

**Regular Meeting of the Village Board
of the Village of Ellicottville via phone**

May 18th , 2021

Attended:	John Burrell	Mayor
	Doug Bush	Deputy Mayor
	Ed Imhoff	Trustee
	Sean Lowes	Trustee
	Caitlin Croft	Trustee
	Gary Palumbo	Planner
	Richard Stanton	Attorney
	Mary Klahn	Clerk
	Mark Chudy	DPW Supervisor
	Ben Slotman	Engineer

Also attended: Shelby Toth, Lynn Lazaro, Carl Kirshner, Greg Cappelli

Call meeting to order

Mayor Burrell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Good News

County Sales Tax Check \$108,010.62

Business from the Floor

Carl Kirshner Traffic Control

Carl Kirshner brought the issue of traffic speeding problems in the Village. He spoke about Elizabeth Street and Elk. Seven out of ten cars don't stop at the stop signs. What can be done? Solutions could be speed bumps? This could be a real source of revenue stated Kirshner. Richard Stanton responded that we do have some control. Speed bumps would have to be reasonable. Cameras don't protect privacy that's why other locations are getting sued. Mr. Palumbo commented that he has worked with speed bumps and believes it is not applicable. Mr. Bush agrees with Mr. Kirshner and it is a problem. Ways to control the speed is the easiest solution. He will bring this up at the next police meeting. Mr. Lowes agrees Elk is a problem also. Mr. Imhoff and Ms. Croft also agree.

Approve minutes of 05/04/2021 Special Meeting and Public Hearing

Motion: by Mr. Bush to approve the 5/4/21 minutes.

Second: by Ms. Croft All ayes. Carried

Financial Report and Audit of Claims

Motion: to approve the financial report by Ms. Croft

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Audit of Claims

General - \$40,606.57 \$4,000 already added.

Sewer - \$94,582.51

Motion: to pay the bills and add \$4,000.00 by Mr. Imhoff

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

County Line Stone Company to be paid June 1, \$8,016.06

All ayes. Carried

Mayor's Report

Four Flushers Meeting was held on 4/26/21. We will be meeting monthly.

Joint Fire Commission Minutes on 5/16/2021

4/28/2021 NYCOM Board Meeting

4/30/2021 Arbor Day Celebration

05/05/2021 Skate Park Meeting – Mayor Burrell stated that only \$17,707 has to be raised to get the entire grant. The Skate Park Committee is asking to have a fund raiser on the 29th of May on the lawn of the Town and Village Hall.

Motion: to approve the fund raiser by Ms. Croft

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

05062021 Bicentennial Meeting

05212021 Senator Borrello Press Conference at EBC

Mayor Burrell will be attending and is inviting all board members. New York State is voting on opting out of the extra \$300 a week for unemployment. Restaurants and businesses are having trouble getting help.

Department and Committee Reports for Approval

Motion: by Mr. Bush to approve the Planning report.

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Engineering

Motion: to accept the Engineering report by Ms. Croft

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

Monthly DPW Report – Mayor Burrell will send to the board.

Code Enforcement Report

Motion: to accept the Code Enforcement report by Mr. Bush

Second: by Ms. Croft All ayes. Carried

Update on Morrisville Waste Water School – Ben Slotman stated that he received another certification that he needs for final schooling. At the end of June he and Zack Golley will be attending another round.

COVID19 update – Mayor Burrell stated that the governor announced new policies to take place tomorrow. Village employees are not all vaccinated. How do we continue with the policy in place? At this time if you have been vaccinated we no longer have to wear a mask. What do we want to do moving forward? Ben is trying to get guidance to change our policy. Time to relax and if 2 guys are both vaccinated should be able to ride in the same truck. Ms. Croft added in her opinion the people that have been vaccinated should be able to be in the same truck without masks. Mr. Bush stated that it is complicated being employees that are not vaccinated is the Villages budget in jeopardy. How do we protect our budget? Mr. Lowes stated that we need to follow the rules from the governor and guidelines. He is all for starting to relax the rules when it's applicable. Has spoken with some employees and they want to get back to normal. He feels the mask signs in the Village can come down. Mr. Stanton stated incorporated guidelines by reference only go to people who are vaccinated. Issues with asking people if they have been vaccinated should be a reasonable question to ask. We are within our rights to ask the question. Should we have a photocopy in the file? Mr. Stanton thinks that is within reason. Mr. Imhoff agrees with all. Those who chose not to be vaccinated still need to wear a mask and fill out the health assessment form. Mr. Slotman is going to work on the policy.

