

**Village of Old Field  
Board of Trustees Monthly Minutes  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 7:00 PM**

**Mayor Michael Levine-Safety  
Trustee Jeffrey Owen-Parks, Building and Street Trees  
Trustee Robert Whitcomb-Street and Road Repairs  
Trustee Timothy Hopkins-Environmental Council  
Trustee Stephen Shybunko-Fire and Special Project**

Village Attorney Anthony Guardino  
Village Clerk Adrienne Kessel  
Village Treasurer Andrea Podolsky  
Village Building Inspector Joseph Arico

Trustee Owens notified the Clerk's office he was unable to attend.

**Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag**

The Mayor led the Pledge and opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Levine presented a plaque with an honorary key to the Village to Trustee Robert Whitcomb and to Trustee Tim Hopkins, in thanks for their years of service to Old Field. Both Trustees have opted not to run again. The Mayor said they have contributed much to this Village, and will be missed. Trustee Whitcomb thanked the Mayor, and said he was happy to have served in this capacity. Trustee Hopkins said it was an honor to serve on the Board.

**Public Comment**

**Minutes**

- On a motion by Trustee Hopkins, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved the minutes of February 13, 2018.

**Treasurer**

- On a motion by Trustee Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Hopkins, the Board approved Pappas & Company to perform the Village audit for year ending February 28, 2018, for \$11,400, year two of a three year agreement, (includes a \$400 increase per year) 4-0. Mayor Levine recused himself from the vote.
- On a motion by Trustee Whitcomb, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved the warrants as presented for Feb. 2018, 5-0.
- On a motion by Mayor Levine, seconded by Trustee Whitcomb, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report for Feb. 2018, 4-0.

**New Business**

- The office of NYS Sen. John Flanagan has notified the Village that Old Field has been considered for a State & Municipal Facilities Capital Program grant (SAM) through DASNY (the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York) for the repair and restoration of the Old Field Lighthouse. The grant is in the amount of \$278,000, with a 20% match from the Village of \$69,500, approved by Board resolution on Dec. 13, 2016. Several residents asked questions concerning the grant.
- Tom Taranto has submitted his resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals, where he has served as Chair, as of Feb. 27, 2018.

Mayor Levine asked ZBA alternate member Don Pius to reach out to members concerning the chair position.

- Request from Pam Della Pietra, 120 Old Field Road, to use the Village catch basins to reduce the overflow of storm water from the fresh water wetlands pond located on her property, now reaching threatening levels for several large trees and her house.

The Board discussed the two drains added in the past, and the drain on Brambletye, and concluded this is the responsibility of the HOA.

### **Old Business**

- The Board approved the formation of a non-profit corporation, to become eligible for additional grant opportunities and allow for tax-deductible donations for the repair and preservation of the Old Field Lighthouse. The Village will form a committee for this purpose.
- Elite Towers proposal for a unipole at Kaltenborn Commons
- Renew Verizon Franchise Agreement, expired in July 2017. Attorney Anthony Guardino has contacted Verizon again, the representative has changed, and will contact Mr. Guardino.

### **Public Comment**

Mark Eghrari discussed the relationship between the Village and Stony Brook University regarding the potential of installing wireless communication equipment on the University's property within Old Field Village. Trustee Shybunko discussed his efforts and the last communications between the Village and SBU.

Don Pius asked several questions regarding the Code Bureau.

Attorney Guardino discussed the FOIL law, advising the Village to adopt a law that is duplicative of the state law, as the Village is bound by the provisions of the NY Public Officer's Law. He suggested adopting regulations that are informative in nature and make reference to the state law.

On a motion by Mayor Levine, seconded by Trustee Hopkins, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

**Calendar** Next work session is Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Lighthouse. Next Monthly Meeting is Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at the Keeper's Cottage. **The Village election is Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Voting will be at the Keeper's Cottage, from 12 noon to 9:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Adrienne Kessel  
Village Clerk