

**Special Meeting of the
Village of Fleischmanns Board of Trustees
MINUTES
May 19, 2023 at 11:00 am
Skene Library**

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 11:04am
2. Mayor Zubin requested to adjust the agenda to include the following after item #9: Any additional items to come before the board.
3. Review of the 2023 NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and State Energy Conservation Code law that we would like to adopt.
4. Restore Public Comments as they were inadvertently removed from the agenda.

Trustee Cohen objected to this addition. He noted that he thought meeting would only entail motion to accept vouchers to allow for payment of the bills. Mayor Zubin advised him that this meeting was to perform the normal course of duties of the board for the continued operation of the village. She also advised that agenda items could be added if he felt the need at any time during the meeting.

Roll Call

1. Present: Winfred Zubin, Mayor. Trustee Samuel Gil, Trustee Stewart Cohen. Absent Trustee Aaron Goldring and Trustee Yesmin Sarabia.
2. Public in attendance: Christine Panas, Abraham Mendlovic, Yvonne Reuter, Daniel Halpren, Janet Becker, Sindy Becker, Mark Birman. Anita Rubin, David Schniederman, Vicky Szerko, Fred Waller, Mike Zacar, John Frank, Marilyn Ringel, Mario Madera. Video Attendance: Larry Reilly.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reports:

1. Mayor Zubin asked Treasurer to report to the board about the recent purchase of Certificates of Deposit. Treasurer Carol Shultis reported that 1-year Certificates of Deposit were purchased for the General Account, Sewer O&M Account, Schneider Ave Account, and the Fire Truck Account that would increase the interest revenues to the village cumulatively, by approximately \$20,000.
2. Mayor Zubin noted that the village needs a new Water Flow meter for the chlorinator to keep in compliance with NYS water quality regulations at a projected cost of: \$13,000. A new fire hydrant is also needed to replace leaking existing hydrant. The Wastewater Treatment Plant needs a new Air compressor at a projected cost of \$9,000.
3. Mayor Zubin called for a motion to approve the monthly reports and to approve the purchase orders for the flow meter, fire hydrant and air compressor: Motion by Trustee Gil and seconded by Trustee Cohen, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Appoint a Board Audit Review Person. The mayor asked for a motion to appoint a board member to serve in this position to audit the annual year end fiscal reports as required by NYS law. There was brief discussion regarding this role vs an independent auditor but that would incur additional expense to the village. Trustee Gil motioned to nominate Trustee Cohen, Mayor Zubin seconded the nomination, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Mayor Zubin expressed the villages thanks to Rob Allverson, and Colin Miller and all the village volunteers who participated in the Earth Day Village clean up.

New Business:

1. Mayor Zubin announced that 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.
2. Mayor Zubin called for authorization to apply for Main Street Revitalization Façade Construction Grant through the MARK Project for an estimated 7 properties for \$50,000 each up to a total of \$350,000 based on the Main Street Revitalization Consulting Grant recommendations. Mayor Zubin clarified that these are mixed use properties on Main Street and the grant would fund 75% of property owners construction costs up to \$50,000. Trustee Gill motioned to authorize submitting the grant application through the MARK Project, seconded by Trustee Cohen, all in favor motion carried.
3. Mayor Zubin call for authorization to apply for a grant of \$5,000 from the O'Connor Foundation to expand recreational activities as part of the resurfacing of the tennis courts to adapt 2 of the 4 courts for use as Pickle Ball courts. These funds would go to striping, and up to \$2,700 for programming signage, possible tournaments, lessons, and other activities.

Trustee Gil expressed his concern that this expense could be reduced by purchasing from another vendor that would include, nets, rackets, balls and striping tape that the village could apply for this year to see how it goes over with the community. Audience member Sindy Becker advised the board that the cost of the striping for the Pickle Ball courts is included in the contract agree to two years ago and that is fully funded. Mayor Zubin advised Ms. Becker that unfortunately there was additional information that she Ms. Becker was not aware of, and that striping for Pickle Ball was not included in that contract. Mayor Zubin made a motion to authorize the submission of a grant request from O'Connor Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. No second received, motion defeated.

4. Mayor Zubin advised that updates to the 2023 New York State Energy Conservation Construction Code local law have been completed and were distributed to the board with the May packets for review. The mayor also noted that a public hearing will be needed before the revised law can be adopted. Mayor Zubin called for a motion to accept the proposed revisions to the local law and to schedule a public hearing prior to next board meeting for public comments. Trustee Gil made motion to accept revision and to schedule public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Cohen, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Mayor Zubin advised that the cross walks in the village have been repainted, the trees cut in the park and that the trees have been removed from the foundation of the Theater building.

Public Comments:

1. Comments received from Anita Rubin and Marilyn Ringel regarding the removal of public comment from meetings. They both noted that the Village Board works for the tax payors of the village and as such they have a right to have their concerns heard.
2. John Frank expressed a question regarding the board audit review person as it seems odd that the entity is auditing itself and asked if there were provision in local law to have an outside auditor review the reports. Mayor Zubin advised that employees of the village perform the accounting and record keeping tasks and that as per New York State Controller's office fiduciary oversight is a

function of the board. There are no requirements currently in the local or state laws to prevent an outside auditing, however board oversight satisfies the requirements by the controller's office.

3. Michele Sidrane reminded the board and audience members that the annual Memorial Day Street fair is set for Sunday May 28, 2023 from 10:00am to 4:00PM. A sincere thank you was expressed to Yvonne Reuter and Rob Allverson for all their hard work in preparation for the event.

Mayor Zubin closed the public comments at 11:29am.

Next Meeting: Regular Village Trustee Meeting June 12, 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 11:30am.