

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE
ELLICOTTVILLE TOWN & VILLAGE HALL
June 16th- 2026 at 6PM**

Attended by Village Board:

John Burrell	Mayor
Doug Bush	Deputy Mayor
Sean Lowes	Trustee
Jolie Newpher	Trustee
Amy Hayward	Village Clerk

Absent: Richard Stanton, Kelly Frederickson, Job Lowry, Jesse Klahn, Chad Neal

Additional Village Personnel in Attendance:

Greg Keyser	Director Planning
Ben Gross	Director of Engineering
Mark Chudy	DPW Supervisor

Additional: Barb Pump, Andrea Hollamby, Bob Broginski, Peter Kreinheder, Sam Sheey, Laura Solly, Jeanine Zimmer, Tony Ciroca, Steve Micciche

The mayor called the meeting to order at 6pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business From The Floor

1. Barb Pump, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber, opened the discussion, asking the Board to consider allowing Chamber Members to hold alcohol tastings in a public location. Ms. Pump stated that members have been requesting she ask the Board to reconsider this request. Ms. Pump emphasized that this would have specific rules and guidelines, a contained area and be for Chamber members only. Mayor Burrell stated that Village Local Law allows for alcohol consumption in public to be allowed within the parkland (the 4 corners). The Board was in agreement that tastings within the Village Square with specific guidelines and current certificate of liability, naming the Village as additional insured would be allowable for Chamber members only. Usage must remain in accordance with Local Village Law. Ms. Pump thanked the Board and said she would communicate the feedback to the Chamber members and felt this was a very positive arrangement that addressed their concerns.

2. Village property owners Mr. Cirocca and Mr. Micciche appeared before the Board to request consideration of allowing their property at 40 Madison Extension to serve as a pilot Short-Term Rental (STR) within a zoning district where STRs are not currently permitted. The Board explained that it was not interested in pursuing such a proposal at this time, as doing so would require an amendment to the Village's zoning regulations, a process that would be both time-intensive and require broader review. The Board further noted that granting an exception for a single property would constitute spot zoning, which is not legally permissible, as all similarly situated properties must be afforded the same rights and opportunities under the zoning code. The Board thanked Mr. Cirocca and Mr. Micciche for their time and presentation.

3. Local businessowner Peter Kreinheder, along with several other local business owners shared their concern that the property at 41 Washington that has been sitting for three years and has become an eyesore in the heart of the Village. The Village had also previously received additional complaints regarding the unattractive fencing,

ditch, and mud. The building permit expired 2 months ago. The group was requesting a motion which requires the property owner to address their concerns.

Motion: by Deputy mayor Bush for Code Enforcement to order that the fence be taken down, with the area seeded for grass, or face fines.

Second: by Trustee Lowes All Ayes Carried

Good News:

The mayor shared that our Occupancy Tax law had passed both the senate and Assembly floor and was now awaiting approval at the Governor's office. This next step is the last one before the law can be implemented, however this could take place in late fall or early winter. The hope is that it gets approved this year.

The Village GRT tax was added by the utility companies in June and will be on the bills that are sent to consumers. The Village should see the first check from this new tax in mid-late September and then quarterly thereafter.

Our 2nd CBD Check was received, for \$2603.07- which resulted in a split between Village and Town-each receiving \$1301.53.

Department and Committee Reports for

Planning- Nancy Rogan/Greg Keyser

Motion: by Trustee Lowes to accept the Planning Report

Second: by Trustee Newpher All Ayes Carried

Mr. Keyser informed the board that CEBEDE was looking for sign approval for a new sign. However, due to location and specifications, the sign would need a historic review. Decision on hold until that happens.

Engineering Report-Ben Gross-

Motion: by Deputy mayor Bush to accept the Engineering Report

Second: by: Trustee Lowes All ayes Carried

DPW Report -Mark Chudy. -

Motion: by Deputy mayor Bush to accept the DPW Report

Second: by Trustee Lowes All ayes. Carried

Mr. Chudy shared with the Board the areas that the DPW worked on milling and chipping. Will get back to the mayor on where around 30k in CHIPS monies might be best utilized.

