

**Monthly Regular Meeting of the
Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees
Monday August 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Skene Library**

August 14, 2023 Village Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gil at 6pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Gil, Cohen, Sarabia, Goldring, Martinez-Riddle. Attending in Person: Barbara Kolb, Justin Kolb, Gloria Zola-Mulloy, Jon Frank, Rob Alverson, Anita Rubin, Todd Pascarella, Roy Todd, Lore Todd, Avi Mendlovic, Abe Mendlowitz, Amanda Valk, Lucas Merwin, Glen Faulkner, Fred Woller, Alex Sawchenko, Nancy Green Madia, Ben Leer, Liz Leer, Julia Aaker(visiting) Marilyn Ringel, Anne Hersh, Seth Hersh,

Attendance by Zoom: Larry Reilly, Michelle Sidrane

1. Announcements:

The Mayor thanked everybody that volunteered their time for all the cleanup and the maintenance to the Entrance to Fleischmanns, on the east side, the volunteers cleaned up all the weeds, and trimmed down the trees so now you can see a little bit better coming into Fleischmanns.

At the same time, the volunteers power washed the DPW, which is right behind the Firehall. Everything was power washed and all the weeds were cleaned up around the building 's foundation. they did some weed whacking as well. The Village was able to oil and stone three roads, and in addition to that, we also did the fire department on both sides and the back. Brushridge Rd., Lake Street and Breezy Hill had to be done because otherwise the roads were not going to last as long.

2. Old Business:

I met with Peg Ellsworth a couple of weeks ago and we were talking about the New York brand that we applied for and unfortunately we were denied. She recommended that instead of reapplying again for it which is the deadline is next month September 27th she said, you know what instead of doing that, why don't you guys do a real nice study, a real nice proposal, make it very professional and then we'll apply. We will apply on the next round, and you can have a better chance to be approved. Right now we have \$3,700 credit with the Mark Project. They offered to refund the money or we could use it as credit towards the new application and we're going to utilize it for the next round. Unfortunately, Peg wasn't able to make it today, she was going to explain and answer any questions you might have in regards to the RestoreNY Grant.

3. New Business

Guardrails - The guardrails on Switzerland Avenue have been forgotten for many years so it is time to start searching for money, searching for ways to

address the issues with the guardrails. It is a safety issue, we don't want anybody running off the road. The same thing goes for Lake Street. We have some areas on Lake Street that are very dangerous. The Mayor met with Mr Bill Belen, who is with a company out of Albany and they specialize in the guardrail process. He will be giving a quote the week after next which will help the board decide what to do. If they decide to go ahead with guardrails, It will have to be bid out. Realistically, this is not going to happen until next year because it's a lot of money.

Little Red Kill Rd does not have enough room on the side to put guardrails, so, right now we're going to put poles with reflectors on them, so people can actually see the side of the road. That's something that can be done within the next couple of months.

4. Reports

- a) Motion to approve July 13, 2023 Trustee Meeting Minutes by Sarabia, seconded by Cohen. All in favor.
- b) Reports: Motion to approve Water/WWTP Dept Reports for July 2023 made by Cohen, seconded by Goldring
- c) Motion to approve July 31,2023 Financial Reports by, seconded by. All in favor

5. Public Comments

- a) Fred Woller asked why they chose the roads they did because he had brought up at the last meeting that Main Street hadn't been paved in seven years. Mayor Gil responded that he hadn't checked on the paving of Main Street, but had gone with the recommendation of John Biruk and condition of the actual roads to determine which roads to pave. The Mayor said he would look at budget and see if Main Street could be paved next year.
- b) Gloria Mulloy asked why the agenda would no longer be sent out via email. The Mayor informed everyone that the clerk was running the office by herself as the treasurer/Deputy Clerk was out for surgery and that the agenda would still be posted 72 hours in advance as per the open meetings law but from now on would not be sent via email.
- c) Nancy Green Madia asked if the Mayor or trustees knew how to write grants? She felt that they should be able to write grants if they were on the board. Her other comment was about bicycle safety while riding in the road. She asked what could be done with people that harass her and try and run her over? The Mayor responded to carry a camera and take a picture of vehicle and call the police to make a report.
- d) Todd Pascarella asked about the bridge/culvert on Fleischmanns Heights Rd. He said he was there on behalf of DURR and Spillian. They want to get the bridge fixed and want the village to help fix it. The mayor told Todd that he

would like to get together with Spillian, DURR, and Mark Project to discuss ideas about culvert the last week in August.

- e) Anne Hersh brought up the maintenance of the pedestrian bridge, the mowing of grass on the old Grossman property and sidewalk conditions. Anne would like help with the maintenance of these areas and the Mayor explained that our machinery is old and breaks down, which takes time away from our guys to finish their jobs let alone take care of extra spaces. He informed Anne that he believed that Harriet Grossmans property was private property and therefore we could not just mow it. We would need to have owner mow it. As for sidewalks, the crew is working on sidewalk at this time, but it also the owners responsibility to take care of the sidewalks in front of there homes and dwellings.
- f) Rob Alverson asked about having the pear tree across the street removed as it was an eyesore and a danger because of its proximity to the wires. The Mayor said he would look into it. He informed the attendees that before his term was up, The board would like all the trees to be replaced as they were the wrong trees to plant and were ruining the sidewalks.
- g) Gloria Mulloy Complained about broken glass near her home on the street, Mayor will have Corky and Shawn take care of it.
- h) The “house” next-door was brought up. People wanted to know what was going on with it. Gloria answered that she had spoken to county and they had put it up for bid, bid fell through, second bid offered, that fell through, now they were waiting to see if they were going to put it up for auction again.
- i) Anne Hersh wanted to know if she could get the village to smooth and dump gravel over by the kiosk turnaround. The mayor said he would look into it.

There were no more questions.

- a) Motion to audit vouchers made by Trustee Cohen, Seconded by Trustee Sarabia, All in favor, motion carries.
- b) Motion to Adjourn meeting made by Trustee Cohen, Seconded by Trustee Sarabia all in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

Next meeting: regular Village Trustee meeting September 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm