

**Village of Old Field
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 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

Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

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

Public Hearing

- Village budget for 2018-2019- Minutes of the budget hearing recorded by Accurate Reporting, to be attached. On a motion by Trustee Hopkins, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved the 2018/2019 Budget 5-0.

Elite Towers-Unipole, Wireless Communications

- At Mayor Levine's request, the representative from Elite Towers, Tonya Negrón, gave a brief presentation on the type of equipment and the proposed location at Kaltenborn Park of the unipole. The pole is a stealth concealment pole with equipment on the inside, with the exception for emergency services only, such as the fire department. The enclosure will be concealed with mature landscaping and fencing, and no trees would be removed or effected. The set-backs are approximately 132' on the west, 130' on the east, and 165' south. The Mayor discussed the history and the amount of years this had been considered by the Village, and the lack of cooperation from the United States Coast Guard for the original location for the pole at the Lighthouse site. He then opened the meeting to questions or comments from the audience. Residents and non-residents spoke on the issue.

Minutes

- On a motion by Trustee Shybunko, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved the minutes of the Dec. 12, 2017 meeting, 5-0.
- The Board will amend the November 14, 2017 minutes to clarify the Board's position the on Elite's proposal for a unipole located at Kaltenborn Commons.
Amend to: On a motion by Mayor Levine, seconded by Trustee Whitcomb, the Board accepted Elite Towers latest proposal for a unipole located at Kaltenborn Commons, which now allows the Board to consider entering into a proposed lease agreement with Elite subject to a further revision to include twenty four (24) 10' Green Giant or Western Arborvitaes to be placed around the perimeter fence for the equipment. Elite will proceed with the signal testing within the 60 days of a signed lease agreement.

Treasurer

The Board held the Treasurer's report and warrants until the February meeting.

- Approve warrants as presented for Dec. 2017, Jan. 2018

- Approve Treasurer's report for Dec. 2017, Jan. 2018

Code

- Dec. 2017 activity to date

New Business

- On a motion by Trustee Shybunko, seconded by trustee Owens, the Board approved a fee of \$5000.00 to Farrell Fritz to form a non-profit corporation for the Village, for the purpose of funding the repair and maintenance of the Old Field Lighthouse to allow greater grant eligibility and permit tax deductible donations, 5-0.

Old Business

- Renew Verizon Franchise Agreement, expired in July 2017

Additional Public Comment

Executive Session

Adjournment

The Board adjourned the meeting at

Calendar Next work session is Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Lighthouse. Next Monthly Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at the Keeper's Cottage.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Kessel
Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING
KEEPER'S COTTAGE
207 OLD FIELD ROAD
SETAUKET, NEW YORK

January 10, 2017
7:00 P.M.

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- 2 A P P E A R A N C E S :
- 3 MICHAEL LEVINE, Mayor
- 4 JEFFREY OWEN, Trustee
- 5 TIMOTHY HOPKINS, Trustee
- 6 STEPHEN SHYBUNKO, Trustee
- 7 ROBERT WHITCOMB, Trustee
- 8 ANTHONY GUARDINO, ESQ., Village Attorney
- 9 ADRIENNE KESSEL, Village Clerk
- 10 JOSEPH ARICO, Building Inspector
- 11 ANDREA PODOLSKY, Treasurer

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2 MAYOR LEVINE: All right. Let's
3 stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and get to
4 our meeting tonight.

5 (WHEREUPON, the assemblage recited
6 the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.)

7 MAYOR LEVINE: Everybody introduce
8 yourself, please.

9 Joe, we will start with you.

10 MR. ARICO: Joe Arico, Building
11 Inspector.

12 TRUSTEE OWEN: Jeffrey Owen,
13 Trustee.

14 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: Tim Hopkins,
15 Trustee.

16 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO: Stephen
17 Shybunko, Trustee.

18 MAYOR LEVINE: Mike Levine, Mayor.

19 TRUSTEE WHITCOMB: Bob Whitcomb,
20 Trustee.

21 MR. GUARDINO: Anthony Guardino,
22 Village Attorney.

23 MS. KESSEL: Adrienne Kessel,
24 Village Clerk.

25 MAYOR LEVINE: We will go on the

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2 record to start off with -- actually, hold off
3 on that; okay? Let's go through the agenda
4 first. We will start off with public comment.

5 (WHEREUPON, a discussion was held
6 off the record, after which the following
7 transpired:)

8 MAYOR LEVINE: This will be on the
9 record.

10 Let's make a motion to open up the
11 public hearing on the proposed budget for
12 2017-2018.

13 Does someone want to make a motion
14 to open up the hearing about that issue?

15 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO: (Indicating.)

16 MAYOR LEVINE: Mr. Shybunko is
17 making the motion.

18 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: (Indicating.)

19 MAYOR LEVINE: Mr. Hopkins seconds
20 the motion.

21 All those in favor?

22 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
23 affirmative vote of the Board.)

24 MAYOR LEVINE: No opposition, okay.

25 Does everybody have these

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2 (indicating)? Do we have any extra copies for
3 the residents?

4 MS. PODOLSKY: Of course, yes.

5 (Handing documents to the
6 assemblage)

7 MAYOR LEVINE: We will cut to the
8 chase, and then feel free to chime in with any
9 questions.

10 So we have to raise the Village
11 taxes a certain percent. It cannot be more than
12 two percent, by the way. The only reason why we
13 have to raise the taxes something, is because
14 the fire department contract is -- finally, we
15 have a contract -- has gone from 385,000 to
16 \$417,000. So we need to raise our taxes,
17 solely, because of that one item.

