

Village of Fleischmanns  
Special Meeting  
August 1, 2012

The Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at the Skene Memorial Library at 6:00 p.m. to update the public as to the Fleischmanns Park Reconstruction. Present were: Mayor Todd Pascarella, Deputy Mayor Benjamin Fenton, Harriet L. Grossman, Fred Woller and Kathleen Rostad Miles. Dave Mann was also present from Alta Log Homes & offered to donate design work on the concession stand pavilion, Larry Reilly and Benjamin Fenton who have worked tirelessly on the Fleischmanns flood issues, Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering, Peggy Ellsworth of the Mark Project who put together a 2009 park plan, procured funding & oversaw the planning process, Jeanine Pascarella, the Park Commissioner, who has been working for a couple of years collecting information on playgrounds & working on designs with different companies to get a sense of what can be accomplished.

Mayor Pascarella furnished the Village Board and the public with a breakdown sheet of the different stages that would be discussed during the meeting such as estimates for flood work, FEMA allocations, appeals, etc. as follows:

**Retaining Wall**

FEMA Allocation-\$355,000.00  
Estimate submitted to FEMA-\$355,000.00  
Out to bid immediately?  
Procure bond? Other sources of money?

**Lighting/Electric**

FEMA Allocation-\$18,700.00  
Estimate submitted to FEMA (pre-flood conditions/modern standards)-\$100,000.00  
Village will appeal FEMA Project Worksheet  
Can apply for NYSEG Grant to cover up to \$100,000.00

**Playground**

FEMA Allocation-\$25,000.00  
Estimate submitted to FEMA (pre-flood conditions/modern standards)-\$91,000.00  
Village will appeal FEMA Project Worksheet  
2009 Park Plan Upgrade Desig-\$250,000.00  
Playground Donations-\$40,000.00  
NYS Park & Rec monies-\$63,000.00  
Shortfall for upgraded design-\$122,000.00

**Potential sources to close funding gap**

- Volunteer Labor
- Donations
- FEMA Appeal
- Other Grants

**Concession Stand**

- FEMA Allocation-\$43,000.00
- Estimate submitted to FEMA (pre-flood conditions/modern standards)-\$151,000
- Village will appeal FEMA Project Worksheet-
- NYS Park & Rec monies-\$63,000.00
- Shortfall-\$45,000.00

**Potential sources to close funding gap**

- Volunteer Labor
- Donations
- FEMA Appeal
- Other Grants

**Tennis Courts**

- FEMA Allocation-\$93,551.00
- Estimate Submitted to FEMA to replace Courts-\$155,000.00
- Village will appeal FEMA Project Worksheet
- Shortfall-\$61,449.00

**-Potential sources to close funding gap**

- Donations
- FEMA Appeal
- Other Grants

**Basketball Courts**

- FEMA Allocation-\$12,500.00
- Estimate submitted to FEMA to replace courts-\$80,000.00
- Village will appeal FEMA Project Worksheet
- Shortfall-\$67,500.00

**-Potential sources to close funding gap**

- Volunteer Labor
- Donations
- FEMA Appeal
- Other Grants

Mayor Pascarella advised that the retaining wall was an entirely separate project & for which FEMA has allocated the entire sum that our engineering firm requested for complete reconstruction of the stone retaining wall along the Bushkill in the park. The job must go out to bid & then we need to look into how the financing will work. Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering advised he had spoken with Graden Dutcher today & all that is needed is the alignment & then we should be ready to go. Since this is a large project, the Village needs to first pay the contractor in order to get reimbursed. This is the reason why the Village Board passed a resolution allowing the Village to bond since \$355,000.00 is needed to pay for the retaining wall work. Jeff Francisco reminded the Board that no blue book has been received on this project from FEMA to date. Once the blue book is received by the Village, we will then know that the project is approved.

Mayor Pascarella explained that Kingdon Gould was paying Hubbell Bros. directly to do the work at the park.

As to the lighting/electric, according to our estimate to restore to pre-flood conditions and adhere to modern code, it was estimated that it would take \$100,000.00. The whole FEMA project worksheet is in the process of going to appeal. Mayor Pascarella also went to an informational meeting at the Town of Middletown about a NYSEG utility grant which is being offered by NYSEG to help communities recover from flood damage. NYSEG is offering up to \$100,000.00 per application for electrically related items that need to be replaced. The ball park lights and wiring qualify according to NYSEG. Peggy Ellsworth advised that this will also cover any electric utilities in the concession stand.

**Resolution/NYSEG Application for Funding**

At a Special Meeting of  
Village Board of the Village of

Fleischmanns held on August 1, 2012 and

Upon motion made by Kathleen Rostad Miles and seconded by Benjamin Fenton, the following resolution was adopted:

**Whereas**, on October 19, 2011, the New York State Public Service Commission approved NYSEG's request to spend up to \$7 million to assist eligible businesses, farms and municipalities, large residential establishments, agri-bussinesses, farms, and not-for-profit agencies affected by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, and

**Whereas**, the Village of Fleischmanns received devastating damages during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in August of 2011 and

**Whereas**, the Village of Fleischmanns is in need to fill gaps in funding to repair the damages created by these two storms,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Village of Fleischmanns hereby authorizes Mayor Todd Pascarella to make application to NYSEG for grant funds to repair the flood damages.

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 Lorraine DeMarfio, Village Clerk  
 Village of Fleischmanns

Dated: August 1, 2012

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 County of Delaware   )

I, Lorraine DeMarfio, Village Clerk of the Village of Fleischmanns, New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fleischmanns, New York on August 1, 2012 and the whole thereof.

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 Lorraine DeMarfio, Village Clerk  
 Village of Fleischmanns

#### **NYSEG/GRANT APPLICATION**

Motion made by Kathleen Rostad Miles for Mayor Todd Pascarella to make application to NYSEG for needed electrical flood repairs. Motion seconded by Benjamin Fenton. Kathleen Rostad Miles-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Abstained. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. All in favor. Motion so carried.

#### **Concession Stand**

Mayor Pascarella advised that the Village had given an estimate to FEMA for \$151,000.00 for the concession stand. The Village is appealing this project worksheet to increase the amount that the Village will receive. The Village has \$63,000.00 from the NYS Park & Rec monies which can be used to match FEMA money. This leaves the Village at a \$45,000.00 shortfall before the result of the appeal comes back.

Village resident and plumber, Brian Walsh, has offered free plumbing labor, Alta Homes is going to do a design on a timber/stone concession stand and the ability to possibly expand it with a pavilion depending on the funding. The Village may get more funding based on the appeal. We will also be looking at other grants to complement that money & close that gap. The results of the appeal filed will guide what is going to take place.

#### **Alta Homes/Donation**

David Mann of Alta Homes advised that the procedure for Alta Industries is a \$2,000.00 design fee. When Alta gets the deposit, 50% of that design deposit comes off the potential components of materials that will be purchased from Alta. David Mann paid the \$2,000.00 to Alta Industries today, so when the Village is ready, even with modifications, 50% of that will come off the building materials. Peggy Ellsworth advised there would also be a \$2,000.00 match from the State towards the construction.

#### **Playground**

Mayor Pascarella advised that FEMA allocated \$25,000.00 for the playground and the Village's estimate submitted to FEMA to pre-flood condition/modern standards is \$91,000.00. It is being submitted for appeal since they are unwilling to fund their own government regulations in terms of code. The park plan from 2009 had the playground component at \$250,000.00. There is a substantial amount of donation money that is sitting waiting for the project. The NYS Park & Rec monies amounts to \$63,000.00 and the shortfall for the upgraded design is \$122,000.00. The potential sources to close the gap are volunteer labor, playground design companies that offer community build packages in which the labor & assembly can be eliminated if a lot of the community members do the labor & assembly themselves and future donations, whatever that may be;

We are hoping to get a substantial amount through the FEMA appeal based on the fact that the original amount that was offered was ludicrously low and there are other

potential grants that we can use to combine with that. Between those four (4) potential avenues, we should be able to close the funding gap necessary to get that in the ground.

Park Commissioner, Jeanine Pascarella, advised that in a recent conversations with one of the community built design companies, and with the community built labor component, one can save anywhere from \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00. If you sign a contract with this particular company committing for the end of the year, you can get a 30% reduction in the overall price. Jeanine Pascarella advised that Trustee Kathleen Rostad Miles was really into this project and would like to take the lead in the design and heading as to where the playground is going. Denise Asher & Jeanine Pascarella would like to support Kathleen Miles with funding or helping in any way with the design. Village Trustee Kathleen Rostad Miles was happy to take the project on advising that the park and playground could be beneficial to the Village area as a whole, offering handicapped accessibility as a focal point and a destination for all. Kathleen will work closely with Peggy Ellsworth of the Mark Project.

Village Trustee Harriet L. Grossman advised that there was a gentleman by the name of Alex Travis who wanted to donate a painting to the Village.

### **Tennis**

Mayor Morell advised that the FEMA allocation for the tennis courts was \$93,551.00. The Village's lowest estimate for recreating the tennis courts from scratch was \$155,000.00. The Village will appeal the FEMA project worksheet. The tennis courts have a shortfall of \$61,449.00. Sources to meet the shortfall will be donations, the FEMA appeal & other grants that may be pursued. FEMA has advised that the courts need to be repaired, not replaced. Mark Birman and Sindy Becker discussed the flood damaging conditions at the tennis courts which they felt mandated full replacement of the courts. Mrs. Becker advised that the courts are not standard size & need to be and we should try, if at all possible, to increase the length or the width if possible. Mark Birman advised that even if the Village wanted to restore the courts pre-flood, we would not be able to do that due to the flood damage & the condition of the existing fence posts. Sindy Becker offered to take on the job of gathering donations to help replace the tennis courts. Further discussion was held as to bringing the tennis courts up to standard and the issues which might possibly prevent same due to the nearby existing well and possible infringement on private property.

### **Basketball Courts**

Mayor Morell advised that the FEMA allocation for the basketball courts is \$12,500.00. The estimate submitted to FEMA to replace the courts is \$80,000.00, which leaves a shortfall of \$67,500.00 for re-creating the courts. The Village will be following the plan & orienting the courts more north & south to make room for the configuration that is in the plan. There is the potential for volunteer labor & potential donations and future grant funding.

Prior to opening the meeting for public comment, Mayor Pascarella read aloud the NYCOM guidelines.

Discussion was held as to contributions of labor and goods. Peggy Ellsworth recommended that since this is a municipal project owned by the Village, that we open a separate account for contributions which are deductible. Questions arose as to how the Village planned on budgeting for principal and interest payments in connection with the bonding & if taxes would have to be raised. Mayor Pascarella advised that the taxes would not be raised, but expenditures would have to be reduced. Further discussion was held as to the building of a state of the art park versus bringing the park back to pre-flood condition, some residents finding it hard to afford current taxes, the Village's eligibility and pursuit of grant funds, the current economy, lowering of assessed values, budgeting shortfalls, fund raising, etc.

**Adjourn**

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