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**Monthly Regular Meeting of the
Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees
April 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Skene Library**

The Mayor informed everyone that there wasn't a quorum yet so Peg Ellsworth was going to give a presentation regarding initiatives for the village.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call - Mayor Zubin, Trustee Cohen and Trustee Sarabia present, Trustee Gil and Trustee Goldring absent. Public: Christine Panas, Justin Kolb, Barbara Kolb, Gloria Zola - Mulloy, Abe Mendlovic, Roy Todd, Brendan McLean, Todd Pascarella, Dan Halpern, Demetra Platis, Heidi Stonier, Jon Frank Online: Vicky Szerko, Larry Reilly
4. Announcements - Adam Breogh was appointed Dog Control Officer. He was not able to be here tonight but he has already begun to respond to incidents that have taken place within the village.
5. The Mayor passed off some editorial updates from before. No content changes just editorial. Then the minutes for the public hearing and board mtg for March 13th which have been circulated.
 - a) Motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2023 made by Trustee Sarabia, seconded by Trustee Cohen. All in favor, motion carries.
 - b) Motion to approve Code enforcement monthly report of permits March 2023 and Financial report March 31, 2023 made by Trustee Sarabia, seconded by Trustee Cohen, all in favor, motion carries.
6. Old Business
 - a) The question of Appointing a Board Audit Review Person- Board Trustee Auditor was brought up and members present asked if they would care to be the review person. Motion to table the audit review person made by Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Sarabia, all in favor, motion carries.
 - b) The Mayor informed everyone that She will remain as Mayor, and the village continues in operation with the existing members of the trustees the Board will remain as a five-person board until the election is certified and a decision is made in regards to the election.

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- c) Trustee Cohen wanted on the agenda the amount that was spent in legal fees for the village. He was asked if it was for a recommendation or was it Informational. He replied informational and proceeded to review the charges that the village incurred from the village attorney. He had some specific concerns about the related charges pertaining to protecting the Village from the 2022 Village election. Starting in March of 2022 the Lion Share of the legal fees that were charged were thousands of dollars due to protect the Village from actions brought against them by the losing party. He stated that once again the village is still stuck with additional legal charges brought against them by the same People. Trustee Cohen stated that he felt these funds could have better been utilized on repairs, maintenance and beautification of the village.

The Mayor stated that the village has spent the lion's share of their attorney fees on protecting themselves from the last election, and after the month of March, month of April, and May those charges are based on allegations of election fraud and relating to election Integrity so it's a valid defense for the village. If it has been sued, we have to respond to lawsuits as we have with other lawsuits.

- d) A new member was approved by the fire department. The Mayor asked that the board adopt a resolution to appoint Steve Vasilikos as a new member of the fire department. Motion to accept Steve Vasilikos as a new member of the Fleischmann's fire department made by Trustee Sarabia, seconded by Trustee Cohen, all in favor, motion carries.
- e) Earth Day Village Cleanup and BBQ-Sunday May 7. Rob Alverson has organized with the Mountain Athletic Club to enhance the village cleaning up the roads and streams and other areas that they've identified along Route 28.

7. Public Comment

- a) There was discussion about the guard rails on Switzerland Avenue being too low and the possibility of moving the village

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clerk's office down to where Rob Allison had his office above the pump house.

- b) Justin Kolb stated I understand when you're concerned you want to make some money with that building and that's a legitimate rationale not to sell it but there is this alternative the theater building. If we can kick out the sheriff who's never there and put in a satellite office, I think that makes more sense.
- c) Gloria Mulloy responded that she believed that the office should stay where it is.
- d) Roy Todd said that the meetings would still be at the library and that we have a very good ongoing relationship with the Village People and you're not going to pick up that much more room to avoid code or anything else by moving down there in that tiny little building. You have the convenience of this Room's space to use for any meeting you have without going back and forth paperwork and back and forth from your office if you need something you've forgotten for the meeting. I think for convenience sake and to be accommodating for the Village People, you should stay where you are.
- e) It's an annual requirement for the books to be reviewed by a trustee it becomes an issue at such time as the villages audited by the state of New York This is an issue that the village trustees are supposed to understand the budget very well, understand our collection process very well, understand our receivable collection and to oversee staff you know as to compliance with standard Financial practices.
- f) Dimitra Platas explained how we're trying to go forward and apply for all possible grants available to us. We're continuing to fund work with the mark project for them to write Grant proposals.
- g) Someone asked the Mayor why she couldn't audit the new treasurer, The Mayor replied, because of her involvement with the financial system It would be like auditing herself.
- h) Heidi Stonier asked what's the infrastructure of notifying all of the people on mainstream who may be interested in and participating? A document will be created, a flyer that identifies what the scope of this work is and what the outcome of this work is.

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- i) Gloria Mulloy asked about the building next door, The Mayor informed her that it had gone to auction, the bidder pulled out, another bidder was going to be given the chance to buy and if it wasn't taken, it would then be put up for sale by Delaware County.
- j) A motion to close the public comments made by Trustee Sarabia, seconded by trustee Cohen all in favor, public comment is closed.
- k) Motion to audit vouchers made by trustee Sarabia, Seconded by Trustee Cohen, All in favor, motion carries.
- l) Motion to Adjourn meeting made by Trustee Cohen, seconded by Trustee Sarabia all in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Next meeting: regular Village Trustee meeting May 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm