

**Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the
Village of Ellicottville June 15th, 2021**

Attended:	John Burrell	Mayor
	Ed Imhoff	Trustee
	Doug Bush	Deputy Mayor
	Caitlin Croft	Trustee
	Sean Lowes	Trustee – attended via phone
	Gary Palumbo	Planner
	Ben Slotman	Engineer
	Richard Stanton	Attorney – attended via phone
	Mary Klahn	Clerk

Also attended: David Parker, Carl Kirshner, Mark Chudy and Job Lowry

Open public hearing for Local Law #3 Sidewalk Café Permit/Regulations

Good News

Mayor Burrell stated that it is wonderful to finally have a meeting in person.

Business from the floor

Carl Kirshner spoke about the frequent issue of speeding vehicles and the failure of drivers to stop at stop signs. Mr. Kirshner offered up several options for the Board to address this safety issue. Excessive speed in the Village is an ongoing problem. Does the town have any extra police cars?

To be staged. He also informed the Board of continued concerns with short-term rentals in the Village and the regular need to contact 911 to address noise violations by visitors. Ms. Croft stated that new home owners are being proactive about the short term rental. Mr. Bush added that we now have about 20 properties and we used to have approximately 80. We do need to have people call 911 and fill out complaint forms that can be found on the web site or the Village clerk's office.

He also asked if the property owner is in charge of sidewalks in front of their homes. No replied Mayor Burrell It is up to the Village. A lot of uneven spots and in need of repair, tree roots are causing the majority of the problems. Mayor Burrell spoke of a company that will demonstrate a process to make the Village sidewalks ADA compliant and he encouraged residents to report sidewalk issues so the DPW can promptly correct safety hazards.

Approve minutes

Motion: by Mr. Bush to approve the May 2021 minutes.

Second: by Ms. Croft All ayes. Carried

May 31st financial reports

Motion: to accept the report by Ms. Croft

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

Mayor's Report

5/25/2021 FourFlushers Meeting Minutes

4/14/2021 Joint Fire Commission Minutes

5/26/2021 Community Foundation Skate Park Fund Letter

Arbor Day Foundation Letter

06/21/21 County Road No. 75 Closure

05/21/2021 Senator Borrello Press

06/03/2021 Town Bicentennial meeting – everything for the celebration that was planned for last year will take place this year.

06/08/2021 WNY South towns Scenic Byway Committee Meeting – We are trying to get an interpretative sign here in Ellicottville. \$4,500 is the cost and \$1,000 has been pledged from the Scenic Byway Committee.

06/09 thru the 11th/2021 NYCOM Annual Meeting – Mayor Burrell and Caitlin Croft attended.

Audit of Claims

General - \$107,697.84

Sewer - \$29,643,57

Motion: to pay the bills by Mr. Imhoff

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

Motion: to allow the bicentennial to use village square on July 16, 17 and 18th for the upcoming events by Ms. Croft.

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

Planning Report

Motion: to accept the planning report by Mr. Bush

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes Carried

Gary Palumbo stated that the moratorium committee will meet again next Tuesday.

Over the last few months I've been trying to keep my involvement with the EVGV trail. Go ride buffalo plans are done at this time.

Gary has prepared a draft resolution for the town board for supporting the project. If the board would like the same resolution he can draft it up. They did ask for us to do it for support. We need to do for both stated Mr. Lowes. Mr. Palumbo will draw up for EVGV and southern Tier Trail.

The state has passed a cannabis law. We need to begin planning for zoning updates to address potential retail cannabis dispensary and on-site consumption permitting requests. To opt-out of allowing adult-use cannabis retail dispensaries or on-site consumption licenses, New York State requires municipalities to pass a local law by December 31, 2021. More discussion and decision on the commercial aspects of marijuana sales and use in the Village will be on future board agendas.

Engineering Report

Motion: by Mr. Bush to accept the report.

Second: by Mr. Lowes All ayes. Carried

Ben stated that Mill Street sidewalk is ongoing. One item for attention is the floor mats in the DPW building. No contract has been signed. Maybe we should buy a few stated Mayor Burrell.

COVID Safety Plan. Mayor Burrell stated we should be back to normal. What happens if people are not vaccinated? If employee's that are not vaccinated and caught COVID where should the money come from to pay the employee? They should use their sick benefit. Remove the orange signs and grass signs for COVID. Daily health assessments will also stop.

We are working on repairs to the UV system at the sewer plant. Other item at the plant is the emergency generator. Not set up to run the system during a power outage. We have a very expensive generator that we purchased a few years ago with the upgrades stated Mayor Burrell, that should be enough to power that in. The DEC is looking at how to make it connect and work. Lagoon masters are not on the circuit and this should be on automatic standby. Ask Nick Dobmeier stated Mayor Burrell, he was working on this with us.

DPW Report

Motion: to accept the DPW report by Ms. Croft

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

The Mayor acknowledges multiple calls from residents about various concerns with the work on streets and called out the need for improved communications in the future for these projects so residents and visitors can plan appropriately.

Code Enforcement Report

Motion: by Mr. Lowes to accept the report

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

Motion: to approve the Town IMA with Great Valley by Ms. Croft

Second: by Mr. Bush All ayes. Carried

Motion: to approve the DPW Generator Grant Letter of Intent by Mr. Croft

Second: by Mr. Imhoff all ayes. Carried

Parks

Thanks to the village crew for cleaning up the tennis court. Ms. Croft asked about working on the volleyball court? A lot of work needs to be done. Time wise and budget wise this needs to be discussed at a later date.

Met with the town supervisor and getting together about the soccer field work next to the Fire Hall.

Beautification

1887 Building? Can we get the bushes pruned and straightening up the landscaping in front of the building asked Ms. Croft.

Time to get moving on it, is this considered a Zombie property? Mayor Burrell added he has spoken to one of the owners.

Special Events

Nothing new at this time stated Mr. Bush.

Parking – Frequent parking violations and abuse of the 2-hour time limits are challenges for us to enforce stated Mayor Burrell. One approach used in other communities that will be evaluated is requiring payment for parking via kiosks and a mobile application to fund parking enforcement officials. We will continue to evaluate options to effectively address parking violations.

Water – much discussion about the Federal Stimulus money. We are hoping to receive around \$40,000 and can use it for water and sewer projects and charter communications only.

The Mayor discussed the need for dredging and cleanup of Elk Creek this summer. Debris and gravel build-up has clogged the creek and is increasing the potential for flooding. Approaches for removal of the debris and planning for completing this work this summer will be led by the Mayor and Mr. Slotman.

Keep the public hearing #3 Café open until next month:

Motion: by Ms. Croft to keep it open

Second: by Mr. Imhoff All ayes. Carried

Adjournment: by Mr. Bush at 8:30pm

Second: by Ms. Croft All ayes. Carried