

Village of Fleischmanns
Special Meeting
July 17, 2012

The Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at the Skene Memorial Library. Present were: Mayor Todd Pascarella, Deputy Mayor Benjamin Fenton, Harriet L. Grossman, Fred Woller and Kathleen Rostad Miles. The Village Code Enforcement Officer, Carl Patrick Davis, was also present.

Carl Patrick Davis advised the Village Board that technically Middletown is sponsoring all of the Fleischmanns EWP projects since they were signed off by Supervisor Marjorie Miller & not by Fleischmanns. Todd Pascarella would have to sign as Mayor to have these projects approved and funded.

Patrick Davis recommended that the Village Board meet with the Town Supervisor & go through & sign the remaining individual projects; this way Mayor Pascarella will be listed as the sponsor for the Fleischmanns Village projects and there should be no problems getting the projects approved and funded.

Fleischmanns EWP Sponsor/Mayor Pascarella

Motion made by Fred Woller authorizing Mayor Todd Pascarella to sign as sponsor for all EWP projects for the Village of Fleischmanns. Motion seconded by Harriet L. Grossman. Fred Woller-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. Kathleen Rostad Miles-Aye. Todd Pascarella-abstained. Motion so carried.

Community Rating System

Carl Patrick Davis addressed the Village Board and the public present as to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) which recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP standards. Depending upon the level of participation, flood insurance premium rates for policyholders can be reduced up to 45%. Besides the benefit of reduced insurance rates, CRS floodplain management activities enhance public safety, reduce damages to property and public infrastructure, avoid economic disruption and losses, reduce human suffering, and protect the environment. Technical assistance on designing and implementing some activities is available. Participating in the CRS provides an incentive to maintaining and improving a community's floodplain management program over the years. Implementing some CRS activities can help projects qualify for certain other Federal assistance programs.

Middletown, Margaretville & Fleischmanns to Enroll in FEMA's Community Rating System

The following was read into the record by Carl Patrick Davis, CEO:

As part of continuing efforts to reduce the risk of damage from future floods, the Town of Middletown and the Villages of Fleischmanns and Margaretville have begun the process of enrolling in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS). CRS is a FEMA program that acknowledges flood damage prevention efforts that go beyond the minimum standards of the National Flood Insurance Program. Under the CRS, different flood damage prevention measures are awarded points. As a community earns points, flood insurance policy holders in the community receive a progressively larger discount on their flood insurance premiums. The Town and Villages expect to achieve a 5% to 10% discount on flood insurance premiums through participation in the CRS.

Aside from the savings on flood insurance, the CRS program has several benefits:

1. The CRS provides a framework for organizing flood damage prevention activities that are the responsibility of a variety of municipal departments;
2. The activities credited by the CRS have other benefits (public safety, reducing property damage, environmental protection, etc.);
3. Communities can evaluate the effectiveness of their flood damage prevention program against a nationally recognized benchmark;
4. Technical assistance in designing and implementing some activities is available at no charge;

5. The CRS helps institutionalize smart flood damage prevention practices, so they stay in place through changes in staff and elected officials, and;
6. The CRS involves a variety of public information activities that will raise awareness of flood damage risk and help residents understand what they can do to protect themselves before the next flood.

In order to successfully enroll and maintain membership in the CRS, the Town and Villages have agreed to meet several requirements:

1. Each will designate a CRS Coordinator. This person puts the CRS application together and coordinates everybody involved in flood damage prevention within the community, including staff and elected officials; county departments; and regional, state and federal agencies;
2. Each will have their flood damage prevention program evaluated by FEMA and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Floodplain Management Section (DEC) through a Community Assistance Visit (CAV). During the CAV, DEC and FEMA will review permit records and floodplain development to make sure that each municipality is following their Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.
3. In order to receive points for any activity, each community will provide proper documentation. Each will need to keep detailed records of their flood damage prevention activities, and provide them to FEMA on an annual basis.

The Town and Villages have submitted a Letter of Intent to enroll in CRS, which is the first step in a process that could take anywhere from two to six months. Flood insurance policy holders should not expect to see any discounts on their flood insurance premiums until 2013. For more information on the CRS program, please visit:

<http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm>.

Delaware County Planning Department

Carl Patrick Davis read aloud the following memorandum addressed to himself, Todd Pascarella, Mayor, Village of Fleischmanns, William H. Stanton, Mayor, Village of Margaretville and Marjorie Miller, Supervisor, Town of Middletown, dated July 10, 2012 from Nicole Franzese of the Delaware County Planning Board:

At the Flood Commission meeting held March 29th there was a discussion between the members of the Villages of Fleischmanns, Margaretville Village Boards and the town of Middletown Town Board about the possibility of enrollment into the FEMA Community Rating System. The discussion included the benefits and challenges the communities would face if they entered into the program. As a result of the discussion I recommended that for the next few months you monitor the current process you utilize to enforce and administer the flood plain regulations in the three communities to determine the cost, efficiency and effectiveness of your current practices.

You and I met July 9th and reviewed the results of the three (3) month monitoring period and in support of the communities proceeding with the application process if they so desire. Our department will be available to assist with the application process and will compile information on County programs and practices that will hopefully add to the Town and Villages score.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Mayor Pascarella advised that the CRS subject has been discussed for several months at the Flood Commission meetings. Mayor Pascarella advised that it sets a very high standard which is maintainable, but its still a high standard; something important to hand to the future.

Letter of Intent

Motion made by Harriet L. Grossman authorizing Mayor Pascarella to sign a letter of intent to Richard Einhorn, CRS Coordinator, DHS/FEMA Region II, stating that it is the intention of the Village of Fleischmanns to become a participant in the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS). Motion seconded by Fred Woller. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. Kathleen Rostad Miles-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Abstained. Motion so carried.

Carl Patrick Davis/CRS Coordinator Appointment

Motion made by Fred Woller to appoint our Flood Plain Administrator, Carl Patrick Davis, as the Village of Fleischmanns' CRS Coordinator. Motion seconded by Kathleen Rostad Miles. Fred Woller-Aye. Kathleen Rostad Miles-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. All in favor. Motion so carried.

Patrick Davis continued to answer all questions from the Village Board and the public.

Village Ball Field/Flood Repairs

Long discussion was held with the public as to the costs to repair the ball field, the donation of Kindon Gould, the scope of work for Hubble Bros., the proposal of a 1.5 million dollar bond to repair the park, removal of old equipment ie: poles, electric, etc. Trustee Harriet L. Grossman advised she was not aware of the donation from Kingdon Gould until she was approached by a Village resident.

Special Meeting/Ball Park

Motion made by Kathleen Rostad Miles to hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. on the issue of the Ball Park. Motion seconded by Fred Woller. Kathleen Rostad Miles-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. All in favor. Motion so carried.

Adjourn

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