

Village of Fleischmanns
Special Meeting
October 29, 2012

The Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Monday, October 29, 2012. Present were: Mayor Todd Pascarella, Deputy Mayor Benjamin Fenton, Fred Woller, Kathleen Rostad Miles, John R. Fairbairn, III, Fire Chief Todd Wickham, 1st Assistant Chief Robert VanValkenburgh, and Larry Reilly. Trustee Harriet L. Grossman-Absent. Henry Hermann of Little Red Kill Road was also present.

Mayor Pascarella opened the meeting stating that the goal was to make sure everyone was on the same page as to flood procedures. Mayor Pascarella handed out the Incident Organization Chart (ICS 207) which depicts the ICS organizational elements currently activated and the names of personnel staffing each element. An actual organization will be event-specific. The size of the organization is dependent on the specifics and magnitude of the incident and is scalable and flexible. Personnel responsible for managing organizational positions are listed in each box as appropriate. The chain of command will be Mayor Todd Pascarella as Incident Commander, Public Information Officer, Deputy Mayor Benjamin Fenton, and Operations Section Chief, Larry Reilly. The main way information is going to be disseminated will be decided amongst the Town of Middletown, Margaretville, and Fleischmanns. We will be holding meetings every day at 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. to make sure all our information is cohesive, accurate and up to date. We will also be putting out press releases and updating the websites, etc. Our website is going to be linked to the Middletown and the Mark website; with Middletown being the one keeping the most up to date public information. The Fire Chief and the Fire Department will play an active role as to the safety aspect & logistical planning as well.

According to Middletown, we will be allotted 72 hours where the Village can hire whoever is at our disposal to do whatever work is necessary. After the 72 hours of working time is up, we are going to have to go with a bid contractor. The Village of Fleischmanns, Middletown, and Margaretville have all gotten together on one bid that the Town is going to put out in the newspaper Wednesday. Contractors will have one week to respond. Whoever is the lowest bidder for equipment, hours, etc. is going to be the go-to contractor.

Belleayre Mountain is going to be the designated shelter location. The Fleischmanns Methodist Church is also on standby until we know more.

Fire Chief Wickham advised there were already DEC officers at Belleayre Mountain, 2 tractor trailer loads of water; MRE's & the Red Cross should be coming in today so people can be moved if necessary.

Mayor Pascarella will get all the needed phone numbers, email addresses, etc. together and send copies to everyone. Fire Chief Wickham spoke with the County & at this time they have dropped their position as far as moving trees out of the road; they are going to do that during this period of emergency & then they will go back to their standard procedure. Fire Chief Wickham said they will start manning the Fire House tonight, they will have to keep an eye on the ball park and on the bridge on Wagner Avenue. We will ring the siren one long time which basically says that we are in full operation. Chief Wickham said the plan has been handed out to warn people. They will also be keeping a close watch on Clovesville. The Fire Department has already been using the bridge; even though it reads closed emergency vehicles and fire trucks will be using that bridge since the structure is fine. Fire Chief Wickham also wanted to be advised of any residents in the Village who were on oxygen. The only way the firemen will go door to door is if people need to get out of their homes because the water is rising.

The Villlage Clerk's Office will be the central hub if anyone knows something or needs anything. Mayor Pascarella & the Village Clerk will be available as much as they possibly can. If need be Mayor Pascarella will move to the Fire Hall.

Discussion was held as to the dangers of electrical wires and downed trees.

The Village Attorney, John R. Fairbairn, advised that our State of Emergency can do as little or as much as we want it to do. Example: After Irene, the Village kept the State of Emergency, but opened the roads. Once you have the State of Emergency it allows the Fire Department to do what they need to do.

Fire Chief Wickham said that if we get into a situation where we might possibly have to move everyone out, we will be walking over the bank to Route 28 because there is no way in or out. Truthfully, the Bridge Street Bridge was the only way in and out because it was so much higher.

Adjourn

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