



Ellenville Hospital is in a very, very difficult situation. I've been there a fairly short time. I didn't create this, but I'm certainly living it every day. The situation is: we will make payroll... tomorrow. The union folks will be very happy about that. So will everybody else. We have many of our employees here. We have many people from our community here. I thank them for that. We have

some board members here. There is a great community support that has been coming out, as the community has become aware of the situation.

We'll probably make the next payroll after that. After that, it's kind of week to week. I implore you to please, each of you, to support this institution. We will not survive if we don't find a way. We're looking at many other options. Many members of the legislature have been involved in that and have been very, very helpful in identifying various other sources of funds that may help us in this bridge, as we implement our recovery plan. We have to survive long enough to get there to be able to recover. I don't have a lot to say except, really, please help us. It is a very difficult situation; this community is geographically isolated. Without the hospital, we will have the negative impact, possibly for generations, and I'd just like to thank you for this opportunity. Thank you, very much."



James Dolaway,
Supervisor, Wawarsing:

"My name is James Dolaway. I'm supervisor of the town of Wawarsing. I appreciate my fellow board members Terry Houck and Ray Lux coming to tonight's meeting. As many of the speakers before me have spoken to you, Ellenville Hospital is on our minds and in our hearts. We ask you to please help us, as the others have spoken before you. I

can only say what they have said. If you stop and think about what they have said: If we close Ellenville Hospital, people will die in our area. We need your help. Thank you."



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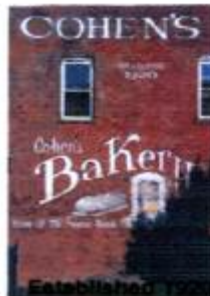
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