Mayor Burrell stated that he would like to go back to normal and have in person meetings. We can spread out and if you are not vaccinated you must wear a mask. The town is going back to meetings at the town center stated Mr. Slotman.

Parks – Mr. Lowes stated that the ball fields and Dog Park look terrific. The school asked about the fireman's field and would like to see if the village could aerate, topsoil and seed the soccer field. Is it the fireman's responsibility? It does belong to the joint fire district stated Mayor Burrell. We are fine with helping and doing the mowing. Any major work being the property is not ours for doing heavy work

should be looked into by the fire commission. Mr. Lowes stated that he will bring it to the fire commission at this week's meeting. ECS students use the field.

Beautification – Mr. Lowes stated that the sign above the Village and Town hall needs to be restored.

Sidewalks - the project started this week on the new sidewalk on Mill Street to McKinley and should be finished by the end of the month.

Work is going to happen on 17 Elizabeth Street, two new driveways and replacing some sidewalk. Mr. Slotman stated that they are getting a plan together and working on details. This process will cost us for the concrete only.

Special Events-Doug Bush

Attached is an application from the chamber for a promotional event with the winery. "Red head days" are hoping to have some events on June 18th and 19th to use Monroe Street between Hughey Alley and Washington Street to close down the street.

Motion: by Ms. Croft to have the event

Second: by Mr. Imhoff

Mr. Lowes asked if they will be following NYS guidelines. CDC guidelines are now 500 people if outside and we don't think it won't even be close.

Mr. Imhoff – Yes, Mr. Bush – Yes, Ms. Croft – Yes, Mr. Lowes – Yes and Mayor Burrell – Yes.

Refuse

June 1 Town and Country will begin.

Sewer

Equipment – Ed Imhoff

New Waste Water Dump Truck was delivered.

Village Clerk – Mary Klahn

Village Taxes to go out on June 1.

NYCOM Meeting

Motion: to authorize Mayor Burrell and Ms. Croft to attend the NYCOM meeting by Mr. Bush

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Old Business

Moratorium Update – Mr. Palumbo spoke about having work to be done. This should be a short study to define the problem with the accessory apartments. Look at zoning and search all apartments verbiage and what to base this on to fix the problems. Drafting zoning amendments and would like to ask for a small committee being we only have a few months to get this done.

Mayor Burrell would like to appoint Mr. Bush, Ms. Croft, Mr. Cappelli and Ms. Rogan to be part of the Moratorium Committee.

Motion: to ratify the appointments by Mr. Imhoff

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Mr. Palumbo will reach out to Mr. Musolff and Ms. Rogan for more progress for next month.

We have currently two situations that I am concerned with stated Gary. Still in process that began on One Monroe Street is a reinstatement of an apartment and 31 East Washington Street. They both had the public hearing set before we adopted the Moratorium.

Ellicottville Championship Rodeo Request for putting up the signs

Motion: to allow the signage by Ms. Croft.

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

Sidewalk Café Update

Mr. Bush talked about the changes in the permit and we will continue this season as a regulation but Mr. Stanton wants this to become a local law. Mr. Bush met with Kelly Fredrickson and Brian McFadden to simplify and make some changes.

Motion: to set a public hearing for June 15th by Mr. Imhoff

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Use the new guidelines for an interim basis stated Mr. Bush.

We have a request from Doug Oak who lives on Greer Hill. He is requesting a sign at the bottom of the hill for "20 mile an hour". We have to do this properly. Mayor Burrell is asking Mr. Slotman to check into the legality of it.

Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn at 7:45pm by Mr. Bush

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried