

Village of Fleischmanns
Workshop
March 8, 2011

The Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees held a Workshop Meeting at the Skene Memorial Library on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Present were: Mayor David Morell, Deputy Mayor Todd Pascarella, Harriet L. Grossman, Fred Woller and Benjamin Fenton.

Mayor's Announcement

Mayor Morell announced that his wife, Elizabeth Morell, purchased equipment and will be entering into a lease agreement with Richard Dowd for Portabella's Pizza located at 932 Main Street, Fleischmanns. Mayor Morell recused himself from any dealings regarding the movie theatre (tax parcel # 287.17-2-11) which is currently in litigation with the Village of Fleischmanns. Mayor Morell advised he had received an opinion from Robert Feller, Esq. of Bond, Schoeneck & King who currently represents the Village in the litigation. He eventually will be signing a lease, but very likely that lease will be void if the Village takes over the movie theatre. Village Attorney, John Fairbairn, is preparing a formal recusal statement for Mayor Morell's signature for the Village records.

Mayor Morell advised that his wife Elizabeth is handling the new business venture. Village Trustee, Benjamin Fenton, will be the designated contact person for matters relating to the movie theatre. Mayor David Morell was very explicit about the fact that he was officially recusing himself from any & all issues pertaining to the current litigation and proceeded to answer any and all concerns and questions from the Village Board and the public.

Grievance/Assessments

For the record, Benjamin Fenton, who owns property at 882 Main Street, Fleischmanns, (tax parcel # 287.17-2-4) filed a grievance with the Village of Fleischmanns on Grievance Day, Tuesday, February 15, 2011. Additionally, Mark Birman, who recently purchased property located at 1043 Main Street, (tax parcel # 287.13-2-19) had

demolished the one (1) family residence located there which has since become vacant land.

Relative to the above, and in consideration of the current reassessments done by the Town of Middletown, Village Trustee Benjamin Fenton, advised of a meeting held March 2, 2011 by the Town of Middletown. It was Mr. Fenton's understanding that the current assessments were approximately 13 years old and at 55% of full market value.

Middletown is trying to reassess all properties at 100%. The question for the Board was did they want to accept the new assessments from Middletown. If based on 100%, that would change our tax rate per thousand. Trustee Fenton advised that according to an article in the newspaper, about 1/3rd of the property assessments will go down, about 1/3rd will remain the same, and about 1/3rd will increase.

The Village Board decidedly concurred to hold the grievances mentioned above in abeyance, but to advise Middletown that the building on tax parcel # 287.13-2-19 had been torn down and would need to be reassessed and rezoned. Mayor Morell advised a letter should be sent to the Town of Middletown advising that the structure had been torn down and request that they perform a reassessment, so the Village in turn can pass that on to the property owner. Mayor Morell also advised that Mr. Birman should be given the opportunity to plead his case at a regular Board Meeting if need be.

Public Hearing/Zoning

Motion made by Harriet L. Grossman to hold a Public Hearing on the adoption of proposed Local Law #1 of 2011 on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 5:45 p.m. Motion seconded by David Morell. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. David Morell-Aye. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. All in favor. Motion so carried.

Draft Tentative Budget/2011-12

The Village Board briefly discussed some of the line items on the draft tentative budget for 2011-12 such as Code Enforcement, CHIPS allocation, Mortgage tax, etc. The Board agreed to further study the proposed draft budget and hold a workshop meeting.

Workshop/Budget

Motion made by Todd Pascarella to hold a Workshop Meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Skene Memorial Library. Motion seconded by Harriet L. Grossman. Todd Pascarella-Aye. Harriet L. Grossman-Aye. David Morell-Aye. Fred Woller-Aye. Benjamin Fenton-Aye. All in favor. Motion so carried.

Adjourn

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