

## Village of Fleischmanns

### Workshop Meeting

January 30, 2012

The Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees held a Workshop Meeting on Monday January 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Skene Memorial Library. Present were: Mayor David Morell, Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella, Harriet L. Grossman, Fred Woller and Benjamin Fenton.

#### **Brian Grocholl/Village Water Complaint**

Brian Grocholl of 140 Schneider Avenue came to the workshop meeting to discuss the poor condition of his water. John Brust of Delaware Engineering suggested to Brian that a faucet be run 24-7, but Brian advised he would rather have the water meter unhooked avoiding the possibility of being responsible to pay for a million gallons of water running through his meter. Brian advised the Village Board that as soon as the poop off valve is in & everything is working properly, and his water is no longer green, that he should not have to pay his water bill until the problem is corrected. The option is he will pay the water bill and the Village will pay for the water filters. In a quarter Brian uses \$300.00 worth of water filters at his house and pays approximately \$90.00 a quarter for water & also has to purchase bottled water for drinking. Brian said he was willing to hook up to his faucet at any time and let it run. Trustee Woller suggested the Village take a reading and let the water run, and not charge Brian Grocholl for it or Harriet Grossman. Trustee Harriet L. Grossman advised she had the same problem with her water.

Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella advised that hopefully running the water for a month straight might clean out the lines. The Village is looking to install Kupferie Eclipse Automatic Flushing Hydrants, at 140 Schneider Avenue & 45 Bridge Street, which hopefully will fix the problem; however, it cannot be installed at this time of the year.

Motion made by Benjamin Fenton to have the Water Superintendent take a water reading at 140 Schneider Avenue and 45 Bridge Street on February 1, 2012, and do another reading on March 1, 2012 & have the water usage used during that time period subtracted from the next water billing. Motion seconded by Fred Woller. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. David Morell-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Abstained. Motion so carried.

#### **Accounting**

Mayor Morell advised he had contacted a CPA firm, Gruver Zweifel & Scott of Oneonta, in an effort to have them meet with the Village Board & possibly help us to streamline Village's accounting procedures incorporating some modern technology, and have them take a look at Fleischmanns' management responsibilities. Mayor Morell advised that Gruver Zweifel & Scott had also done an audit at the Mark Project.

Trustee Fenton wanted to address certain issues that were brought out in a recent audit, specifically the checks and balances that the State had a problem with, because there are few if any, and then basically look at some reformatting of the Village budget making it easier to read & possibly change and/or reclassify some of the appropriation coding. The Village will be incorporating these efforts in their response to the State audit.

The Village Board will try to arrange a meeting for Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> or Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> around 4:00 p.m. to meet with the CPA firm. The Part Time Account Clerk, Russell Schebesta, will also be invited to attend.

#### **Herb Finch/HD Construction**

HD Construction submitted a flood repair bill for \$4,200.00 in November, 2011 and then this January, 2012 wrote to the Village asking if they would consider a barter agreement to satisfy part of his bill. He said he was interested in the police car and the old Dodge 3500 truck and snowplow and whatever goes with the truck. In exchange for these items Herb Finch would reduce his current bill of \$4,200.00 by \$2,100.00.

Trustee Fred Woller will contact the Village Attorney, John R. Fairbairn, III to see if a municipality can legally enter a barter agreement to satisfy an outstanding invoice.

The Village Board discussed assessments, revenue, the Fire Department budget, etc. Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella stated that the Village has to look at a safe picture of where our revenue is going to be and how we are going to proceed. Trustee Benjamin Fenton also addressed what expenses the Village might also experience in relation to flood work and potential grants. The Board also discussed as to whether or not the Village should adopt the new tax limit law, the Village's current tax rate and budget, flood related expenses, etc.

#### **Workshop Meeting/Feb. 6, 2012**

Motion made by Fred Woller to hold a Workshop Meeting on Feb. 6, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Benjamin Fenton. Fred Woller-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. David Morell-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. All in favor. Motion so carried.

#### **Village Rental Properties**

The Village Board discussed the lease at the pump station, and the lease at the movie theatre along with the Village's Code of Ethics. It was noted by Trustee Grossman that the rent at the theatre was 3 months behind. The tenant is presently awaiting post-flood business assistance from the Mark Project to cure the delinquency. Village Trustee Benjamin Fenton advised the Village should contact the Village Attorney as to the delinquency & take immediate action as to how to proceed. Trustee Fred Woller will contact John R. Fairbairn as to this issue. Additionally, the Village Board discussed putting the pump station rental out for bids this year.

#### **Executive Session/Personnel**

Motion made by Todd Pascarella to go into executive session. Motion seconded by Fred Woller. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. David Morell-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. All in favor. Motion so carried.

#### **Open Session**

Motion made by Todd Pascarella to go out of executive session. Motion seconded by Fred Woller. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. David Morell-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. All in favor. Motion so carried.

#### **Insurance/Movie Theatre**

Motion made by Harriet L. Grossman to accept insurance coverage quote presented by J. R. Lawrence of Mang Thomson Agency for the movie theatre at a limit of \$80,000.00 at a basic coverage cost of \$1,119.30 a year; with liability coverage included under the Village's regular policy. Motion seconded by Fred Woller. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. David Morell-Abstained. Motion so carried.

#### **Adjourn**

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