# Monthly Regular Meeting of the Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees December 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm Skene Library

- 1. Call to order at 6pm
- 2. Roll Call- Trustee Gil, Trustee Sarabia and Mayor Zubin present. Trustee Goldring and Trustee Cohen Absent.
- 3. Approve prior minutes
  - a. The Mayor commented November 14, 2022\* motion to approve made by trustee Sarabia, seconded by trustee Gil. All were in favor.
  - b. Motion to approve the December 2, 2022\*meeting minutes made by trustee Sarabia, seconded by trustee Gil. All were in favor.

# 4. Reports

a. WWTP/Water monthly reports November 2022 \*; Financial Report for October 31, 2022 including results of operations, purchase orders for commitments greater than one thousand dollars, and closeout budget modifications for May 31, 2022. Motion to approve all reports made by trustee Gil, seconded by trustee Sarabia. All in favor, Motion passes.

### 5. Old Business

- a. The Municipal Parking District Law submitted and defeated in May 2022 has been redrafted for consideration.
- b. Mayor made a motion to establish the MPD in the mixed-use district on Main Street. Trustee Sarabia seconded. The Mayor asked for comments.
- c. Trustee Gil raised the question of residential parking which is not provided for in the new proposal. He stated, we are trying to have buildings with first floor storefronts and apartments on the upper floors. We need apartments for year-round people to rent and live in the village. Parking for commercial operations is provided for in the new proposal but not residential.
- d. The Mayor replied that the intent is to relieve the commercial operations from onsite parking requirements but still require residential properties to provide for tenant parking. We do not have a plan to protect the parking lots for long term parking and overnight parking. We need to determine whether the demand is for long term parking for those who wish to maintain a car in the village, and commute, parking for short term rentals, encourage/enforce on-site parking where feasible,

estimate potential demand and locations for overnight parking, develop an enforcement plan. Do we choose to utilize our public spaces for that purpose? That requires more input from the community, in my opinion. I recognize your concern for providing parking for residential tenants, Sam, and I agree with you, but I don't think we're ready yet.

- e. We have a motion on the floor it's been seconded.
- f. There was discussion as to why rush on a decision. Mayor stated that delay may jeopardize the commercial development that is proposed with the three properties in the RestoreNY fundraising application. We need this law in order to move ahead with RestoreNY.
- g. Trustee Gil agreed to the municipal parking District law as proposed and secondarily to propose a plan for the residential parking in the upcoming meeting in January. Motion passed.

# 6. Public spaces report

- a. Ben Fenton proposed an evening music and Street Festival in Fleischmanns for October 2023 to be organized by himself, colleagues, and Fleischmanns First.
- b. We would develop innovative light structures, work with artists, have food vendors, work with local restaurants, utilize front porches having different entertainment magicians, musicians, etc.
- c. We are seeking financial support from the O'Connor Foundation.
- d. The Mayor moved that the board support the October Festival proposed by Ben Fenton, his colleagues and Fleischmanns First. Trustee Sarabia seconded, all were in favor.
- e. Trustee Sarabia is looking for volunteers to help coordinate the bonfires on holiday weekends. Anyone interested please talk with Yesmin.

## 7. Fundraising

- a. The Mayor reported that we are in the implementation phase of two grants one for upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant and one for a planning grant for Main Street (that is in addition to the restore New York program).
- 8. The village clerk announced that the petition for positions for March 2023 elections are due February 7th through February 14th, and the petitions can be picked up at village clerk's office.
- We have to schedule the public hearing for the RestoreNY program to get public input on the three properties that are being considered: 926 Main Street, 952 Main Street, and 1084 Main Street.

- 10. The next Board Meeting was scheduled for Jan 9, 2023, Mayor requested the meeting be set for January 12 so she could attend both the Public Hearing and the regular board meeting. Meeting was changed to Thursday Jan 12th 2023, by concensus of Board members.
- 11. **Motion** to adopt resolution # 12 re Local Match for EFC Grant Mayor motioned. Trustee Gil seconded, all were in favor. (See below for resolution)
- 12. **Motion** to adopt resolution # 13 re Authorizing Mayor to execute Environmental Facilities Corp. Grant Documents. The mayor motioned, trustee Sarabia seconded all were in favor. Motion carried. (See below for resolution)

