

Village of Ellenville
Village Board Meeting
Monday, November 23, 2009

Meeting called to order at with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kaplan at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
#112309-1**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to approve the minutes of November 9, 2009 as presented.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mayor Kaplan told audience members that the Village has been successful in reducing the general budget deficit to \$540,000 in the past year but the Village budget has lost of a significant source of revenue with the closing of the Nevele Grande. With the loss of this revenue the Village will be in a cash pinch and Mayor Kaplan has asked the Village Manager and Village Attorney to go forward with drafting a local law to hold a public referendum authorizing the withdrawal of funds from the mountain money. Mayor Kaplan is considering using the interest income that has been accrued since the opening of the account. The account was originally opened with \$3,800,000 and now with the accrued interest the account has increased to \$4,500,000. The Board of Trustees has considered deficit financing but that needs State Approval and it will have to pay it back. The mountain money fund is a thirty year account

(2027) and Mayor Kaplan would like to take the burden of the deficit off today's taxpayers.

**PETITIONERS &
CORRESPONDENCE**

Joel Schreiber man questioned if we have had any response from Time Warner Cable in reference to the franchise agreement and it was requested by the Mayor that our Village Attorney contact them. In addition Mr. Schreiber man thanked Chief Mattracion for his help with the parking situation on Mine Lane.

Correspondence received from Tobacco Free Action Coalition of Ulster County to join other municipalities in Ulster County to create tobacco free parks and playgrounds.

**RESOLUTION TO
BAN SMOKING IN
VILLAGE PARKS &
PLAYGROUNDS
#112309-2**

Resolution by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger subject to review by the Village Attorney to ban smoking in our parks and playgrounds.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Candidates for Ellenville Housing Authority and Ulster County Planning Board – Michelle Edelman applied to serve on the Ellenville Housing Authority Board but was unable to make tonight's meeting. Mayor Kaplan requested that she attend our next meeting to be interviewed by the Board.

Mayor Kaplan stated that Steve Krulick has applied for the opening on the County Housing Authority. Mayor Kaplan stated that he has some concerns about this appointment since Mr. Krulick is in the middle of litigation with the Town of Wawarsing involving a planning and zoning issue. Discussion ensued in reference to this issue and Mr. Krulick stated that he believes he could make a significant contribution to the Ulster County Planning Board and Mayor Kaplan commented that he has worked with Mr. Krulick in the past and have found his discussions to be mindful and compelling but he is concerned with the public perception by appointing someone who is currently involved in litigation with the Town of Wawarsing.

**MOTION TO TABLE
THIS APPOINTMENT
TILL NEXT MEETING
#112309-3**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to table this appointment until such time that the term limit of this position is confirmed.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Mayor Kaplan recused himself from this vote.

Bluestone - Mayor Kaplan questioned if anyone has done a report yet as to where bluestone sidewalks are located and this will be done in the near future.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Mattracion told board members that traffic enforcement has been taking place with a result of 60-80 tickets issued. Mayor Kaplan spoke about the garbage that is on the streets in the downtown area and the possibility of a community clean up. Also discussed was the plastic garbage cans at the new playground and how they could be secured to fences.

Chief Mattracion presented to board members his activity report for July, August and September of this year and his department has been very busy. Other issues discussed were several full time officers are on extended sick leave and the fact that some part time officers not available to work.

As requested Chief Mattracion did review the traffic speed by the new playground and does not recommend lowering the speed limit but suggested "Children at Play" signs.

Trustee Lopez questioned if the Police Department is checking on Street lights that are not working and was told this is done routinely.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
VILLAGE MANAGER TO
SIGN AN AGREEMENT
WITH BLAUER ASSOCIATES
#112309-4**

Motion by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing the Village Manager to sign an agreement with Blauer Associates for preparation of a State Archives grant application in the amount of \$900.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

MOTION AMENDING

#110909-13

#112309-5

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez amending #110909-13 authorizing Request for Proposals for Salt Brine with a returnable date of December 14, 2009 at 12 noon.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
VILLAGE MANAGER TO SIGN
AN AGREEMENT WITH
HESS CORP.**

#112309-6

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez authorizing the Village Manager to sign an agreement with Hess Corporation in reference to the mega electric consortium.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
ADDITIONAL PAYMENT
TO CALLAHAN INDUSTRIES**

#112309-7

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing additional payment to Callahan Industries in the amount of \$21,994 for the Circle Avenue project.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Code Enforcer Schug told board members he recently had a conference call with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in reference to Ellenridge.

Code Enforcer Schug gave an update on 128 Center Street and 174 S. Main Street.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Polkoski gave to board members her October monthly report along with the November 9th audit report and a cash flow statement for the general fund.

Mayor Kaplan questioned if the last sewer rate increase has helped their deficit and Treasurer Polkoski replied that it still has a deficit. Mayor Kaplan will discuss the rates at the next water commission meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Purchase Order Policy – Manager Sheeley requested to raise the limit that requires three quotes to \$250 before purchasing an item and this policy will be tabled till next meeting.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING
THE PURCHASE OF 1987
INTERNATIONAL DUMP
TRUCK
#112309-8**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing the purchase of the 1987 International Dump Truck from the Town of Wawarsing for the amount of \$2,000.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION ESTABLISHING
A WORKSHOP MEETING
#112309-9**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Lopez to schedule a workshop meeting with the Ulster County Executive and the new Ulster County Health Director for December 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

TRUSTEE CONCERNS

Mayor Kaplan stated that he recently attended a breakfast meeting at Bruderhof, Rifton, NY where they manufacture and would like to invite representatives from there to attend a board meeting.

Trustee Steinhoff informed board members that the Youth Commission bus will be moved to either the Town garage or the Resnick airport. Mayor Kaplan stated that he recently had a conversation with Pat Segal who had been in charge of the Afterschool Advantage Program and she is upset about wanting to bring the YMCA to our area.

Trustee Steinhoff reported that John Horl's project has been completed by Ellenville teachers and Mayor Kaplan thanked the Journal for their coverage of this story.

Mayor Kaplan reported that the Arts Wave meeting will be held this Saturday at the Government Center.

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Lopez to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon
Village Clerk