

**Public Hearing on Round 7 Restore NY Grant  
Village of Fleischmanns January 12, 2023 at 5:30pm  
followed directly by, the  
Monthly Regular Meeting of the  
Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees  
January 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm  
Skene Library**

**Public Hearing**

Call to order at 5:30pm

Roll Call- Trustee Gil, Trustee Cohen, Trustee Sarabia and Mayor Zubin present. Trustee Goldring absent. In person attendees: Roy Todd, Ben Leer, Heidi Stonier, Justin and Barbara Kolb, Vicky Szerko, Gloria Zola-Mulloy, Christine Panas, Brendan McClean, Jon Frank, John Blish, Alan Sidrane, and Peg Ellsworth.

Mayor Zubin welcomed the assembled audience and introduced Peg Ellsworth from the Mark Project who gave a brief reading of the properties and descriptions of work for each property.

1084 Main St-6400 Square feet of rehabilitation for commercial/residential purposes and is currently vacant.

926 Main St-2600 Square feet of rehabilitation for commercial/residential purposes and is currently vacant.

952 Main St-7800 Square feet of rehabilitation for commercial/residential purposes and is currently vacant.

Ms. Ellsworth noted that the application must be submitted by January 27, 2023 and there is a 10% match by the owner/developer for each property when funds are granted.

An audience member asked why this public hearing was necessary. Ms. Ellsworth responded that the Village is the applicant and as such is required to hold public hearings for these grants.

An audience member asked who ultimately makes the decision to approve the projects.

Ms. Ellsworth responded that The Empire State Development which is a state office makes the decision. A follow up question was asked if the approval is individual for each property or all inclusive. Ms. Ellsworth responded that they are all together and get approved or denied as a block. Follow up question was, if denied, what happens then? Ms. Ellsworth responded the application would be revisited and resubmitted in the next round.

Mayor Zubin offered a copy of the presentation to a late meeting attendee.

The mayor asked for any further questions with no response and subsequently called for a motion to close the public hearing. Motion made by trustee Stewart Cohen, seconded by trustee Yesmin Sarabia. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm

## Monthly Trustee Meeting:

1. Call to order at 5:45pm  
Roll Call- Trustee Gil, Trustee Cohen, Trustee Sarabia and Mayor Zubin present. Trustee Goldring absent.
2. Trustee Gil made a public announcement to offer to condolences to the family of Patrick Fronckowiak, a longtime village resident who passed away recently.

Trustee Gil made an announcement thanking Brendan McClean for his notification of an issue with the library one evening last week. Mr. McClean noticed lights flickering and notified trustee Gil to investigate. Trustee Gil noted that this is a great example of the community spirit our village is known for.

3. Motion to approve the December 12, 2022 meeting minutes made by trustee Sarabia, seconded by trustee Gil. All in favor, motion carried.

### Reports

WWTP/Water monthly reports December 2022; Code Enforcement Permit Report December 2022, Financial Report for November 30, 2022 including results of operations, purchase orders for commitments greater than one thousand dollars, and Code Enforcement monthly report. Motion to approve all reports made by trustee Cohen, seconded by trustee Sarabia. All in favor, motion carried.

### Old Business

- a. Public spaces reported by trustee Sarabia: She has had discussion with Yvonne regarding the bonfire, will have to wait until warmer weather to access the playground and email Eric pictures of the repairs needed to comply with the disability programs.
- b. There have been more reports of incidents with dogs running off leash, and it is a persistent problem we need to address with the sheriff because of safety concerns for residents and visitors for fearful of dogs.

### Fundraising

The Mayor reported that the Mark Project will submit the application for the Restore NY program. We're also in the midst of soliciting Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the environment facilities corporation funded grant for an upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant: and also ready for the MARK Project to do the RFP for the Main Street Revitalization Planning Grant. This grant is for the planning for development of main street which would lead to a larger proposal to fund the development of main street.

### New Business

- a. 2023/2024 Sewer Budget  
We have circulated the sewer budget and the residential rate has increased \$3 per resident from last year, the residential cost of living is 3.3 percent. The overall budget for the treatment plant is now at \$500,000 with an increase to \$545,000 or an 8 percent increase primarily due to the increase in costs of fuel, chemicals, sludge hauling etc. We are relying on Cedarwood for the best management practices in relation to seeking the best cost of goods purchased. The

mayor recommends approving the budget as it stands unless a deeper investigation is requested and that would call for a special meeting. The mayor called for a motion to accept the 2023/2024 Sewer Budget. Motion made by trustee Cohen, seconded by trustee Sarabia, all in favor, motion carried.

b. Fire Contracts with neighboring Communities

The written contracts have been reviewed by the Fleischmanns Fire Dept and are consistent with prior years. The annual budget of \$139,000 a year. Of that total \$79,000 is funded by The Town of Middletown and \$37,000 is funded by the town of Halcott. Trustee Cohen made motion to approve the fire contracts, seconded by trustee Sarabia; all in favor, motion carried.

c. Request to approve new members of Fleischmanns Fire Department. Ryan Bender, Jessica Srp, Devon Amundsen, and Carl Grocholl, have satisfied the training requirements and request appointment to the fire department. Motion made to appoint the four new members made by trustee Sarabia, seconded by trustee Cohen, all in favor motion carried.

Public Comments:

John Frank asked about whether or not the new parking law that was passed in December had been finalized. Mayor Zubin replied that the documents had been sent to Delaware County Planning Department for review and their comments. Delaware County had their meeting on January 4, 2023, but the Village has not been notified of the results of the meeting yet. Mayor Zubin will follow up with this question.

Heidi Leer asked if the theater was involved in the main street planning grant. Mayor Zubin explained that the planning grant is to develop a strategy for Main Street which includes all commercial entities, the theater, and other aspects of downtown development. The grant is for \$20,000 to enlist consultants to make recommendations on where best to focus attention on rehabilitation and additional grants for funding future projects.

Alan Sidrane asked when can nominating petitions for the March election be submitted. Mayor Zubin replied that the petitions can be submitted no earlier than February 7, 2023 and no later than February 14, 2023. The village clerk has the forms needed.

The mayor asked for any further questions and with no response, closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

The mayor asked for a motion to audit the vouchers. Trustee Gil made a motion to audit the vouchers, seconded by trustee Cohen, all in favor motion carried.

As there are no further items, the mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Gil made a motion to adjourn, seconded by trustee Sarabia, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

**Vouchers:**

**Motion to Audit OFFERED BY: Trustee Gil, Seconded by: Trustee Cohen.** 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 January vouchers paid:

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$37,814.25</b>	<b>Vouchers 212-242</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>\$ 41,593.81</b>	<b>Vouchers 99-112</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>	<b>\$58,002.07</b>	<b>Vouchers 57-64</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$137,410.13</b>	

The next regular meeting will be held on February 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Dated: January 12, 2023

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 January 12, 2023 and the whole thereof.



Village Clerk