

Village of Fleischmanns  
Board Meeting  
September 10, 2012

The Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees held their regular Village Board Meeting on Monday, September 10, 2012 at the Skene Memorial Library at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Mayor Todd Pascarella, Harriet L. Grossman, Fred Woller and Kathleen Rostad Miles. Benjamin Fenton was absent.

Louis Grocholl of Schneider Avenue approached the Village Board requesting that Schneider Avenue be paved and if that's not possible, requested it be graded. Village Trustee Fred Woller advised he would check with John Biruk, Town Highway Superintendent, to see if they can place Schneider Avenue on their schedule for grading.

### **Delaware Operations**

#### *Purchase Orders*

Motion made by Kathleen Rostad Miles to approve the following purchase orders for the month of September, 2012: Slack Chemical, 60% Magnesium Hydroxide, 55 gal. drums, 220 gal. @ \$3.90/gal., total cost of request \$858.00, reason for purchase: treat plant flow for alkalinity and pH; 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; Slack Chemical, bulk coagulant (PAC), GAL., 300 GAL. @ \$2.85/gal. total cost of request: \$855.00. Motion seconded by Harriet L. Grossman. Kathleen Rostad Miles-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Absent. Motion so carried.

Question arose as to the approval of a purchase order for a second door for the control room at the WWTP at a cost of \$1180.00. Lou Dibble will get the specifications and speak with John Brust as to what the problem might possibly be with the doors which are rusting from the inside out.

#### *Monthly Report*

Lou Dibble advised everything was going smoothly at the plant. There was an issue with the blower which has been resolved. The flows have dropped off as they usually do in September. We are continuing to bring water in from Andes. Mr. Dibble will deliver the invoice for \$1800.00 to the Town of Andes.

#### *Joseph Landriscina/189 Brush Ridge Road*

Lou Dibble advised he met with Joseph Landriscina in an attempt to explain his overdue sewer bill for his property located at 189 Brush Ridge Rd. Mr. Dibble explained to him that since the property was not located in the Village, the past due amount could not be levied against his taxes. He understood and acknowledged that fact.

He indicated the reason he had not paid his bill was because the tax map number on the invoice was wrong and we had reversed the numbers. That is, we had his Main Street tax map number on his Brush Ridge Road invoice, and the Brush Ridge Road property number on the Main Street invoice. Mr. Dibble had copies of all the sewer invoices issued for both properties, and the tax map numbers were correct. Mr. Landriscina said he had invoices where the numbers were reversed, but he could not provide them. He felt that since there was a "mistake" on the invoice, he should not be charged the penalty.

Mr. Dibble told Mr. Landriscina that he would have to request in writing that the Village Board waive the penalty.

Mr. Dibble reviewed both accounts and Mr. Landriscina was given the current balance due on both accounts & provided with copies of all the invoices. Mr. Dibble asked Mr. Landriscina if he was going to write a letter to the Board and he said he would have to think about it.

Mr. Dibble recommended that the Board not waive the penalty as there does not appear to be an error on the invoices. Mr. Dibble also recommended that the Board give Mr. Landriscina a couple of weeks to pay the invoice. If no payment is received, Mr. Dibble recommended the Village take legal action.

Mr. Dibble advised that \$672.00 is what is due on the Brush Ridge property which includes approximately \$108.00 in penalties. Mayor Todd Pascarella suggested we begin by having the Village Attorney send a letter to Mr. Landriscina in an effort to recoup payment.

*Genevieve Singh/Sewer Exempt/Refund*

Motion made by Kathleen Rostad Miles to reimburse Genevieve Singh \$576.92 for sewer payments she made since her tax parcel # 287.13-1-6 located at 623 Main Street is sewer-exempt. Motion seconded by Harriet L. Grossman. Kathleen Rostad Miles-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Absent. Motion so carried.

Mr. Dibble advised he would have a draft budget for 2013-14 ready for October, 2012. It has to be passed in November in order to get it to NYC on time.

**John Blish/Mountain Valley Fuel Woods**

**Estimate**

Discussion was held as to the estimate submitted by John Blish in the amount of \$3,350.00 for digging out & removing gravel inside the squash tube inside the bridge on Little Red Kill Road. Mr. Blish advised that the estimate would be increased by \$540.00 due to the prevailing wage. Mr. Blish was advised to re-submit another estimate.

**Fleischmanns Pizza Company/Elizabeth Morell**

Village Attorney John R. Fairbairn, III advised that Elizabeth Morell, who had operated Fleischmanns Pizza Company at 932 Main Street, Fleischmanns, had signed a Confession of Judgment incurring charges of \$4,800.00 in rent, \$294.50 in unpaid water bills, and \$112.32 in unreimbursed fuel oil. Elizabeth Morell paid \$1300.00 in total leaving the balance at \$3,906.82 plus attorney fees of \$225.00 and a filing fee for the Delaware County Clerk of \$210.00. The total outstanding amount: \$4,341.82. The foregoing will create a lien on any property owned by Elizabeth Morell.

**Part Time Accountant Report/Month Ending July 31, 2012**

Motion made by Harriet L. Grossman to table approval of the Part Time Accountant Report for the month ending July 31, 2012. Motion seconded by Kathleen Rostad Miles. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Kathleen Rostad Miles-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Absent. Motion so carried.

**Life Guard/Kelly A. Ambrosch**

Motion made by Harriet L. Grossman to hire Kelly A. Ambrosch as a life guard. Motion seconded by Fred Woller. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Kathleen Rostad Miles-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Absent. Motion so carried.

