

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE
ELLICOTTVILLE TOWN & VILLAGE HALL
May 19th at 6PM**

Attended by Village Board:

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

Absent: Jesse Klahn, Mark Chudy

Additional Village Personnel in Attendance:

Greg Keyser	Director Planning
Ben Gross	Director of Engineering
Mark Chudy	DPW Supervisor
Kelly Frederickson	Code Enforcement Officer
Job Lowry	WWTP Supervisor
Richard Stanton	Village Attorney

Additional: Caitlin Croft, Ellen Frank , Gary Frank, Chuck Parenti

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

Business From The Floor

Ellicottville Historian, Ellen Frank provided a great and in depth overview of the past year activities and progress of the Historical Society. Some highlights shared with those in attendance were there have been 1435 visitors from May of 2025 through December-representing 31 states and 9 different countries. Ellen shared that they are ramping up for the summer season with Ghost tours, historical education lectures and new exhibits. The Historical Society is now open May through September on Saturday and Sundays 1PM to 4PM- but will accommodate special requests or group outings if coordinated through Ellen and the Society. All work and staffing is provided by a dedicated group of 18 volunteers. Ellen encouraged folks to visit their FaceBook page or contact them for any special requests or tour information.

Chuck Parenti a Village resident spoke to the Board about traffic safety concerns he and other village residents shared about traffic on Parkside drive and surrounding streets. Being as it is a residential area near the Village park, speeding vehicles, and cars running stop signs is a concern. The mayor explained that he and the village Board are looking at and can make changes to Village signage to improve safety concerns-but the traffic violations fall under the Town as they are responsible for the police and law enforcement aspect. Mr. Parenti was encouraged to attend the Board mtg being held the next night on May 20th and share his concerns with the Town. Mr. Parenti was also informed that Officer in Charge Jim Bouchard also regularly attends the Town mtgs and he would be able to speak to him as well at that time. Mr. Parenti said that he would plan on attending the Town Mtg.

Caitlin Croft, Director of the Ellicottville Farmers Market attended and shared with the Board changes that she and other are planning for this years market. A new logo was shared with the name change to “Makers Market”, and Ms. Croft explained that this rebranding allows for more inclusion in terms of artisans, musicians and farmers. The event is being moved from Fridays to Tuesdays from 4-6PM and she is in discussions with other groups such as the Tri-County Art Group to increase participation. Ms Frank who was in attendance from the Historical Society offerd to have the Historical Society also be open on that nights as well- and Ms. Croft thought that would be a great idea. Ms. Croft assuredthe Board that no art activities or changes to the Gazebo will be allowed or planned- and the work of the local AlleyKatz will not be changed or tampered with. The mayor and Board were in full support of the name and date change. Plans to start in June are underway.

Good News-

The mayor shared that our last Sales tax check was received for \$185,377.83. Which is a 7% increase over last year. The mayor also shared that the GRT tax project has been completed with the utility companies updating their systems to reflect the 1% tax. This will be reflected starting with June billing with first payment to the Village starting in September. Regarding an update on the Occupancy Tax – the bill is set to hit both the senate and Assembly floor on June 4th for approval. Once that occurs it will require Gov. Hochul to sign the bill, hopefully within the new fiscal year.

Department and Committee Reports for

Planning Report- Nancy Rogan/Greg Keyser

Motion: by Deputy mayor Bush to accept the Planning Report

Second: by Trustee Lowes All Ayes Carried

Engineering Report-Ben Gross-

Motion: by Trustee Neal to accept the Engineering Report

Second: by: Trustee Newpher All ayes Carried

DPW Report -Mark Chudy.-

Motion: byTrustee Lowes to accept the DPW Report

Second: by Deputy mayor Bush All ayes. Carried

Water Report:Jesse Klahn

Motion: by Deputy mayor Bush to accept the Water Report

Second: by Trustee Newpher All ayes. Carried

WWTP Report:Job Lowry-

Motion: by Trustee Neal to accept the WWTP Report

Second: by: Trustee Newpher All ayes Carried

WWTP supervisor Mr. Lowry stated that there are several large expenditures looming for the WWTP's nearfuture. He outlinedinhis report a summary wrap up for the Board to see the scope of the needs. He encouraged the Board to familiarize themselves with those items for what will be upcoming budget considerations and needs.

Code Enforcement Report-Kelly Fredrickson

Motion: by Trustee Neal to accept the Code Enforcement Report

Second: by Trustee Lowes All ayes. Carried

Parks- Sean Lowes

Trustee Lowes shared that he had stopped by park the other night and sat in the grandstand and just relaxed and watched activity in the park. The baseball field is looking great- shout out to the individuals doing the upkeep. It was so nice to see people enjoying the park.

Beautification-Sean Lowes

N/A

Sidewalks-Chad Neal

Trustee Neal identified a couple of areas that he will address and follow up with getting repaired. Now that the warmer weather is here-he plans on doing his walk arounds and will keep the board updated as to any concerns.

Refuse-Chad Neal

N/a

Police Activity Report: In packet - No additional comment

Village Clerk Updates-Amy Hayward

Village Clerk shared with the board that hopefully by the next Board meeting, she will be presenting an option to the Board for consideration. The presentation would be to allow a portion of the existing benefit of an HRA be utilized for more accessible medical care such as concierge physicians or easier reimbursement for common medications. This proposal would not involve increased costs or additional resources to budget. WWTP Supervisor Mr Lowry also spoke up and shared the difficulty he and his family have experienced, along with coworkers on approval or reimbursement of certain medical claims and the frustration that is shared by the employees. Further discussion will be had at the June meeting.

Ms. Hayward sought Board approval to proceed with Systems East-EZ Pay-Taxes - which would allow for Village taxes to be paid via online credit card payments. This service has been heavily requested by tax payors of the village and would not cost the Village any funds to implement. There would be a processing fee charged to the end user(tax payor) but this fee would be clearly identified and separate from the tax fee.

Mayor's Report:

The mayor gave feedback from NYCOM Meeting at Sagamore that he attended with Trustee Neal. The meeting was well attended, a lot of good dialogue and sessions. Trustee Neal shared that he finds the conference very informative and educational as he is learning the political ropes of being a new trustee. Trustee Neal encouraged the other Trustees to attend if they have an opportunity to do so in the future.

Approve minutes from April 21, 2026, Village Board Meeting

Approve Financial Report for April and Audit of Claims

Update on Budget Mtg with the Town

Old Business: N/A

New Business-

Income Study Recommendation- Tabled due to Time until June meeting

Correspondence – C Parenti and C Croft presented to the Board about their correspondence

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

Second by: Trustee Neal All ayes. Carried

Motion by: Trustee Lowes to close Executive Session at 7:55PM

Second by: Trustee Neal All ayes. Carried

Motion by Trustee Lowes to end regular session

Second by: Trustee Neal All ayes. Carried

Adjournment: at 8:01PM

Next Board Meeting- June 16th at 6PM