

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees

MINUTES

June 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Skene Library

Public Hearing

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Mayor Zubin called for any questions from the audience regarding the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the Uniform code) and the Energy Conservation Construction Code (the Energy code).

As no questions or comments received, Mayor Zubin called for motion to close meeting.

Trustee Gill motion to close meeting, trustee Cohen seconded, all in favor motion carries, meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.

Meeting Minutes

Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

1. Present: Winfred Zubin, Mayor. Trustee Samuel Gil, Trustee Stewart Cohen. Trustee Aaron Goldring via zoom conference. Trustee Yesmin Sarabia absent.
2. Public in attendance: Christine Panas, Avi Mendlovic, Daniel Halpren, Todd Pascarella, Igal Goffman, Rob Alverson, Dimetra Platis, Alan and Michelle Sidrane, Justin and Barbara Kolb, John Frank, Marilyn Ringel, Gloria Mulloy and Shia Sears.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcement:

1. Mayor Zubin informed audience that an informational meeting for all residents, regarding the Main Street Development engineering study grant will be held on June 20, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Skene Library. The grant consultant will be here to make a presentation and to answer questions.
2. Mayor Zubin formally thanked the Village Department of Public Works employees, Leland Johnson and Shawn Rosa for all their hard work cleaning up around the village, painting fire hydrants and benches, and the tree pits along Main Street and Wagner Ave. Their efforts keep our village looking great.

Prior Minutes

Mayor Zubin called for motion to approve May 19, 2023 meeting minutes. Trustee Gil made motion to approve prior minutes, trustee Cohen seconded motion, all in favor, motion carries.

Reports:

1. Mayor Zubin asked for any questions or comments on the monthly reports, and informed board that code enforcement reports for May were not available and that they would be tabled for discussion until next meeting. Mayor Zubin then called for motion to accept the WWTP/Water monthly reports for May 2023, the Water Quality report that showed no violations, and the financial report of May 31, 2023. Trustee Cohen made motion to accept, seconded by trustee Gil, all in favor, motion carries.

Old Business

- a. NY Main Street Building Renovation Grant. Mayor Zubin noted that the 2023 Application as written should be revised to read main street with no mention of having a bridge street to main street boundary, and requested a motion to revise and send to grant writer. Trustee Gill made motion to revise application to read Main street and send to grant writer. Trustee Cohen seconded, all in favor, motion carries.
- b. Trustee Gil advised trustee Sarabia was working on this and the issue should be addressed the week after next.

New Business

- a. Mayor Zubin inquired about the plan for opening the pool. Trustee Gil advised that the pool was being cleaned next week or the week following and that once completed the NYS Health Dept would come into inspect it with the target opening date of July 1, 2023.
- b. Mayor Zubin noted that the budget for pool has a funding gap and asked for any ideas/plans for funding to help cover the cost of the pool cover that was not purchased last year.
- c. Trustee Gill advised that he has sought out and received 3 commitments for Life Guards for this season.
- d. Trustee Gill advised that he is currently working on a rate schedule for the pool and should have it available by the end of next week approximately June 23, 2023. the village has appointed Adam Breaux as the new Village Dog Control officer. The Dog Control Officer will be available 24/7 to respond to issues in the village. A public notice with contact numbers will be circulated with Adam's contact information should there be an issue to report. The mayor proposed the village enter into a contract with the dog control officer for a term of six months (6) for a fee of \$250, with a provision to renew at the end of the six months. Mayor Zubin asked for a motion to accept contract with dog control officer. Trustee Gil made motion to accept contract, seconded by Trustee Cohen, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. Mayor Zubin requested a motion to increase the amount of employee sick allowance in the employee handbook to include 10 days (80) hours, of sick leave per employee. Currently the handbook allows for 5 days (42) hours of sick leave per employee. Trustee Gil made motion to increase sick leave to 10 days (80) hours, seconded by trustee Cohen, all in favor, motion carries.
- f. Mayor Zubin recognized Alan Sidrane who made a brief update on the recent efforts of local volunteers, members of Fleischmanns First, along with members the Common Garden Club of Delhi that came together to work at weeding and plantings at the village Kiosk as part of the 17 Spaces program. He noted that about 8 volunteers spent an hour and a half sprucing up the area and invited everyone to come and enjoy it and possibly volunteer if able.
- g. Mayor Zubin thanked Rob Alverson and Pam Grocholl for their hard work and dedication to getting the flower barrels planted and looking beautiful this year.

Fundraising

- a. Mayor Zubin advised the board and assembled audience that Round 7 for the Restore NY grant has made their awards and unfortunately there was no allocation for Fleischmanns. She did advise that the village could apply again when Round 8 Funding applications become available.

Public Comments:

1. Marilyn Ringel noted a concern regarding the increased heavy truck traffic through the village, and wanted to know what the board could do about it as she feels it is a safety concern. Mayor Zubin noted that it was beyond the villages jurisdiction but could check with DOT regarding weight limits. Resident Shia Sears noted that the first step would be to document the trucks coming and going with times etc. Marilyn also noted that the village should address the mill street bridge that needs painting and should be inspected as it is very rusty.

- Christine Panas inquired about the cost of the pool cover and Trustee Gil advised the cost was estimated in 2022 to be about \$5,000, as it is a custom ordered cover made to the measurements of the pool. Michele Sidrane asked what type of cover, Trustee Gil advised it will be a winter cover.

Mayor Zubin closed the public comments at 6:25pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Village Trustee Meeting July 10, 2023

Mayor Zubin called for a motion to approve the vouchers. Trustee Gil made motion to approve the vouchers. Seconded by Trustee Cohen, all in favor motion carried.

Mayor Zubin called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion by Trustee Cohen to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Gil, all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Reopened Meeting

6:26 pm Mayor Zubin reopened meeting to discuss purchase of New Rescue Truck.

Mayor Zubin noted that Town of Middletown and Town of Halcott are opposed to purchasing the new rescue truck at this time and have asked for an estimate to repair the current truck. The Fire Department have not provided that to date. Mayor Zubin feels the village should move forward with the purchase and noted that Middletown and Halcott make up about 75% of the fire department budget, however the village has the reserves to move ahead with a public referendum regarding the purchase. Trustee Cohen noted there is a possibility that the cost of the vehicle could come down if we wait, but Mayor Zubin thought that possibility is unlikely.

Reopened Public Comments

- Public comments reopened at 6:40pm
- Michelle Sidrane inquired about the posts on the foot bridge being removable for emergency vehicles. Mayor Zubin responded that no, they were not designed to be removable.
- Barbara Kolb asked if the reserves for the Fire Truck were part of the budget? Mayor Zubin advised that the reserves for the fire truck have been set aside over a period of time to allow for a large purchase without negatively impacting the budget in any given fiscal year.
- Ms. Platis asked how long does it take from order to receipt of the new truck? Mayor Zubin replied that the process takes between 2 and 3 years.
- Rob Alverson asked if there was any residual value in the current truck we are looking to replace? Mayor Zubin replied that the Fire Department was looking to trade this truck in on the new purchase.
- Todd Pascarella inquired about any state requirements regarding replacement and if so, noted that the Village bears the responsibility in that regard.

Mayor Zubin closed the public comments at 6:45pm.

Mayor Zubin called for motion to adjourn meeting. Motion by Trustee Gil to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Cohen, all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.