Water Report: Jesse Klahn

Motion: by Trustee Newpher to accept the Water Report

Second: by Deputy mayor Bush All ayes. Carried

WWTP Report: Job Lowry- No Report

Code Enforcement Report-Kelly Fredrickson

Motion: by Deputy mayor Bush to accept the Code Enforcement Report

Second: by Trustee Newpher All ayes. Carried

Special Events: Ms. Bush will utilize the current Special Form that had been put on hold- due to new form review -for the Fall Festival and Car Show, and submit for the July Board Mtg. **See Old Business for additional information”

Parks- Sean Lowes

Trustee Lowes shared that the Alley Katz spent the morning weeding and edging over at the park and around the signage at the entrance and that it looked great. He took some pictures which were uploaded to the Village Facebook page. Trustee Lowes also mentioned that there is a new “fire hydrant” at the park for the dogs, and that overall, everything is looking good.

Beautification-Sean Lowes

Sidewalks-Chad Neal- N/A

Refuse-Chad Neal – N/A

Police Activity Report: In packet

Village Clerk Updates-Amy Hayward

Ms. Hayward updated the Board on the implementation of the East-EZ Systems Pay-for online tax payments. The process went very smoothly-there have been no issues, and Tax payors are utilizing it and are very pleased. Canadian feedback has been very appreciative with all the traditional mail issues they have been having.

Mayor's Report:

The mayor shared that the Village did not receive either the DRI & NYF for Round 9. The mayor shared his disappointment, especially as those involved felt this round’s submission addressed all the feedback suggestions received from ESD over the past several years. It is unclear if the Village will want to pursue in the future and will be discussed further later.

The mayor also updated that the NY Plays Grant was submitted, with the village as the Lead requesting body- and included EVL Playground as the local entity who would be involved if the grant is awarded.

The mayor informed the Board that there had been discussions with he, Ms. Hayward, Cattaraugus County and ESD- to move the ESD infrastructure grant to another project due to the lack of momentum and progress that has been undertaken by the owner of the 1887 building. Another local property owner, and large developer has submitted a commitment for a shovel ready project and the funds would go to that project.

Motion: by Deputy mayor Bush to transition the ESD 1 million grant to new development project

Second: by Trustee Newpher All ayes. Carried

Motion: by Trustee Lowes to approve minutes from May 19th, 2026, Village Board Meeting

Second: by Deputy mayor Bush All ayes. Carried

Motion: by Trustee Newpher to Approve Financial Report for May and Audit of Claims

Second: by Trustee Lowes All ayes. Carried

Old Business:

New Special Event Form Review & Discussion

Those in attendance reviewed the revised Special Events form that Mr. Frederickson had submitted a while back for review and approval. Rather than have the whole group walk through The Board agreed to form a committee to go over the form to refresh the recommended changes and fee changes. Mayor Burrell asked Trustee Newpher to head up the committee along with Deputy mayor Bush and Ms. Pump from the Chamber. Trustee Bush agreed to sit on the committee but explained he would recuse himself from any decision making as he sponsors several special events in the village.

New Business-

Motion: by Deputy mayor Bush for Resolution for SEQR- Village to be lead agency

Second: by Trustee Lowes All ayes. Carried

Correspondence

Notification from Stuart Ritchie that the business has renewed application with NYS for cannabis business. Hope to open soon.

Letter from Ms. Mangin-village residents regarding new streetlights being too bright, making sleeping difficult. The Board said that national Grid can install a diffuser when possible. Ms. Hayward will follow up with Resident and let her know she should contact National Grid.

Motion : by Deputy Trustee Bush to go into Executive Session for Contract Discussions at 7:30pm

Second by: Trustee Lowes All ayes. Carried

Motion by: Trustee Lowes to close Executive Session at 7:45PM

Second by: Trustee Newpher All ayes. Carried

Motion by Trustee Lowes to end regular session

Second by: Trustee Newpher All ayes. Carried

Adjournment: at 7:45PM

Next Board Meeting- July 14th at 6PM