

VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE  
Budget Workshop  
April 29, 2020  
1:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Kaplan at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Jeffrey Kaplan	Present
Deputy Mayor Younger	Present
Trustee Francisco Oliveras	Present
Trustee Patricia Steinhoff	Present
Trustee Moschetta	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Michael Warren, Village Manager  
Traci Jeter, Village Clerk  
Daniel Tucker, Village Treasurer  
Chief Mattracion  
Michael Jeter, Street Department Foreman

Mayor Kaplan began the meeting expressing how this budget is tremendously important to the Village but the Village is working with an austerity budget and unfortunately cut backs in staff is happening all over the State and Counties.

Manager Warren discussed with the Board the following Department Concerns:

1) Sewer Department – Personnel and excessive overtime –

The Board will look into how to reduce the excessive overtime, change the workweek, contact the Town of Wawarsing for joint services or hiring an independent company. Until then, the overtime will be monitored weekly.

2) Water Department – Discussed how the Village will need new meters and a new meter program since the meters we have now are obsolete. Manager Warren also discussed the overtime.

The Board will also look into how to reduce overtime in this department and will also be monitored weekly.

- 3) Clinton Street Bridge – Manager Warren stated that this project will cost around 1.7 million and the village's contribution towards this project is %15 and the Village may not have the money this fiscal year for this project.

Mayor Kaplan instructed Manager Warren to send a letter to DOT expressing the Village's 2020/2021 budget concerns for this project.

- 4) Court – Discussed with the Board the termination of the Court System.

Mayor Kaplan stated that Local Law #3 of 2020 will terminate the Justice Court System subject to a permissive referendum.

The Board terminated part-time employee #082213 from the court budget line effective June 1, 2020.

- 5) Police – Three Sergeant(s) Positions, full-time dispatcher position and three bottom patrolmen position(s)

The Board discussed the Police Department at great lengths. Even though the Board does not want to see anyone lose their jobs the Board has no other logical or fiscal choice but to eliminate the three Sergeant positions, keep the full-time dispatcher position and eliminate the bottom two patrolmen position(s).

Deputy Mayor Younger had to leave early but wanted the Board to know that whatever the Chief was in agreement with it was fine with it.

- 6) Building Department – Mayor Kaplan ask if Mr. Weissman has started yet. Manager Warren stated not as of yet but will be starting soon.

The Board decided to revisit Mr. Weissman employment status in six months.

The Board also agreed to the following budget line amendments:

HUNT MEMORIAL – A1940.0400 – Reduced budget line to \$6,000.00 – Saving - \$10,000.00

CONTINGENCY – A1990.0400 – Reduced budget line to \$100,000 – Savings - \$22,492

SAFETY INSPECTION – A3620.100 – Reduced budget line to \$117,638 – Savings - \$10,000

STREET – A5110.0400 – Reduced budget line to \$100,000 – Savings - \$15,000

STREET – A5142.0400 (snow removal) – Reduced budget line to \$20,000 – Savings - \$10,000

YOUTH ADVOCACY (Berme Road Park) – Reduced budget line to \$3,000 – Savings - \$2,500

CELEBRATIONS – (4<sup>TH</sup> Of July) – Reduced budget line to \$1,000 – Savings - \$2,000

PLANNING – A8020.0400 – Reduced budget line to \$3,500 – Savings - \$3,500

ZONING – A8010.0400 – Reduced budget line to \$3,500 – Savings - \$3,500

ACTING JUSTICE – Removed the Acting Judge position from budget line – Savings - \$3,500

Total budget line amendments - \$82,492

Eric Cafaro – Was before the Board today asking for some rent relief for the closure of his’ restaurant at the club for the month(s) of March, April and May, 2020 due to COVID-19 mandatory closure.

Motions by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Moschetta to authorize the Board of waive Eric Cafaro restaurant rent payment(s) for March, April and May, 2020 at the golf course due to COVID-19 mandatory closure.

All in favor – Aye- motion carried

Michael Jeter – Was in front of the Board today in the capacity of Vice-President of the LOCAL AFSCME 750. Mr. Jeter stated that the Village Government Center is closed to all meetings due to COVID-19 and even though they do not want a refund for rent payments for March, April and May they would like with permission to start using the building for their monthly meetings.

Mayor Kaplan informed Mr. Jeter that as long as they wear mask and social distance themselves during their meetings it would be fine. Mayor Kaplan suggested using the court room until further notice since the court room is a lot bigger than the third floor meeting room.

Motion by Trustee Moschetta, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to authorize the LOCAL AFSCME 750 to use the court room for their monthly meeting subject to wearing masks and social distancing themselves until further notice.

All in favor - Aye- motion carried

Motion by Trustee Moschetta, seconded by Trustee Steinhoff to accept the 2020/2021 budget.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Steinhoff, seconded by Trustee Moschetta to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

All in favor – Aye – motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Jeter  
Village Clerk

