

Village of Fleischmanns
Village Board Meeting
August 18, 2011

The Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees held their regular Village Board Meeting on Monday, August 18, 2011 at the Skene Memorial Library. Present were: Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella, Harreit L. Grossman, and Fred Woller. Mayor David Morell-Absent & Village Trustee Benjamin Fenton-Absent.

Carol O'Beirn/Stream Corridor Management Program

Carol O'Beirn addressed the Village Board to giving an update on the East Branch Stream Management Corridor Plan; the project that they are now working on to increase and enhance recreational opportunities on the east branch. Ms. O'Beirn advised the Board that more than a year ago the Village provided written support for this project. The program includes the Towns of Roxbury, Middletown, Andes and the municipalities of Fleischmanns and Margaretville. With all this support, a grant was applied for through the Soil and Water Conservation District in Delaware County. The money is actually funded by the NYC DEP & it goes towards implementation of seventeen (17) recommendations the Village approved a few years prior, focused on stream protection and management. This project is taking two of the recommendations.

SCMPr: Funding Streams

Stream Management Implementation Grants

\$2,000,000.00 available for implementation

Construction projects (e.g. stream restoration, floodplain reclamation, stream crossing upgrades)

Non-construction programs (e.g. planning, educational activities, stream awareness and celebration)

Demonstration projects

Demonstrate cutting-edge stream management techniques

Generally larger scale

Examples: Terrace Ave., Margaretville Stream Restoration, West Brook

Floodplain Reclamation

Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative

Funding available for non-agricultural landowners to restore riparian buffers

SCMP/ Relationships

The PAC and the sub-committees provide guidance and direction to SCMPr partners for SCMP implementation:

Each sub-Committee is the steward of a component of the SCMPr Action Plan, focusing on SCMP Recommendations related to their area of expertise.

All sub-committees work with the Education and Outreach Advisory Committee to distribute important information.

The PAC and sub-committees help evaluate applications to the Stream Management Implementation Grants program.

They are looking at the enhancement of recreational opportunities and enhancement of fishery habitats. The project they are working on now is the planning phase for recreational opportunities. The fishing habitats are going to be set aside for another time because it has turned into a bigger project than they thought it was going to be. They have received a little over \$55,000.00 in the planning grant & have hired Aaron Bennett as a consultant. Contracts were signed in early spring with Soil & Water & DEP and embarked on a research and data gathering effort to take a look at the entire stretch of the east branch from the head waters in Grand Gorge to Petacton Reservoir. Many new maps

have been created identifying all of the current access points and all potential access points where people can get into the stream and recreate whether it's for fishing, canoeing, kayaking, or swimming as it is in the case of Fleischmanns in the Village Park. The west branch of the Delaware has public access points almost its entire length; the east branch has virtually none.

This is a vitally important project to be working on. They have identified a number of locations where they think they can increase access. They are looking to work with the each of the municipalities; looking at the assets & what other kind of land or assets there are in each community. They will then be coming back to Fleischmanns with a plan for our community. We will have the option to accept it or to work with them for other opportunities. There is funding in the second phase if Fleischmanns decides to accept any part of the plan. The Water Discovery Center is the sponsor of this project. The Chamber of Commerce is managing the project and coordinating and sharing the enhanced recreational opportunities sub-committee for Delaware County Soil & Water for about four (4) years. Carol O'Beirn will be the point person if there are any questions. They will come back in the late fall to discuss their findings with Aaron Bennett. The next meeting is Sept. 15, 2011 at the Town Hall or at CWC. We also have a website which is eastbranchaccess.org.

Robert Van Valkenburg/Assistant Fire Chief

Robert Van Valkenburg asked if the Village Board might possibly consider passing a local law or ordinance requiring commercial properties, when they renovate or build new, to put in a Knox-Box Rapid Entry System which is installed outside of the building to contact the Fire Dept. The Fire Dept. opens it, they put their key in, and lock it. The Fire Dept. keeps the master key. No one can get the master key unless you are in the Fleischmanns Fire Dept. in a program with Knox whose home office is in Texas. The Fire Department has to account for the key at any time. Three Fire personnel would have a code to get to the key.