**Pool**

The following letter was received by the Village from Ruth Wolcott of Margaretville:  
Just want to tell you what a pleasure it was to swim at the Village pool. The life guards & ticket takers were so professional, friendly, and nice to be around.

This year, more than before, the hours & water temp were very dependable. I know you run it as a loss, but thank you for providing this service to the community.

A second letter was received by the Village from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Meinstein of Margaretville:

Just a note to thank all of you for entrusting the pool to the capable hands of Harriet Grossman. She did a monumental job of seeing to life guards and assistants. We never had to wait for the gate to open-it was available on time, every time! My husband Steve and I enjoyed many hours at the pool this summer. Thank you!

Brandon Belaski and Linda Caswell were always courteous and helpful too.

We are looking forward to next summer when we can again enjoy the Fleischmanns Pool.

**Fleischmanns Vol. Fire Dept./Member Approval**

Motion made by Fred Woller to approve the following members of the Fleischmanns Vol. Fire Department: Marshall Bouton, Nicky Bouton, Bob Broder, Danny Cella, Grant Cure, Al Doubrava, Greg Finch, Brian Grocholl, Billy Joe Haynes, John Hoeko, Ashley

Johnsmeyer, Kaitlyn Johnsmeyer, Leslie Johnsmeyer, Tim Johnsmeyer, Tim Johnsmeyer, Jr., Kip Johnson, Leland Johnson, III, Luke Merwin, Tom Miller, Walter Miller, Richard O'Hara, Colby Piskacek, Charles Pultz, Kim Searle, Bob VanValkenburgh, Jacki VanValkenburgh, Karl von Hassel, Mark West, Milissa Wheeler, Brianna Wickham, Joshua Wickham, Kim Wickham, Matthew Wickham, Tim Wickham, Todd Wickham, Mark Merello & Marcus Hogan. Motion seconded by Harriet L. Grossman. Fred Woller-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Kathleen Rostad Miles-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Absent. Motion so carried.

#### **Kathleen Rostad Miles/Troopers**

Village Trustee Kathleen Rostad Miles advised she had called the Police barracks as to traffic violations, speeding, etc. in the Village of Fleischmanns requesting assistance by showing a presence in the Village.

Larry Reilly, Planning Board Chairman, advised that there was a Stop DWI Program which the Delaware County Sheriff's Office was conducting.

#### **Fred Woller/Highway Superintendent**

Fred Woller reported that he had checked out the problem with a leaking spring up on Little Red Kill Road causing the icing up of the road in the winter. The spring is located on tax parcel # 287.13-1-23 located at 99 Little Red Kill Road, which is owned by Kevin & Sean O'Connell. When asked if the Village had any recourse to have the owner repair the spring, attorney John R. Fairbairn advised that it would depend on whether or not there was any intentional diversion. Trustee Fred Woller will speak with the Village CEO, Carl Patrick Davis, to see what our options are.

An additional icing complaint for a similar problem with a culvert pipe on Lake Street was discussed. The undermining of Switzerland Ave. was also mentioned which is something that Delaware Engineering would resolve. Conversation also arose as to the use of a convex mirror by Breezy Hill Road which Trustee Fred Woller will look into. Drivers are not stopping as they enter Main Street from Halcott Road.

#### **Pool**

Village Trustee Harriet L. Grossman advised that she would have a report on the pool for this season when all the invoices are finally paid along with any salaries.

#### **Finances**

Mayor Pascarella said he was approached by Winifred Zubin, Treasurer of Fleischmanns First, to volunteer her guidance & help the Village with her experience in accounting. Mayor Pascarella advised that the Village has not been able to explore software platforms to modernize our bookkeeping and accounting systems so that we have better feedback on financial information and we have more at our fingertips to help us as we are working through the next budgeting process.

Village Trustee Harriet L. Grossman will speak to Betty DeSilva as to municipal accounting programs, and Village Trustee Kathleen Rostad Miles expressed concerns about purchasing hi-tech programs which are very expensive at this point in time.

#### **Sidewalk Estimates/From Auction Barn to the Pump Station/Main Street South Side**

On September 7, 2012, two (2) sidewalk bids were received and opened at 2:00 p.m. as follows by the Village Clerk:

J. Mulfen & Sons, Inc. out of Saugerties bid \$167,050.00 and Tweedie Construction Services, Inc. out of Walton, New York bid \$175,464.00. Since the bids were quite high, Peggy Ellsworth of the Mark Project advised Mayor Pascarella that the Smart Growth money (\$80,000.00) could be re-designated to the ball park. Mayor Pascarella advised that the Village has less than half the amount of funding to do this project, so the bids will have to be thrown out. Discussion was held as to cutting the specs & having the sidewalks re-bid, repairing the sidewalk at 527 Main Street owned by Don & Peggy Kearney, funding sidewalk work with Chips money, etc. Mayor Pascarella will check into this issue and Harriet L. Grossman and Kathleen Rostad Miles will walk through the Village to determine which sidewalks are in need of repair.

**Vouchers/September, 2012**

Motion made by Harriet L. Grossman to pay the following vouchers for the month of September, 2012: General Fund, Abstract # 22, Voucher # 85 totaling \$210.00, General Fund, Abstract # 24, Vouchers # 86 through 107 totaling \$22,227.06, General Fund, Abstract # 25, Vouchers # 108 through 117 totaling \$3756.94; Water Dept. Fund, Abstract # 7, Vouchers # 16 through 19 totaling \$1918.92; Sewer Department Fund, Abstract # 4, Vouchers # 40 through 51 totaling \$27,906.32. Motion seconded by Kathleen Rostad Miles. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. Kathleen Rostad Miles-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Absent. Motion so carried.

**Adjourn**

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