

VILLAGE OF FLEISCHMANN'S

BOARD MEETING

July 9th, 2018

The Village of Fleischmann's Board of Trustees held their regular Village Board meeting on Monday, July 9th, 2018 at the Skene Memorial Library at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Mayor Donald Kearney, Deputy Mayor Fred Woller, Trustee Daniel Halpren, Trustee Larry Reilly, and Trustee John Granito. Also present were Village Treasurer Winifred Zubin, Village Clerk Max Mann.

Board Meeting opened at 6:00 PM.

Cedarwood Engineering Report- Jim Bucan

Jim Bucan discussed the surplus in usage for sewage and water for the summer season. The well for water is in use, and no signs of drought are apparent. A survey for leaks will take place during the week of July 16th. More flush wipes are being flushed into the sewer system, and garbage service at the plant is currently taking place for removal of the flush wipes. The audience was reminded that flush wipes damage the sewer system and cause backups.

Film Shoot *The Dead Don't Die*

Discussion held regarding a film shoot that is to take place in the village by KTH Inc. Filming is to begin on the 10th of July, and traffic will not be closed down on Main Street and Wagner Ave during filming.

Minutes Review

Minutes from the previous Board Meeting taking place on June 11th, 2018 were read. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Fred Woller motioned to accept minutes, all aye, motion carried.

Planning Board Appointment

Igal Goffman proposed to the Board of trustees to be reappointed to the planning board. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Fred Woller to accept appointment, all aye, motion carried.

Dog Control

A discussion was held regarding dog control. Due to a recent incident in the village where household cats were attacked by loose dogs, the position of a Village Dog Control officer was

suggested. In alternative, the Dog Control officer of Middletown can be contracted out.

LED Park Lighting Conversion

A discussion was held regarding the installation of new LED lights for the ball field in the park, and was not high priority.

Auxiliary Police Force

A proposal was made by Igal Goffman to instate a Auxiliary Police force within the Village of Fleischmanns, with the duties including patrolling the streets, report incidents to the county sheriff's office, a monthly report to the village, as well as a boot service to lock cars parked in violation of parking laws. It was suggested that the county police could sponsor position.

Paving of Wagner Ave

Cobleskill stone is requesting authorization from the board to begin paving of Wagner Ave. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Fred Woller to authorize the repaving of Wagner Ave with a allocation of \$61,629.48, with payment before 30 days, Mayor Donald Kearney seconded, all ayed, motion carried.

Palace Hotel

A discussion was held regarding the lack of a fire escape at the Palace Hotel.

Treasurers Report

75% of the Villages tax obligation has been met for the 2018-2019 tax year. Funds for the paving of Wagner Ave will cost \$12,000, and will be taken from the CHIPS Fund. Winifred Requested to attend a Training & Accounting seminar in Montgovermy NY taking place between September 21-23. Motion made by Mayor Donald Kearney to accept training, all ayed, Motion Carried. Further observations were made regarding the sewer levy on the tax bills, noting that commercials have to pay much higher tax bills with the annual sewer levy as opposed to the old quarterly billing.

Transition: The village sewer law enacted in 2004 was amended to provide for annual billing of the sewer obligation versus quarterly, and for the annual sewer bill to be levied on the annual tax bill.

Issues/concerns

1. Increased scrutiny by property owners as to the basis of the sewer bill calculation
2. Complaints about lack of notice (particularly seasonal property owners)
3. Time lag regarding changing property ownership, and timetable for issuing tax bills by the county

Comments

1. All properties
 - a. The annual billing of the sewer will improve the situation of seasonal residents who often miss the fall, winter, and spring billing cycles and as a result incur late fees. Billing annual in June eliminates this problem.
2. Residential properties
 - a. Following the mailing of the tax bills, only two property owners requested the detail billing identifying the Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU)s associated with the property and the subsidies.
 - b. In general, the response was positive, owners felt once a year billing was a benefit. or had no opinion
3. Commercial properties
 - a. More issues among this group of property owners
 - b. Several property owners/properties are in transition, going from inactive to active, or going from active to inactive. The review of EDU's is not current and may contribute to billings being challenged
4. Commercial property sewer subsidies
 - a. Unrelated to the sewer billing transition, the NYC DEP subsidies for commercial properties puts them at an increasing disadvantage as new businesses open up in the village. There is a fixed total for commercial property subsidies, as determined in the Sewer Agreement with NYCDEP of 2004. This subsidy is spread over all commercial properties and the subsidy per property becomes less with increasing #s of businesses.

5. Recommendations:

- a. Communicate with properties that are changing in status from active to inactive or vice versa to advise them of the process for changing the Equivalent Dwelling Units, which is a factor in calculating their sewer bill.
- b. Regarding the Water billing, based on the Sewer billing experience, we should consider

billing the fixed capital maintenance charge annually in June. This will avoid late charges for fall, winter, and spring billings that are frequently missed by seasonal residents. During that time, the only charge may be the capital maintenance charge, which will incur penalties, inf not paid during those billing cycles.

Executive Session

Motion made by Mayor Donald Kearney to enter Executive Session, all ayed, motion carried, Entered in executive session.

Motion made by Mayor Donald Kearney to exit executive session, all ayed, motion carried, no further action will be taken at this time.

Vouchers

Motion made by Mayor Don Kearney to pay vouchers, all aye, motion carried, vouchers signed.

Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Larry Reilly to adjourn, all ayed; motion carried, meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Dated: July 9th, 2018 -----

Max Mann, Village Clerk Village of Fleischmanns

State of New York)

)ss: County of Delaware)

I, Max Mann, Village Clerk of the Village of Fleischmanns, New York do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true & correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fleischmanns, New York on July 9th, 2018 and the whole thereof.

----- Max Mann, Village Clerk

