

**Monthly Regular Meeting Minutes of the
Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees
Monday March 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm
Skene Library**

1. Call to order and Pledge of allegiance 6:10pm
2. Roll Call: Stewart Cohen, Sam Gil, Jennifer Barrows, Winifred Zubin present. Dan Halpren absent. Public: Jon Frank, Anita Rubin, Alan Sidrane, Marilyn Ringel, Rob Alverson, Roy Todd
3. Motion to approve February 14, 2022 Trustee Meeting minutes made by Barrows, seconded by Cohen, all Ayes.
4. Reports Motion to approve the following reports made by Barrows, seconded by Cohen, all Ayes.
 - a. WWTP/Water monthly reports February 2022
 - b. Code enforcement monthly report of permits
 - c. Financial report February 28, 2022*
 - d. Superintendent of Highway report (attached at bottom of minutes)
5. Tentative Budget 2022.2023 The tentative budget was reviewed with major assumptions as follows: priority projects for funding outside the annually renewing budget-\$1,000,000 of infrastructure for roads and sewer; increase in tax level 1.81%, first increase in four years; salary increases of 3%; balanced budgets with and existing grant funding for Lake Street storm water retrofit, repaving of Lake Street and Breezy Hill Road; Motion to set public Hearing Public Hearing for March 28, 2020 at 6pm made by Barrows, seconded by Cohen. All Ayes.
6. Old Business
 - a. Public spaces plan update (see report at end of minutes)
 - b. Annual village election takes place Tuesday March 15 from 12 noon to 9pm at Skene Library.
 - c. Zoning Review Committee update: Committee meets biweekly and is documenting recommendations for change.
7. New Business
 - a. O'Connor Grant for \$2,500 with a village match of \$2,500 was awarded to support the work of the Zoning Review committee. Motion to accept grant made by Barrows, seconded by Cohen, All Ayes.
 - b. Memorial Day Street Fair permissions requested by Fleischmanns First to include
 1. Village endorsement and permission for Main Street closure from 7AM to 5 PM Sunday May 29, 2022.
 2. That the Street Fair be insured under the Village's insurance umbrella and viewed as a Village sanctioned event.
 3. That a Village representative (Fire Police) be on site during street fair hours to handle traffic safety issues, especially at morning set hours and vet out an emergency situation should one occur.
 4. Village assistance with Main Street barricades, garbage collection and disposal of all cleanup material following the Street fair event.
 5. Motion to approve made by Cohen, seconded by Gil All Ayes

- c. Arts Inn special event permissions to expand parking in the village for the H & R Vaudeville Variety Show on the evening of May 29th. 2022- Motion to approve made by Gil, seconded by Cohen, all Ayes.
- d. Catskill Bar Group Liquor License approval, Motion by Barrows, seconded by Gill, All Ayes.
- e. Fleischmanns Sign-Bellaire/route 28. Cohen reported on plans for a DOT created sign at the base of Belleayre Mountain. Sign to include direction and mileage to Fleischmanns, and notice of Lodging, Food, Fuel and EV Charging station
- f. Pool Report-Gil reported on plans for opening the Municipal pool. Final electrical inspections, testing of pool mechanicals and, sign off by the Pool construction company, hiring of lifeguards are the priorities moving forward.
- g. Village Cleanup Day-Saturday, April 23, 2022-In coordination with take place at the village park following the cleanup. Fleischmanns First and the Mountain Athletic Club, this volunteer effort will help to clear away fall and winter debris in anticipation of a vibrant spring and summer. Volunteers needed for this effort. A village sponsored barbeque will take place at the Village Park.
- h. Nomination for Executive Committee – Coalition of Watershed Towns executive committee nominating ballot- Winifred Zubin put forth for a seat on the executive Committee. Motion made by Cohen, seconded by Barrows, all Ayes.
- i. Delaware County Bed Tax Local Law. Zubin reported on the County Board of Supervisors adoption (or re-adoption) of the bed tax Law that affects short term rentals throughout the county. Registration with the County of the Short-Term rental operator and property manager is required for stays up to 21 days. There are properties in the village this may apply to that are not currently registered.
- j. Fundraising: Fed infrastructure funds for roads, sewer -Zubin reported on efforts made to access federal infrastructure funds, in coordination with other municipalities, and with support from our WWTP operator Cedarwood and the Mark Project.
- k. DEP Annual Waste Water Treatment Plant Inspection Report has been received, and is consistent with prior years. No action necessary.

8. Public Comment

- a. Rob Alverson: Lake Street and Breezy Hill Roads are actively used by residents of the Town of Halcott, Green County. It is their primary access to route 28. Large trucks as well as cars are frequent users. Is there a way to work with Halcott and the town of Middletown to help maintain the village roads they rely upon?
- b. Anita Rubin requested the following to be read into the record: From: **Joseph Castiglione** <JCastiglione@youngsommer.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 1:01 PM
Subject: Re: Fleischmanns election 3-15 Lots happening
To: halprend@gmail.com <halprend@gmail.com>

Dan, I read the below article. I am not aware of the status of voting registrations in the County for the Village, but I am certainly willing to look into it if the Trustees want me to. It seems very odd that number of voters would be living in a few places. I don't the homes have CO's for more than a family residence, vs multiple people living in one residence. Has this issue been raised by the Trustees at a meeting? Joe

Joseph F. Castiglione, Esq.
Young/Sommer LLC

- c. Roy Todd commented on the urgency of the gravel buildup in the Bushkill adjacent to the village park as a flood hazard. The gravel buildup should be relocated/dredged to avoid flood damage.
9. Next meeting: regular Village Trustee meeting April 11, 2022

Vouchers:

Motion to Audit OFFERED BY: Barrows, 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 March vouchers paid:

General Fund	\$48,539.63	Vouchers 221-249
Sewer Fund	\$45,543.58	Vouchers 131-145
Water Fund	\$9,903.11	Vouchers 71-78
TOTALS	\$103,986.32	

Dated: March 14, 2022

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 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 March 14, 2022, and the whole thereof.



, Village Clerk

Motion to Adjourn by Barrows, seconded by Cohen
Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

10. Motion to Adjourn meeting

Attachments:

Highway Superintendent report:

to me

As we are all aware, the local roads have taken a beating this winter. If you have driven on Route 28, you can attest to that. Wagner Avenue and Main St. being the most recently paved have fared well. Main St. is due for oil and stone this season. We will probably see higher prices for oil and stone this year because of the rise in oil prices. Labor is supplied by Middletown.

Lake St. is in very bad condition. A storm water project scheduled for spring will fix the water issues which have caused the damage. When this is completed, we can then pave Lake St.

Breezy Hill needs repair as well but how that gets addressed will be determined by available funds. We are a small municipality; the taxes have been kept in check by some very good bookkeeping, even with prices being constantly on the rise, so please be patient.

Snow removal has always been a problem. We have acquired a second plow truck which is making cleanup faster. Although home and business owners are responsible for their own sidewalks, the village tries to facilitate the clearing of sidewalks by running the small tractor down the sidewalks, unfortunately it is difficult to negotiate the eastern side of the sidewalks safely because of their narrowness. The village crew tries to be as equitable as possible.

The small plow is ready for replacement within the next year; we've certainly gotten our money's worth from it. I will have a discussion with Corky as to what we need as a replacement. The same machine is used to mow the grass.

We've had some mechanical issues with the backhoe, but those problems will be remedied within the next couple of weeks. Last year we purchased a new dump-truck and plow, this year we purchased a three-quarter ton GMC with plow, which is a very good used truck.

Corky and Sean are doing a good job of keeping streets clean and the village is in good order. On occasion I have ridden with them, and I have seen the amount of work that is involved in their day- to day work. I have also seen how they take good care of the village machinery.

Any questions? Please notify the Village and I will get back with answers.

Fred Woller
Highway Superintendent

Public Space Report, Jennifer Barrows,

Follow-up public space report

A walk through the park with Delaware Soil and Water's Catherine Skalda looking at possibilities for shade and other developments to enhance use is waiting for later in the month when snow has abated.

Closing Wagner Avenue by the park one evening a week for basketball and other games seems the best plan for this summer.

In May tree planting experts from Catskill Forest Association will meet with village officials to designate where new trees will be planted in the Fall to replace the dying maples along the park section of Wagner Avenue and explain any necessary preparation as well as maintenance after planting. CFA will hold its well-attended annual tree planting demonstration in the Park.

I spoke with the person who designed and raised money to install the dog park in Shandaken over 10 years ago. [Jennifer Chrystie 845 688-5436] Plans were drawn up and presented to the Town Board for approval with estimated costs. Enough funding came from a Memorial Weekend "town yard sale" on Route 28 and donations and labor putting in the fencing from dog owners volunteering. Since the community raised the money and did the work, the Town was happy to approve the installation. The original fencing was post and rail with chicken wire on the inside. A small self-composting pit was dug for solid dog waste scooped or picked up by owners with paper as plastic bags or gloves would not compost. A substance is added twice a month to aid the composting. Rules for dog owners were worked out and posted. Within the dog park a smaller area was fenced off for small dogs. It is on Town grounds so Town insurance covered it. After 10 years the post and rail fencing began to rot and was replaced by metal posts and chain link fencing.

Join Zoom Meeting

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