

Village of Fleischmanns

Workshop Meeting

August 28, 2012

The Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at the Skene Memorial Library at 5:00 p.m. Present were: Mayor Todd Pascarella, Deputy Mayor Benjamin Fenton, Fred Woller. Village Trustees Harriet L. Grossman and Kathleen Rostad Miles were absent. Also present were Todd Wickham, Fire Chief of the Fleischmanns Volunteer Fire Department and Robert VanValkenburgh, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief of the Fleischmanns Volunteer Fire Department and Karl Von Hassel, Treasurer of the Fleischmanns Volunteer Fire Department.

The Workshop Meeting was being held at the request of the Fire Department to discuss the purchase of water rescue apparatus.

Todd Wickham began advising that the Fleischmanns Fire Dept. had been working with Margaretville Fire Dept., Andes Fire Dept. and Downsville. Chief Todd Wickham said he had also looked into ice water rescue in order to help Belleayre with the ponds, etc. Todd Wickham advised that in order to get swift water rescue training from the State, one could contact Rich Bell, the County Coordinator, but it would take up to 3 years to get the class to Fleischmanns or they would have to go Montauk Falls.

Chief Wickham advised that the course in Shandaken through Life Guard Systems was \$2700.00 for all the members who were going to take the course; \$180.00 a person along with the cost of equipment for which he presented quotes from Garrison Fire & Rescue Corp. which included rescue standard rescue throw bags, breathable rescue dry suits, pilot knife, cold water gloves, flare lights, whistle, angel guard pick of life, water rescue stick kit, ropes, etc. Chief Wickham is working with Garrison and the County.

The Fleischmanns Fire Chief gave the particulars as to the Polar 75, which is a swift water rescue boat without a motor, is a foldable inflatable multi-purposes craft which is a portable unit made of military grade hypalon. The fabric is ultra-resistant to very extreme conditions (hot or cold). It can be used in mud, lake, ice, snow, swift water, low overhead dam, river, ocean and flooded areas. It also has different applications such as stretcher, sledge, rescue, transport of equipment and people across bodies of water. The rapid deployment of the boat is 20 seconds, with one single point inflation, weighs 26kg, has 6 carry handles, 6 solid anchor points, 3 independent air chambers, 100% hypalon with underside reinforcements. This rescue boat is a portable unit without a motor, but will have man paddle power. The approximate price of this unit at best quality is \$7500.00 along with needed equipment amounting to \$10,000.

Training needs to be recertified every three (3) years. Approximately \$1,000.00 a year needs to be earmarked for training. Hopefully, the state will come in to do the training.

Boat # 2 is going to be 16 foot; hold 2 rescuers, a driver, and a 50 horse motor. It's called Jet Drive. It has a propeller but it has a system that goes around it that protects the propeller from debris. Todd Wickham has all the specs on the boat. It's an inflated boat that stays inflated on a trailer. Fire Chief Wickham advised this boat was going to cost approximately \$32,000.00. Todd advised that since the bridge is gone and as fast as it floods on Wagner Avenue; this is the boat that's going to get to Wagner Avenue when it floods to get the people out. Before this, they could drive in over Bridge Street, drive down to the end of the water, and go through the water house to house and we wouldn't be near the deep part of the water. Now we won't be able to get there. That bridge is the highest bridge and that's where we made our rescues from that side. Chief Wickham advised he had made this complaint to the County.

The motor boat with extra equipment amounts to approximately \$32,000.00, the training is \$2700.00 and approximately \$10,000.00 for needed equipment. There will be approximately \$50,000.00 needed to cover the costs of the two boats, equipment and training. As of July 31, 2012, the Capital Reserve Fund for the Fire Truck has a balance of \$199,716.21 and the Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Fighting Equipment has a balance of \$12,562.86. The Village will await further information from the Fire Chief as to specifications and expenses so the Village can move forward on the proposed purchase from the Capital Reserve Truck Fund.

Further discussion was held as to the condition of the tanker truck, the rescue truck and up-dating the fire alarm with a distinctive warning sound for flood and or whether warnings. Fire Chief Wickham will call and have the siren at the park checked out to make sure it's in working order. Additionally, the Fire Dept. and the Village are looking into having the Fire Department being its own separate entity.

**Adjourn**

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