

Village of Fleischmanns
Workshop
April 4, 2011

The Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Present were Mayor David Morell, Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella, Harriet L. Grossman, Fred Woller and Benjamin Fenton.

Delaware Engineering

Alan Tavenner of Delaware Engineering presented a color coded water system plan of the Village of Fleischmanns Water System and reviewed the water main replacement alternatives with the Village Board. Prior to the water project, old lines were: Depot Street, Little Red Kill Road, Old Halcott & Switzerland Avenue. The first two have been replaced already. There are four (4) places where small lines serve a number of houses: Schneider Avenue, Bridge Street, Ellsworth Avenue, Mill Street (end) and Brush Ridge Road. Old Halcott – Switzerland has 1200 ft old 4” main line pipe, serves approximately nine (9) homes and thirteen (13) motel units. The street needs paving and guide rail in restoration for a cost of \$400,000.00. Bridge Street has a 2” small main, serves one (1) home, garage, hotel and B&B (12 units). A new line is needed at Main-Wagner to form a loop and long new service needed to hotels, 550’ water line with crossing. The cost is approximately \$250,000.00. Schneider Avenue has a 3” main, serves seven (7) homes, 250’ new line needed with services at a cost of \$120,000. Approximately \$400,000.00 remains in the project budget for water line work.

The Village Board addressed the water service at Bridge Street. Trustee Grossman advised that her curb stop was 200’ away from her house and that the stream had been diverted years ago. The service comes off of a 2” line that runs behind John Granito’s garage where the curb valve is located. From there a ½” copper water service runs under Bridge Street to Trustee Grossman’s house. Mr. Tavenner explained the different alternatives used to purge water out of a dead end area to improve the water quality. He suggested putting a tap in Ms. Grossman’s house manually before the meter. He also thought it would be a good idea to put an automatic blow off station on Bridge Street. It was also suggested that Trustee Grossman get a copy of her Deed and/or title policy to determine if there were any recorded easements. Discussion was had of whether any other residents had water quality problems that could be remedied. There was a consensus that if there are other services, they should be offered the same arrangements to help with their water. Also discussed was improving the water pressure up on Schneider Avenue.

Benjamin Fenton advised that he would vote to replace the Old Halcott and Switzerland Ave. lines. Fred Woller was in agreement as long as all the issues of potable water were addressed simultaneously. The Board generally agreed, but did not yet approve the plan for replacing the main on Old Halcott and Switzerland.

Alan Tavenner will get the pricing for the blow offs and what the arrangements are for wiring and then speak with Mike Myers, Water Superintendent, about those who don’t have water.

Alan Tavenner advised that at some point during the pool house project, the Village hired Robin DiBenedetto to do construction inspections. The engineering company, ultimately the Village, is responsible for oversight of the project. The Village was paying \$50.00-\$60.00 an hour plus travel time to have an inspector make sure things were being done according to the plan. DOH advised that the inspector had to be hired through the engineers. Robin DiBenedetto worked at \$35.00 hr. for approximately 2 months which was a large cost savings for the Village.

Budget Review/2011-2012

Mayor Morell & Village Trustee Benjamin Fenton reviewed the projected budget 2011-12 with the Village Board members proposing the following: line 18 pool receipts be increased to \$3500.00. Line # 37 for grant funds from Mark for the website and the

museum roof at \$7,000.00, line 60 Board of Trustees salaries be decreased from \$4,800.00 to \$2400.00. Trustees Fred Woller and Harriet L. Grossman objected to the decreased salaries for the Trustees since they were on fixed incomes, while Trustees Pascarella and Fenton agreed to accept a decreased salary. On line 63, the Mayor's Salary decreased from \$2400. to \$1200, line 64 Mayor Contractual from \$2,500. to \$1,600. Mayor Morell commented that he would give up his salary as Mayor to help afford the cost of the blackberry which he considered essential for conducting Village business. Line 79 Public Information would be increased from \$1,000.00 to \$4,500.00 (website), line 88 grant writing to be lowered from \$11,000.00 to \$10,000.00, line 93 Public Safety Contractual would go from \$2,500.00 to \$2,100.00, line 107 Street Maintenance goes from \$17,000.00 to \$26,000. Sand & salt payments on line 118 Snow Removal Salt and Sand at \$2,000.00 and reduce line 107 Street Maintenance CE by \$2,000.00. Line 151 Hospital & Medical has been decreased from \$34,000.00 to \$24,000.00; in the Water Fund Expense account the Hospital & Medical, line 206 changed from \$15,000.00 to \$6,000.00 and \$9,000.00 on line 208 Contingent Account. Discussion was held as to CHIPS funding which is budgeted at \$15,000.00. Line 36 Chips & lines 81 Buildings Contractual and 82 Buildings Equipment, line 90 Contingent Account in the General Fund is at \$2,000.00, line 137 County Planning for the County services, line 30 State Aid per Capita is based on the population of the Village. Delaware County has lost 1% of the population; Middletown & Franklyn were the two biggest losers.

Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella advised that the Village should be expending \$20,000.00 (Line 151) from the General Fund for health insurance and \$10,000. from the Water Dept. Fund (line 206) and make line 208 (Contingency) \$5,000.00. The Mayor's salary will then return to \$2400.00 and the Board Members salaries will be at \$4,800.00.

Further discussion was held as to the Trustees salary cut, the Mayor's Contractual costs, contractual grant services versus individual grant costs, code enforcement costs, legal fees, etc. Mayor Morell addressed the Village Board as to how matching grant funds work, and different ways to generate needed funding.

Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella addressed the Village Board as to the employee health insurance/HAS Plan Summary 2011:

Current Plan-NYSHIP

1. Cost Village total of \$45,000.00 per year
2. Plus employees pay co-pays and deductibles
3. Village pays higher family rates even though we only need two (2) person plans because there are no two (2) person rates

Proposed Plan – Excellus Health Savings Account (HAS)

1. Cost Village \$30,000.00 total (\$17,000.00 premium cost, \$13,000.00 contributions to cover deductibles)
2. Village pays lower premium because of two (2) person rates
3. Employees pay no- co-pays except for the situation where their annual deductible is met for the year, then they pay only co-pays for prescriptions
4. Employees' entire deductible of \$2,600.00 for single or \$5200.00 for two (2) person is paid by Village contribution so they have no out of pocket costs
5. Employees get to keep any unspent contributions to their accounts at the end of the year

The Village saves a total of \$15,000.00 per year.
Employees end up paying less personally for care.

Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella answered all questions.

The Village Board basically went back and reviewed some of the proposed changes. It was suggested that the Sewer Fund, line 34 under General Revenue be increased to \$13,600.00. Further discussion was held as to keeping the Board's salaries at \$4800.00 and the Mayor's salary at \$2400.00. with the Mayor's Contractual to \$1,600.00.

Adjourn

Motion made by Harriet L. Grossman to adjourn. Motion seconded by Benjamin Fenton. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. David Morell-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. All in favor. Motion so carried.