

VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE
BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2020
6:00 p.m.
PUBLIC MEETING/ZOOM 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 – Zoom
	Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
	Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present
	Trustee Dhasan McComb	Present

ALSO, PRESENT

Michael Warren, Village Manager - Zoom
Traci Jeter, Village Clerk
Abigail Osgood, Village Attorney
Brian Schug, Code Enforcement Officer – Zoom

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee McComb to approve the minutes of November 9th, November 23rd and December 8th, 2020.
All in favor – Aye – motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to open the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the performance and status of activities on the current water main replacement project on Circle Avenue along with various fire hydrants and valves throughout the Village and to identify future Community Development activities for the Small Cities CDBG Program
All in favor – Aye- motion carried

Village Grant Writer, Mark Blauer was before the Board tonight via Zoom to review and discuss the performance and status of activities on the current water main replacement project on Circle Avenue along with various fire hydrants and valves throughout the Village and to identify future Community Development activities for the

Small Cities CDBG Program and answered any questions that the Board had on this project and for future projects.

Mayor Kaplan suggested a future sidewalk grant for the Joseph Stoeckeler Memorial Park and Golf Course extending to the Country Club Arms apartment complex.

CLOSING OF
PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to close the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

PETITIONERS & CORRESPONDENCES:

Paul Lonstein – E-mail discussion – Mayor Kaplan stated that Mr. Lonstein had sent a couple of times comments about zoning rules and regulation that would impact schools in various zones.

Mayor Kaplan asked Attorney Osgood if she had a chance to look it over. Attorney Osgood recommends that the Village Board looks over the zoning in it entirely and modified accordingly.

In addition to Attorney Osgood having the information, Mayor Kaplan would like the Village Clerk to send it over to Dan Shuster and Code Enforcement Officer Schug for their comments and thoughts. Mayor Kaplan would like Dan Shuster on a future zoom meeting.

Catskill Bike Packing Group – Would like permission to use the Berme Road Parking area as a start/finish spot for their bike packing route.

Mayor Kaplan would like to know how many people they anticipate on coming to this event. Clerk Jeter will reach out to Mr. Courain and will get back to the Board at the next meeting.

SEWER REPORT:

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee McComb to authorize the expenditure of \$5,714.71 to Kinsley Power Systems for generator engine parts and service at the Sewer Plant upon recommendation of the Sewer Department Foreman.
All in favor – Aye – motion carried

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Mattracion will hold off on the resignation of Kyle Reilly until he receives his' resignation letter (resolution #2).

Chief Mattracion also spoke about Arnold Ortiz (resolution #3 and #4), the electric parade and the current COVID-19 situation.

MANAGER REPORT:

Manager Warren spoke about canceling the December 28th, 2020 Board meeting due to the holiday.

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to cancel the Board meeting of December 28th, 2020 due to the holiday subject to a special meeting if needed.
All in favor – Aye – motion carried

TREASURERS REPORT:

Since Treasurer Tucker was absent Manager Warren spoke on his' behalf. Manager Warren spoke about the expense report for the Joseph Stoeckeler Memorial Park and Golf Course and the current BAN and answered any questions that the Board had.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Mayor Kaplan spoke about outdoor displays and asked Attorney Osgood if she has a chance to look at the law and she informed the Board that she would have it before the next meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer also stated that he has also spoken to Attorney Osgood regarding this matter.

Attorney Osgood ask the Village Manager and or Code Enforcement Schug if they had heard back from the owner of the Village Motel and Brian stated not yet.

BUILDING REPORT:

Mayor Kaplan spoke about freezing the new rental safety certificate fee of \$100.00 until the end of the pandemic.

Code Enforcement Officer suggested to decrease the fee to \$75.00 altogether. Code Enforcement Officer also stated that anyone that has already paid the \$100.00 fee will be credited the \$25.00 towards their next certificate renewal(s).

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to modify the rental safety certificate fee to \$75.00 effective June 1, 2020 and anyone who has already paid the \$100.00 fee will be credited \$25.00 towards their next renewal(s).

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Trustee Steinhoff stated that pulling out from Beckley drive is dangerous because of the business' outdoor display (old Boob tube). Mayor Kaplan will have the Chief look at the traffic situation and see if it warrants a letter from the DOT.

Code Enforcement Officer Schug stated that the Building Department has stopped there several times within the last six months to have him pull his' stuff back, and that he is trying to comply.

Code Enforcement Officer Schug also discussed with the Board driveway standards and that the Village currently has no local ordinance regarding driveways in a whole.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION TO WAIVE
FIRST AID AND RESCUE
SQUAD BUILDING PERMIT
FEE
(RESOLUTION #1)

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee McComb to authorize the building department to waive the \$125.00 permit fee to the First Aid and Rescue Squad upon recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer.

All in favor – Aye- motion carried

MOTION TO TABLE
RESIGNATION OF
OFFICER KYLE REILLY
(RESOLUTION #2)

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to table the resignation of full-time Office Kyle Reilly until Chief Matracion receives an official resignation letter.

All in favor – Aye- motion carried

MOTION TO ACCEPT
RESIGNATION OF
DISPATCHER ARNOLD ORTIZ
(RESOLUTION #3)

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee McComb accept the resignation of Dispatcher Arnold Ortiz for retirement purposes effective December 26, 2020 upon recommendation of the Chief of Police.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

MOTION TO RE-APPOINT
DISPATCHER ARNOLD ORTIZ
(RESOLUTION #4)

Motion by Trustee Oliveras, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to re-appoint Dispatcher Arnold Ortiz as a part-time dispatcher for retirement purposes effective December 28, 2020 upon recommendation of the Chief of Police.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
EXPENDITURE TO GEO ENVIRONMENTAL
(RESOLUTION #5)

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee McComb to authorize the expenditure of \$6,748.00 to GEO Environmental Co., Inc. for the asbestos monitoring at the Hunt Memorial Building for the Emergency Shelter Project.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Manager Warren will bring the new Trustee Dhasan McCombs to the Hunt Memorial Building so that he can see what is going on with the project.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
EXPENDITURE TO BARTON AND
LOGUIDICE
(RESOLUTION #6)

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to authorize the expenditure of \$4,410.15 to Barton and Loguidice for engineering services on the Ellenville Stream Restoration Phase 2 and 3 projects. This project will be reimbursed through NY Rising.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

BOARD REPORTS:

Trustee Steinhoff – Wanted to let the Board know that the map for the Christmas light contest is on Facebook if anyone was interested in seeing the light displays.

Deputy Mayor Younger – Wanted to know the status on the Clinton Avenue Bridge.

Manager Warren informed Deputy Mayor Younger that there is no schedule yet and that the Village contributions for this project is now at 5%.

Deputy Mayor Younger was also concerned with the safety of the children that must walk in the road because the sidewalk on the bridge is closed.

Manager Warren will speak to the Street Forman, Michael Jeter regarding this matter.

Trustee McComb – Nothing at this time

Trustee Oliveras – Nothing at this time

ADJOURN:

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Oliveras to adjourn to executive session at 7:18 p.m. to discuss real estate and not to reconvene.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Jeter
Village Clerk