

**Monthly Regular Meeting of the  
Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees  
Monday April 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm  
Skene Library**

1. Call to order and Pledge of allegiance 6:10pm
2. Roll Call: Stewart Cohen, Sam Gil, Aaron Goldring, Winifred Zubin, Yesmin Sarabia, present. Public: Jon Frank, Anita Rubin, Abe Mendlovic, Alan Warner, Kathy Green, Doug Green, Rob Alverson, Maxim Mann, Brendan McClean, Janet Bladow, Justin Kolb, Barbara Kolb, Gil Rubin, Mark Birman, Maritza Birman, Monte Wilson, Francia Miles, Fabio Fumagalli, Satsko Watanabe, Vicki Szerko, George Muller, Dan Halpren, Janet Becker, Elizabeth Hughes, Marilyn Ringle, Christine Panas, Heidi Stonier, Mario Mader, Dondre Herar, John Hoeko, Wigdor Mendlovic, Wyr M Online: Gloria Zola-Mulloy, Larry Reilly, Irene Zola,
3. Announcements-
  - a. Rob Alverson announced the April 23 Village Cleanup and BBQ, For clean up along route 28 with the Mac Players, meet Collin Miller between 830 and 9am at the village entrance sign. For clean up of the village streets meet at the Gazebo at 10 am followed by a BBQ at 12 at the Village Park.
  - b. Acknowledged the passing of Milton Laub, Luis Sarabia and Bernadine Miller
4. Enter into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation at 6:10 pm. Motion to return to regular meeting, Cohen motioned, Gil seconded, all in favor.
5. Motion to approve March 14, 2022 Trustee Meeting minutes made by Cohen, Seconded by Gil, All in favor.
  6. Motion to approve following reports made by Cohen, seconded by Gil. All in favor.
    - a. WWTP/Water monthly reports March 2022
    - b. Financial report March 31, 2022
7. Old Business
  - a. Bridge Street Bridge construction schedule from Hubbell will start up shortly and is expected to be complete by August 15 2022. Harriet Grossmans house is going to be removed after bridge is installed. The village wants that property to be landscaped.
  - b. Memorandum of Understanding -Parking lot at 717 Wagner is being presented at Delaware County Board of Supervisors Meeting May 12 for approval.
  - c. Public spaces plan update- The resurfacing of the tennis courts expected in May 2022. Mark Birman was appointed as the villages point of contact. Motion by Goldring, seconded by Gil. All in favor.
  - d. Flood Zone. Mayor Zubin reported on the flood conditions in the Vly Creek at the Village Park. Gravel has built up since flood mitigation work was done in 2005, raising the creek level & causing flood risk.

A meeting with Delaware County Soil and Water resulted in a plan to survey the creek and determine how much gravel to remove and whether the stream banks need to be adjusted.

- e. Zoning Review Committee plans to propose a Parking District Law.
  - f. Sam reported that the pool Contractor will be at the pool sometime in mid - May to test the pool and mechanicals. Sam also reported the Village has two lifeguards. Hours were discussed of when the pool would be open and then a discussion regarding how to manage when people can use pool.
8. New Business
- a. Trustee's vision statements were discussed
  - b. Organizational appointments - Postponed till next Trustee Meeting
  - c. Approve Annual Budget 2022.2023- Motion to Approve, Cohen motion, Gil second. All in favor
  - d. Summer intern position - recruiting has begun for youth position funded by Delaware County Youth Bureau
  - e. Catskill Scenic Byway Resolution to support the extension of the Catskill Scenic Byway to include town of Roxbury, Village of Margaretville and Town of Hurley, attached. Motion to Approve made by Cohen, Seconded by Gil, All in favor.

9. Public Comment

**Vicky Szerko** commented "Before being elected to the Board of Trustees, none of you had ever attended a single Board meeting. How is it that you came to run? Did you suddenly develop an interest in civics? Not a single one of you mounted a campaign; you didn't knock on doors, you didn't participate in candidates' forums, and you didn't send out campaign literature. Most of us had never heard of you or ever seen you - yet here you are, elected by overwhelming margins. How do you suppose that happened? Why are you here? What is your agenda and who do you represent?"

**Marilyn Ringel**. Everyone must have a moral compass related to people being responsible for their actions (not just the board, but others too.) At the end of the day, everyone must go home and act according to their conscience. I recommended everyone google Bloomingburg in relation to what was happening here in Fleischmanns. . There is a blueprint being followed as what we were seeing going on which is happening in other places.

Things don't just go down suddenly in a straight line, but it can be a gradual decline here.

**Heidi Stonier., Arts Inn** Firstly, if any wrong-doing has occurred during the recent Board elections, it must be addressed and corrected so that the village may proceed as a united community. Legal action is underway and hopefully the issue will be resolved soon. In the meantime, I asked Winifred to explain why she went ahead to swear in the new board members, in light of the legal questions surrounding the elections, I believe Winifred answered the

question, certainly to my satisfaction, in that she needs the Board to carry out the business of the Village and waiting for the results of legal action can take a long time. I also questioned why Aaron and Yasmine did not make themselves known to the greater community prior to the elections. Yasmine made it understood that she was undergoing personal issues and made it clear that she was born and raised in this village and wanted the best for her children. I then stated the need for us to find solutions and work together with the confidence to stand up to injustice, should there prove to be any, and in the meantime keep level heads and open hearts.

**Heidi Stonier**

*Arts Inn*

**Christine Panas**, owner of the Village East restaurant. While you guys were meeting in the anteroom in advance of the introduction of the board, I invited all attendees to come to the Tea Talk featuring Bill Burns.

I asked you for clarification over the comment you made during the introduction of the board members that it was not a "representative village board." I stated that as citizens of the US, we are taught that our government is indeed meant to represent the people. I mentioned civics class in public school. You replied that you didn't remember saying that but that yes, trustees are elected to represent the electorate. (Sidebar: I believe that what you wanted to say is that the village Board of Trustees meetings were not meant to be participatory.)

At the end of the meeting, you commented that the village needed dialogue. I responded that the first thing would be that the villagers hear from all Board members regarding each member's agenda. I responded that no dialogue can be started without clarity and that at the moment, it seems that full time residents and business owners are not represented on the Board and therefore there is a need for clarity regarding intentions. I stated that we needed details, not the nebulous answer "we want to make this a better village." (Sidebar: I don't think things are going to get better any time soon, especially since Goldring made it clear that the pool is going to be an issue, in his words mixed gender swimming "is a problem." That kind of comment will not be forgotten soon. Same for all outdoor sports. And this is a secular nation.)

I applaud your efforts as Mayor, and Diane's as clerk. It isn't easy to function in a peaceful village, never mind one that is on the

**Vicky Szerko**: The election of these trustees is in doubt, they appear to be illegitimate, and until their election is ruled upon by a court of law, they should not vote on any matters coming before the village government. I move that Winifred continue as administrator of the village but that these so-called "trustees" be prevented from casting any votes.

**Anita Rubin** asked to have an email read into the record that was a communication between Joe Castiglione, village attorney and Dan Halpren from March 14.

“Dan, I read the below article. I am not aware of the status of voting registrations in the County for the Village, but I am certainly willing to look into it if the Trustees want me to.

It seems very odd that number of voters would be living in a few places.

I don't the homes have CO's for more than a family residence, vs multiple people living in one residence. Has this issue been raised by the Trustees at a meeting? Joe “*This email is unverified, and was not as a request of Dan Halpren but of a third party.*

- 10.Executive Session held to discuss potential foreclosure properties and outstanding issues.
- 11.Any other issues to come before the board
- 12.Next meeting: regular Village Trustee meeting May 9, 2022
- 13.Motion to audit vouchers made by Cohen, seconded by Gil, All in favor

**Vouchers:**

**Motion to Audit OFFERED BY: Cohen** Seconded by Gil All in favor.

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Audit and Control requires Village Boards to sign and inspect all vouchers coming into the Village for payment, to number and total amounts from each fund. All trustees present ayed, motion carried, vouchers to be initialed individually by Trustees who shall come to village office singularly. Any vouchers not receiving three initials shall not be paid till questions of the Board answered to their satisfaction.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board authorizes the following April vouchers paid:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$22,013.98</b>	<b>Vouchers 250-274</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$48,397.92</b>	<b>Vouchers 146-161</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>\$3170.33</b>	<b>Vouchers 79-87</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$73,582.23</b>	

Dated: April 11, 2022  
Diane Rossman, Village Clerk, Village of Fleischmanns  
State of New York)) ss: County of Delaware)

I, Diane Rossman, Village Clerk of the Village of Fleischmanns, New York do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true & correct transcript of the Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees and the motions and resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fleischmanns, New York on April 11, 2022, and the whole thereof.

*Diane Rossman*  
, Village Clerk

14.Motion to Adjourn meeting 4/11/2022 @ 7:45made by Cohen, seconded by Gil, All in favor.

Join Zoom Meeting

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