

**Village of Ellicottville  
Board Meeting and Public Hearing  
Held on March 19, 2024  
At the Town and Village Hall**

<b>Attended:</b>	<b>John Burrell</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Doug Bush</b>	<b>Deputy Mayor/Trustee</b>	
<b>Jolie Newpher</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	
	<b>Sean Lowes</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Caitlin Croft</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
	<b>Greg Keyser</b>	<b>Planner</b>
	<b>Mark Chudy</b>	<b>DPW Supervisor</b>
	<b>Kelly Frederickson</b>	<b>Code Enforcement Officer</b>
	<b>Mark Burr</b>	<b>Engineer</b>
	<b>Richard Stanton</b>	<b>Attorney</b>
	<b>Amy Hayward</b>	<b>Village Clerk</b>
	<b>Erica Linderman</b>	<b>Deputy Clerk</b>

<b>Also Attended:</b>	<b>Mark Byrne</b>	<b>New Village Prosecutor</b>
	<b>Craig McIntyre</b>	<b>Resident of Village Gate Community</b>
	<b>Nancy Rogan</b>	<b>Chair of Planning Board</b>
	<b>Molly Timkey</b>	<b>Playground Proposal Committee</b>
	<b>Tiffany Frentz</b>	<b>Playground Proposal Committee</b>
	<b>Kelsey Adamson</b>	<b>Playground Proposal Committee</b>

**Mayor Burrell called a meeting to order at 6:00:PM. Followed by the pledge of Allegiance.**

**Mayor Burrell welcomed Erica Linderman as the new Deputy Village Clerk. Erica started March 25<sup>th</sup> and has been training with Mary Klahn and Amy Hayward. The Mayor also welcomed Attorney Mark Byrne as the new Village Prosecutor.**

**Business from the Floor:** Molly Timkey, presented the progress and updates to the proposal for an inclusive playground to replace the current playground in the Village. Molly shared an artist rendering of what the new playground would look like. The Mayor and the Board voiced their support. Mayor Burrell explained that the Village playground is shared by families and children that do not live in the Village, while they support the idea, the Mayor wanted to make sure the Committee understands that the Village would not be able to fund the entire project, which is estimated to be in excess of 1 million dollars. The Mayor and the Board said they would be open to contributing to the playground in a comparable manner and amount as they did to the skate park. Molly said that that would be appreciated or even if the Board would provide written letters of support for any grant applications etc. The Mayor and the Board asked the Committee to please keep them updated to their progress. Molly and the other representatives said they understand, and that they are looking into other funding opportunities such as grants and fund raising. Mr. Lowes suggested reaching out to Holimont who has an impressive

**Second:** by Mr. Bush, All ayes. Carried

**Parking Lot**

Mr. Bush stated that we are just waiting on a fuse to arrive and then the lights will be able to function. He let the Board know that he and Mayor Burrell had met with Peter Krog regarding the easement at 8 Martha Street, and that Mr. Krog had agreed to work with the Village and gave his approval to proceed with the walkway.

Deputy Village Clerk Amy Hayward asked for a motion to hire Erica Linderman as the new Deputy Village Clerk.

**Motion:** by Ms. Croft to approve Ms. Linderman

**Second:** by Mr. Bush, All ayes. Carried

**Old Business**

Mr. Bush explained that the Amendment to the Short term Rental Policy, while written, had not been formally adopted and requested a motion to do so for the record.

**Motion:** by Ms. Croft to approve amended Short Term Rental Law

**Second:** by Mr. Bush, All ayes. Carried

**New Business:**

Mr. Lowes asked if the village was planning anything for the Eclipse? Mayor Burrell said that the Village is not planning anything special. Several local business's ( Holiday Valley, Holimont)are having watch parties and the police are prepared for any influx of visitors

**Motion** Mayor Burrell made a Motion to end Regular Board meeting and to move into Executive Session

**Second:** by Ms Croft, All ayes. Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32PM

**The Mayor, Board and Greg Keyser went into Executive session at 7:32pm.**

**Motion** Mayor Burrell to end Executive Session

**Second:** by Ms Croft, All ayes. Carried

**Executive session ended at 7:50PM**

## **Department and Committee Reports for Approval**

**Motion:** Ms. Newpher to pay bills.

**Second:** by Mr. Lowes, All ayes. Carried

### **Planning Report**

**Motion:**

by Mr. Bush to appoint Blair Hamilton to the Planning Board.

**Second:** by Ms. Newpher All ayes. Carried

### **Engineering Report**

Mark Burr updated the Board regarding the streetlights in the village. Project is moving forward. The next step is to take a look at the Gerwitz contract and to make sure we get approval from the DOT. Mark also stated that he had met with Mr. Slotman before his departure, as well as with MDA, regarding a center area of land in the Village park that needs to be surveyed and added to the parcel map as it is missing. The estimated cost is between \$500-\$1000 dollars and he would like Board approval to proceed with obtaining that. Mr. Burr also shared that the front doors of the Town/Village hall are going to be replaced, and that the job will be going out to bid. He also provided an update on the Elizabeth Street project and stated that it is moving forward and that the plan is to proceed one block at a time to make it as least disruptive as possible.

**Motion:**

by Mr. Lowes to approve the survey.

**Second:** by Ms. Newpher All ayes. Carried

**DPW Report** - No new business

### **Code Enforcement**

Mr. Frederickson expressed appreciation for the hiring of the new Village Prosecutor, Mark Burr. This will enable the Village to be more diligent with code violation enforcement.

**Parks-**

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**Refuse**

Mayor Burrell informed the Board that bids for the new refuse contract had been received and that the contract was awarded to Beichner Waste LLC who came in as the lowest bid. The Mayor also motioned the Board that due to increase in refuse costs, he proposed increasing the refuse rate from \$35.00 to \$40.00 for Village Residents and from \$15.00 to \$20.00 for Senior Residents of the Village,. The Village will send a notice out to all Village Residents prior to the Sept billing when it will go into effect.

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