The problem seems to be if you get an automatic alarm. In 20 years Mr. Van Valkenburg has seen Country Home Security show up twice & seen a representative from ADT come and actually open the building, so other than that, its reset from our office; & resetting it from the office is not always the best thing. By law the Fire Dept. can break in & come back out, but as soon as they get ready to leave, they are liable for anything that happens because they broke the door. If we leave & someone goes in & takes something we would be liable because the Fire Dept. left the building unsecured.

With this system, we just open the door, go in, walk around, come out, close it, lock it and put the key back in the box. The Fire Dept. would like to start the program with the commercial properties in the Village; if they build something new or renovate, be required to put this box in. Then if something does happen we will get an automatic alarm.

Delaware Operations

Purchase Orders

Motion made by Fred Woller to approve the following purchase orders for September, 2011: USA Blue Book, BW Gas Alert Max XT II – gas detector, replacement for obsolete meter at facility 72491 \$845.00, calibration gas canister 71667 \$182.95, black rubber boot protective cover 72496 \$35.00, total cost of request \$1062.95 plus shipping, reason for purchase: technology of gas detection changes about every 5 years. At that time, parts become obsolete and the meter unusable after that time; Reliable Office Supplies, total cost of request \$174.14, office supplies used at facility; Slack Chemical, sodium thio-sulfate, 2-50 lb. bags, 100 lbs. at \$1.00/lb, total cost of request \$100.00, reason for purchase: chemicals used in the treatment process; Slack Chemical, 60% magnesium hydroxide, 55 gal. drums, 220 gal. @ \$3.70/gal, total cost of request \$814.00, reason for purchase: chemicals used in the treatment process; Slack Chemical, bulk coagulant (PAC), gal., 300 gal @ \$2.49/gal, total cost of request \$747.00, reason for purchase: chemicals used in the treatment process; Slack Chemical, chlorine bleach, 55 gal.drums, 110 gal. @ \$2.55/gal, total cost of request \$281.00, reason for purchase: chemicals used in the treatment process. Motion seconded by Harriet L. Grossman. Fred Woller-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. David Morell-Absent. Benjamin Fenton-Absent. Motion so carried.

Monthly Report/July 2011

At this time the Wastewater Facility is running through the month at a higher rate of flow and discharges effluent flow from the facility every day of the week. Operators continue to monitor the pump station and the collection system on a daily basis.

Handicapped Ramp

Fred Woller reported on the condition of the handicapped ramp behind the Skene Library. Trustee Woller said the ramp is falling apart, the bottom has broken boards which are loose and there are rails that are coming off. All that is needed is to get some material and do the repairs to make it accessible.

Sump Pump/Village Library

Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella advised that the sump pump issue at the Skene Memorial Library was being worked out with the Contractor who is currently doing work on the building.

Spending Freeze

The Village Board discussed possible budget cutbacks and a freeze on spending to help conserve Village funds in all areas and avoid frivolous spending.

Park Lights

Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella advised that the park lights around the tennis courts were broken along with the soccer field light, and the snack shack light. Blizzard Electric advised that these lights were old and in bad shape and it would cost more to take them down and repair them than it would to replace them. Funds have also been set aside by the Mark Project in the amount of \$1800.00. The balance would come out of public safety contractual.

Police Car & Old Village Truck

Motion made by Fred Woller to put the police vehicle a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria and the 2001 dump truck out for bids. Motion seconded by Todd Pascarella. Fred Woller-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. David Morell-Absent. Benjamin Fenton-Absent. Motion so carried.

Specifications will be obtained from the Village crew.

Vouchers

Motion made by Todd Pascarella to pay the following vouchers for the month of August, 2011: General Fund, Abstract # 18, Voucher # 71, totaling \$107.95; General Fund, Abstract # 21, Vouchers # 72 through 92 totaling \$10,853.88, General Fund, Abstract # 20, Vouchers #93 through 97 totaling \$6,151.63; Water Department Fund, Abstract # 5, Vouchers # 10 through 14, totaling \$2,133.49; Sewer Department Fund, Abstract # 3, Vouchers # 19 through 31 totaling \$28,578.80; Water Project Fund, Abstract # 2, Voucher # 2 totaling \$19,950.00. Motion seconded by Fred Woller. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. David Morell-Absent. Benjamin Fenton-Absent. Motion so carried.

Adjourn

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

