

Village of Ellenville  
Village Board Meeting  
Monday, May 9, 2011

Audit meeting began at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kaplan.

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan	Present
	Deputy Mayor Raymond Younger	Present
	Trustee Efrain Lopez	Present
	Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Absent
	Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

Mayor Kaplan reported that earlier in the evening the board visited Ellenridge to survey the work being done on the slope stabilization. The Board was very impressed with the drainage work and thanked Brian Schug for all his work on this project.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
#050911-1**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff and seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to accept the minutes of April 25 & 28, 2011 as presented.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**2011/2012  
BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mayor Kaplan reviewed the budget process with everyone and explained the reason for the tax increase. A large part of the increase is due to a 20% increase in cost of health insurance premiums and retirement benefits for Village employees. Audience member Tony Delgazio questioned the increase and how it will affect the taxpayer. Mayor Kaplan then stated that a revaluation of properties within the Town and Village may help. Town and Village officials are having a joint meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Village Hall to discuss this matter.

**PETITIONERS &  
CORRESPONDENCE**

Cathy VanLeuven from Mine Lane requested that the Village Board have a “neighborhood walk” in her area as soon as possible.

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to approve the following neighborhood walks:

June 13 Mine Lane

June 27 River Street

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Ellenville/Wawarsing Youth Commission minutes – The Village Board acknowledged receipt of their minutes.

Joel Schreibman – spoke about Channel 23 and the installation of recording equipment at Village Hall.

Chamber of Commerce – Red Roudis from the Chamber of Commerce was before the board tonight to discuss their request for police assistance during the Blueberry Festival. Mayor Kaplan asked if the Chamber had approached the Town requesting a monetary contribution to help defray the cost to the Village.

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
ASSISTANCE FROM  
VILLAGE EMPLOYEES DURING  
THE BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL  
#050911-2**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing assistance from Village employees during the Blueberry Festival on the condition that the Chamber of Commerce reimburses the Village for a portion of the costs incurred.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Mattracion reported that the Cinco de Mayo parade went fine and approximately 50-75 attended.

Run Like the Wind – will take place on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Mattracion reported to board members about an incident that took place over the weekend which involved pit bulls and the increase in the number of these dogs in the downtown area. Chief Mattracion suggested the banning of dogs in the downtown area and Mayor Kaplan stated there might be a problem enforcing such a law. Mayor Kaplan requested that the Village Attorney research some litigation on this matter.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Sheeley reported that a recent school pool walk through had taken place and are awaiting an estimate from Thornton Electric for the cost for some repairs that will need to be done.

Manager Sheeley also told board members that proposals for insurance received and is currently being reviewed by our consultant and she was pleased to report that the quotes are lower than last years.

**BUILDING REPORT**

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
ATTENDANCE TO  
TRI COUNTY  
SEMINAR FOR NYSBOC  
#050911-3**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Younger, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff authorizing Brian Schug to attend the Tri County Chapter of NYSBOC meeting on May 25 at the White Wolf Restaurant at a cost of \$30.00.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT  
WITH TOUGHER INDUSTRIES  
#050911-4**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing a maintenance agreement for Village Hall Heating and A/C systems with Tougher Industries Enterprises, LLC, Poughkeepsie in the amount of \$5,761.00 per year beginning June 1 after checking their references.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
THE CLOSING OF THE  
PLAYGROUND ACCOUNT  
#050911-5**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to close out Playground Project Account, remaining funds to be paid to the general fund for reimbursements of funds advanced by Village for playground project.

All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
THE EXPENDITURE TO  
KUT KWICK  
#050911-6**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the expenditure of \$1,315.00 to Kut Kwick for lawn mower blades for Flood Control.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**MOTION AUTHORIZING  
THE EXPENDITURE TO  
BRINCKERHOFF TREE  
SERVICE  
#050911-7**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger authorizing the expenditure of \$1,300.00 to Brinckerhoff Tree Service & Lawn Care for the removal two trees.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

**BOARD REPORTS**

Mayor Kaplan reported that a recent meeting had taken place with the owners of 88 Canal Street in reference to a property issue.

Deputy Mayor Younger questioned if a decision had been made by our insurance company in reference to the RBC damage and was told it will be covered under our insurance. Deputy Mayor Younger also spoke about the clerk to the justice and the treasurer working together on unclaimed bail.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Deputy Mayor Younger to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation not to reconvene to public session at 8:10 p.m.  
All in favor - Aye - motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Dechon  
Village Clerk