#### 13. Public Comment

- a. Anita Rubin commented: The residential parking question is going to be reviewed in too hasty a manner given the Zoning Review Committee spent many months before it made a recommendation.
- b. Vicky Szerko commented that residential parking was never a charge of the zoning review committee. What was the condition that requires accommodating residential parking in the mixed-use district, what problem is being solved?
- c. The Mayor commented that the Zoning review committee made the recommendation in May 2020 and at that time it was turned down. It then became the board's opportunity to propose an alternative.
- d. Jon Frank requested clarification whether the Municipal Parking District Law was contingent on establishing a residential Parking Law. The Mayor commented that the Parking District law was passed, and separately a commitment was made to present a residential parking law at the next regular meeting in January.
- e. Christine Panas asked whether the residential parking issue was one of village insurance liability or is there some issue with it. The Mayor commented: It is not specifically an insurance issue, but other issues: do we want to dedicate space for long-term parking with vehicles that are stationary for extended periods of time. We need to estimate the demand for all types of residential units for long term rentals, and short-term rentals. There are buildable properties in the mixed district, there are vacant units on second and third floors, all of which may have parking needs. Do we want to issue permits to manage long-term parking and to allocate spaces? How would we enforce the program? We need to have a plan.
- f. Gloria Mulloy asked where the two absent board members were and asked if there was news on the March 2022 election. The Mayor commented, one member is undergoing surgery, one member is quarantining with Covid. No information regarding the past election.
- g. Roy Todd asked whether the parking signs in the village were enforceable legally? The Mayor commented that the County Sheriff and NYS Troopers enforce the

- parking law and advise us on such issues, as well as our own research. Steward Cohen has inventoried all the village signs and has made recommendations for the DPW to address.
- h. Dan Belzel asked who currently owns 926 Main Street? Mayor commented: Ben Leer, and further clarity on the intended use can be sought at the January 12, 2022 public hearing.
- i. Elizabeth Hughes asked if the owners of the 3 properties would be at the board meeting in January? The Mayor commented, the expectation is that they or their representatives would be at that meeting.
- j. The Mayor commented: In regards to the building next door, there is an intent to raise the money from the O'Connor foundation for the demolition of that project which the earliest possible moment for them would be April 2023.
- 14. **Motion** to close the public comment period motion made by trustee Sarabia closed public comments
- 15. Motion to audit the vouchers motion made by Trustee Sarabia seconded by Trustee Gil
- 16. **Motion** to adjourn the meeting made by Sarabia All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 12**

# AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATEION OF LOCAL MATCH EFC GRANT

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Fleischmanns has received a grant from the Environmental Facilities for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Study and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a local match of 20% of the EPG award

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the VILLAGE OF FLEISCHMANNS authorizes and appropriates a minimum 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Wastewater Treatment upgrade Study Project. Under the EPG program, this local match must be at least 20% of the EPG grant award of \$24,000 or \$4,800. The source of the local match, shall be provided by the general fund. The maximum local match shall not exceed \$4,800 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$28,400.

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was put to a vote, recorded as follows:

Passed by the following vote of all Village of Fleischmanns Members voting in favor/opposed thereof: Affirmative Village of Fleischmanns Board Members: Affirmative: # 3; Negative: # 0; Abstain: # 0

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Winifred Zubin, Mayor Stewart Cohen, Trustee Yesmin Sarabia, Trustee Samuel Gil, Trustee Aaron Goldring, Trustee AYE/NAY ABSENT AYE/NAY AYE/NAY ABSENT



This resolution was/was not adopted.

Dated: December 12, 2022

Diane Rossman, Village Clerk, Village of Fleischmanns, State of New York)) ss: County of Delaware)

I, Diane M. Rossman, 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 December 12, 2022 and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

| June Komman, Village Clerk ADOPTED this \_12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 at a Trustee meeting of the Village of Fleischmanns.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 13**

# AUTHORIZATION FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Fleischmanns has received a grant from the Environmental Facilities for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Study and

**WHEREAS**, the grant provides for a contract for engineering services and related costs, and recommendations for upgrades to improve the sewage treatment processing

**WHEREAS**, the funder requires a resolution naming the official to execute the grant agreement and related obligations

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any related contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project and to fulfil the Village of Fleischmanns' obligations under the Grant Agreement

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was put to a vote, recorded as follows:

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#### Vouchers:

Motion to Audit OFFERED BY: Trustee Sarabia, Seconded by: Trustee 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 December vouchers paid:

General Fund	\$116,632.59	Vouchers 187-211
Sewer Fund	\$ 37,417.57	Vouchers 87-98
Water Fund	\$9,666.24	Vouchers 45-56
TOTALS	\$163,716.40	

The next regular meeting will be held on January 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Dated: December 12, 2022

Diane Rossman, Village Clerk, Village of Fleischmanns

State of New York)) ss: County of Delaware)

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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 December 12, 2022 and the whole thereof.

Village Clerk