

VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD  
BUDGET HEARING AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.  
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE, 95 MAIN STREET, SETAUKET

**Present**

Mayor Michael Levine  
Trustee Thomas Gulbransen  
Trustee Donald Pius  
Trustee Ted Rosenberg  
Trustee Stephen Shybunko  
Village Attorney Anthony Guardino  
Village Clerk Dale Salzberg  
Village Treasurer Andrea Brosnan

**Present**

Paul Broder  
Jerry Cole  
John Fondacaro  
Renee Fondacaro  
Harriet Gerber  
Guy Germano  
Richard Hamberg  
Ken Hirsh  
Lee Lambert  
Debra Masino  
Richard Masino  
Harriet McDonnell  
Margaret Sobel  
Jim Smiros  
Frank Vero  
Robin Vero  
Ralph Vasquez

Mayor Levine called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE TREASURER**

A motion was made by Trustee Pius and seconded by Trustee Rosenberg to appoint Andrea Brosnan the Village Treasurer for the year ending March 31, 2009 at a salary of \$20.00/hour. The motion was unanimously approved 5-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius, Rosenberg and Shybunko, and Mayor Levine, voting in favor of the motion.

**BUDGET HEARING – 2009-2010 Budget**

Mayor Levine opened the Public Hearing on the Village of Old Field Budget for the fiscal year starting March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. The proposed budget

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would establish the Village tax rate at \$18.02 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation, an increase of 9.5%.

The Mayor explained that the Board has been able to maintain or reduce expenses in almost every budget category. The increase in the budget is due to two key factors: (1) the increased cost to the Village for the Fire District contract, and (2) the decrease in mortgage tax revenues.

The Mayor called for comments in favor of, or in opposition to the proposed budget.

Richard Hamberg addressed the Board.

Ken Hirsh addressed the Board.

On a motion made by Trustee Rosenberg and seconded by Trustee Gulbransen, the Board

**RESOLVED**, that the budget which was the subject of the foregoing public hearing be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the budget of this Village for the fiscal year March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010, and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a tax of the Incorporated Village of Old Field, Suffolk County, New York, be, and the same hereby is, levied for the fiscal year March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010 at the rate of \$18.02 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

The motion was approved 5-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius, Rosenberg and Shybunko and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor Levine called the Board of Trustees regular meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

## **PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

Harriet Gerber addressed the Board.

Harriet McDonell addressed the Board.

Ken Hirsh addressed the Board.

Jerry Cole addressed the Board.

## **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Pius and seconded by Trustee Shybunko to approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of December 9, 2008. The motion was approved 5-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Rosenberg, Pius and Shybunko and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

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**TREASURER’S REPORT**

A motion was made by Trustee Pius and seconded by Trustee Gulbransen to approve the Treasurer’s Report and payment of warrants for December 2008 with the exception of two invoices for McNulty Landscaping. The motion was approved 5-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius, Rosenberg and Shybunko and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT**

As given by Mayor Levine.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS**

A motion was made by Trustee Pius and seconded by Trustee Gulbransen to approve the application for a Demolition Permit for **Hamberg**, to remove the current residence at **58 Crane Neck Road**. The motion was approved 5-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius, Rosenberg and Shybunko and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Pius and seconded by Trustee Gulbransen to deny the Building Permit application of **Broder, 76 Mt. Grey Road** to construct a new two-story single family residence on the basis that the building height exceeds the 35’ height restriction set forth in the Village Code. The motion was approved 5-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius, Rosenberg and Shybunko and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Gulbransen and seconded by Trustee Pius to approve the Building Permit application of **Vero, 13 Crane Neck Road** for a ground floor addition and 1<sup>st</sup> floor interior alterations. The motion was approved 5-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius, Rosenberg and Shybunko and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Pius and seconded by Mayor Levine to deny the Building Permit application of **Licalzi, 103 Old Field Road** to renovate the existing 2,000 sq. ft. residence on the basis that the building lot is less than two acres. The motion was denied 2-3 with Trustees Pius and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion. Trustees Gulbransen, Rosenberg and Shybunko voted to deny the motion on the basis of potential violations due to the unauthorized removal of trees relating to the demolition permit.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS**

**PARKS AND BUILDINGS**

Trustee Shybunko reported that landscaping bids will be going out at the end of the month. He also reported that a letter will be sent to US Senator Charles Schumer

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requesting federal funds for capital improvements at the Lighthouse and the Keepers House. The letter will list 'shovel ready' projects aimed at improving the village's infrastructure, water system and sewage treatment.

Harriet McDonell addressed the Board.

**SAFETY**

Following a brief discussion, the Mayor asked the Village Attorney to draft a proposal to clarify penalty fees to distinguish whether a violation is a tree cutting event, or a violation for each tree.

**STREET AND ROADSIDES**

No Report

**FIRE AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Trustee Pius suggested that the Village explore alternatives to the current fire district contract.

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)**

Trustee Gulbransen reported that Old Field is included as a co-applicant on the New York State Shared Municipal Services General Efficiency Planning Grant to study how to consolidate storm water management programs with the Town of Brookhaven and five other Suffolk County villages. He also reported that the DEC had inspected storm drains along Crane Neck Road, and asked residents that were aware of non-functional drains to contact the Trustees. Finally, Trustee Gulbransen called attention to the lecture series run by the Friends of Flax Pond which will begin on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Childs Mansion. The first lecture will focus on estuaries and what we can do to revive and protect these resources.

**SHORELINE MANAGEMENT**

The Mayor announced that a Public Hearing will be held during the February 10, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting to review Village of Old Field Local Laws 1-4 of 2009. The Local Laws incorporate the findings and recommendations of the Shoreline Management study.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jeff Owen addressed the Board.

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**UPCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS**

There will be a Board of Trustees work session on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. at the Lighthouse to discuss proposed Village of Old Field Local Laws 1-4 of 2009.

The next regularly scheduled work session of the Village of Old Field Board of Trustees will take place on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. at the Lighthouse.

The next regular meeting of the Village of Old Field Board of Trustees will take place on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood House.

A motion was made by Trustee Rosenberg and seconded by Trustee Shybunko to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 P.M. and to enter into Executive Session. The motion was approved 5-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius, Shybunko and Rosenberg and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Shybunko and seconded by Trustee Pius to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:10 P.M. and to resume the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. The motion was approved 5-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius, Shybunko and Rosenberg and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS**

A motion was made by Trustee Pius and seconded by Mayor Levine to deny the Building Permit application of **Licalzi, 103 Old Field Road** to renovate the existing 2,000 sq. ft. residence on the basis that the building lot is less than two acres. The motion was approved 3-2 with Trustees Pius, Rosenberg and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion, and Trustees Gulbransen, Shybunko voting against the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Rosenberg and seconded by Trustee Shybunko to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:11 P.M. The motion was approved 5-0 with Trustees Gulbransen, Pius, Shybunko and Rosenberg and Mayor Levine voting in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dale Salzberg  
Village Clerk