthill Avenue needs to be addressed with the owner.
8. The Mayor would like the Village Attorney to look at the outdoor display law.

BUILDING REPORT:

 Brian apricates the Mayor and Boards support

TREASURER’S REPORT

 The Mayor and Board welcomed Kareen Donohue.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION TO SCHEDULE A VILLAGE

NEIGHBORHOOD WALK ON

CLIFFORD STREET ON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 5:00PM

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Trustee Oliveras to schedule a Village neighborhood walk on Clifford Street on Monday, September 13th at 5:00pm. All in favor-aye-motion carried

MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC

HEARING ON MONDAY,

SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 6:15PM

TO DISCUSS OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL

COOKING AND FIRES.

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Trustee Oliveras to schedule a public hearing on Monday, September 27th at 6:15pm to discuss outdoor recreational cooking and fires.

MOTION TO SEND RESOLUTION

TO THE COUNTY STATING THAT

THE VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE IS IN

DIRE NEED OF A SWIMMING POOL.

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to send resolution to the County stating that the Village of Ellenville is in dire need of a swimming pool. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION TO CLOSE MARKET

STREET ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH

FROM 2PM-9PMFOR MARKET

ON MARKET DISCO NIGHT

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to close Market Street on Friday, August 27th from 2pm-9pmfor Market on Market Disco Night. All in favor-aye-motion carried

MOTION TO NOT CLOSE CANAL

STREETS FOR STREETEATS

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to not close Canal Streets for StreetEats until further notice. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES TO

BUSINESSES THAT HAVE STAFF THAT

ARE FULLY VACCINATED TO PUT IN

THEIR WINDOWS TO SHOW

THE VILLAGE’S SUPPORT

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Younger and seconded by Trustee Oliveras to issue certificates to businesses that have staff that are fully vaccinated to put in their windows to show the Villages support. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A FLAG

RAISING CEREMONY IN LIBERTY

SQUARE ON MONDAY, AUGUST

30TH AT NOON TO MARK THE 30TH

ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE

OF UKRAINE

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Trustee Oliveras to authorize a flag raising ceremony in Liberty Square on Monday, August 30th at Noon to mark the 30th anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine. All in favor-Aye-motion carried

MOTION TO HIRE VINCENT NIGRO

AS PART-TIME DISPATCHER UPON

RECOMMENDATION OF

THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Younger and seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to hire Vincent Nigro as part-time dispatcher upon recommendation of the Deputy Chief of Police. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE

EXPENDITURE(S) OF $15,182.42

TO CALLANAN INDUSTRIES

FOR TYPE 7 TOP. THESE

EXPENDITURES WILL BE

REIMBURSED THROUGH CHIPS.

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Trustee Oliveras authorizing the expenditure(s) of $15,182.42 to Callanan Industries for type 7 top. These expenditures will be reimbursed through CHIPS.

MOTION TO APPOINT TO

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF

STEPHEN STICKLES AS

MUNICIPAL WORKER I IN THE

SEWER DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE

IMMEDIATELY UPON RECOMENDATION

OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to accept the resignation of Steven Stickles as Municipal Worker I in the Sewer Department effective immediately upon recommendation of the Village Manager. All in favor – Aye – motion carried

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE

DEPUTY CLERK TO ADVERTISE

FOR A MUNICIPAL WORKER 1

POSITION IN THE SEWER

DEPARTMENT UPON

RECOMMENDATION OF THE

VILLAGE MANAGER

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Younger and seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to authorize the Deputy Clerk to advertise for a Municipal Worker 1 position in the Sewer Department upon recommendation of the Village Manager. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE

RESIGNATION OF FULL-TIME

OFFICER PATRICK FERRY

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 31, 2021

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Trustee Oliveras to accept the resignation of full-time Officer Patrick Ferry effective August 31, 2021. All in favor-aye-motion carried

MOTION TO HIRE PATRICK

FERRY AS A PART-TIME POLICE

OFFICER EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021.

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Trustee Oliveras to hire Patrick Ferry as a part-time Police Officer effective September 1, 2021. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION

OF MARY SHEELEY AS ALTERNATE

 TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Motion was made by Deputy mayor Younger and seconded by Trustee Oliveras to accept the resignation of Mary Sheeley as alternate to the Planning Board. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION AUTHORIZING DEPUTY

VILLAGE CLERK TO ADVERTISE

FOR A ZONING BOARD MEMBER

WITH TERM ENDING JULY 15, 2025.

Motion was by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger Authorizing Deputy Village Clerk to advertise for a Zoning Board member with term ending July 15, 2025. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE

DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK TO

ADVERTISE FOR TWO

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

TO PLANNING BOARD

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to authorize the Deputy Village Clerk to advertise for two alternate members to Planning Board. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION TO RE-HIRE ARNEST

STONE AS TEMPORARY

CUSTODIAN AT A RATE

OF $15.00 AN HOUR

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 16, 2021.

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to re-hire Arnest Stone as temporary custodian at a rate of $15.00 an hour effective August 16, 2021. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

MOTION ACCEPTING THE

PROCLAMATION OF THE

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE

INDEPENDENCE OF UKRAINE

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Trustee Oliveras accepting the Proclamation of the 30th Anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

Board Reports

Deputy Mayor Younger was wondering if Michael Jeter got a list of things needed for the Mill Street Park.

Deputy Mayor Younger thanked Brian for taking care of Nate Shorter’s complaint so quickly.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Trustee Oliveras to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm and enter executive session to discuss labor contracts and personnel and not to reconvene. All in favor-aye-motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle Booth

Deputy Clerk