18 So we have two options.

19 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: Three.

20 MAYOR LEVINE: Three. Option
21 number one is that we do not raise the taxes at
22 all. But then we have to figure out where we
23 get the money from, if we do not raise the
24 taxes at all.

25 Option number two is to raise the

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2 taxes one percent, and option number three is to
3 raise the taxes two percent; all right?

4 We thought we could possibly make up
5 for that increase in the fire department
6 contract by being optimistic that maybe we would
7 have some more applications for building permits
8 and fees coming in this fiscal year, and getting
9 people to pay back on outstanding applications
10 from the prior years. But if that doesn't come
11 to fruition, then we will have an unbalanced
12 budget in the end.

13 So I throw this out to all residents
14 and the Board to chime in on whether you think
15 we should increase our taxes, one percent, two
16 percent, or zero.

17 Any board members, you can tell us
18 how you feel about this issue, as well.

19 Does anybody want to be heard?

20 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

21 MAYOR LEVINE: Don, I know you want
22 to be heard. We are on the record, Don, so you
23 have to state your name and address.

24 MR. PIUS: Donald Pius, 130 Old
25 Field Road.

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2 Why don't we reduce the constable
3 costs?

4 MAYOR LEVINE: We talked about
5 that.

6 MR. PIUS: The constables are not
7 really constables. Again, they're robo cops.
8 I don't think we should be paying that kind of
9 money for that.

10 MAYOR LEVINE: I don't dispute you.

11 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: We talked about
12 if we do six shifts a month...

13 MR. GUARDINO: A reduction of ten
14 percent of the shifts is six shifts per month.
15 Six shifts a month would save us 16,000.

16 MAYOR LEVINE: Okay. That is a
17 good suggestion to think about doing that, Don.

18 MR. PIUS: The chief gets too much
19 money for what he does. He is getting
20 60-something thousand.

21 TRUSTEE OWEN: We are looking into
22 it.

23 MAYOR LEVINE: Yes, we are looking
24 into that, too.

25 MR. PIUS: If you could hire

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2 somebody for 30,000 to do that job --

3 MAYOR LEVINE: Unfortunately, it is
4 not that easy. He is a civil servant, so we
5 are faced with civil service laws.

6 Anthony's office is looking into
7 this issue, right now, to know what recourses we
8 would have, because we are mindful of exactly
9 what you are talking about.

10 MR. PIUS: You mean, you can't lay
11 him off? You can't get rid of the job?

12 MAYOR LEVINE: I don't know what we
13 can legally do and we can't legally do yet, but
14 Anthony --

15 MR. PIUS: Well, what is different
16 now, than when we were going to hire somebody
17 five years ago, I guess it was, when I was on
18 the Board? They were going to get rid of him
19 then.

20 MR. GUARDINO: We weren't going to
21 eliminate him. We were going to replace him
22 with someone else.

23 MR. PIUS: Right.

24 MR. GUARDINO: The position would
25 stay.

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2 MR. PIUS: Right.

3 MR. GUARDINO: The question now is
4 whether or not we can abolish the position.

5 MR. PIUS: Why can't we?

6 MR. GUARDINO: Well, because he is
7 a civil servant. He is not classified as the
8 Chief of the Code Enforcement. He is actually
9 classified as a Village Administrator.

10 MR. PIUS: We can't get rid of that
11 position?

12 MAYOR LEVINE: We don't know that
13 answer yet, Don.

14 MR. PIUS: But if you could do
15 that, that would solve the issue.

16 MAYOR LEVINE: Without a doubt.
17 Without a doubt, but if we can't do that --

18 MR. PIUS: Why don't we just
19 replace him with someone?

20 MAYOR LEVINE: You know, that is a
21 possibility, but it is not that easy, Don;
22 okay? Because if you were just to terminate
23 him and replace him with someone else, we may
24 be exposing the Village to litigation. We
25 can't just terminate a guy, just because we

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2 want to terminate him -- and I am not saying we
3 want to terminate him -- but you have to dot
4 your "I"s and cross your "T"s, and make sure
5 that what you are doing, you are doing legally,
6 before you go about doing it.

7 MR. PIUS: So there is no
8 discrimination for this or that.

9 MAYOR LEVINE: Exactly.

10 MS. PODOLSKY: Can I say something?

11 MAYOR LEVINE: It is not like he is
12 working in the private sector. He is a public
13 administrator for the Village.

14 MS. PODOLSKY: He is here -- after
15 a certain amount of years, you can't just
16 terminate somebody, when they are in civil
17 service. They are entitled to a hearing and a
18 whole bunch of other legalities that are there.
19 He's been here since 2002. He is well over --
20 I think it's a five-year mark.

21 MAYOR LEVINE: Right.

22 MS. PODOLSKY: You cannot just say,
23 "That's it." He has a lot of rights through
24 Civil Service.

25 MR. PIUS: Well, if you eliminate

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2 the position though, then there is no longer a
3 position, so you don't need him. It's not like
4 you're terminating him. You are terminating
5 the position.

6 MAYOR LEVINE: I know, but we can't
7 make that decision tonight. So I can't say
8 tonight, "All right, we will cut out 'X' number
9 of dollars in expense," because we might not be
10 able to. What happens if we can't achieve
11 that, and then we have an unbalanced budget?

12 Bruce, again, state your name and
13 your address.

14 MR. FELLER: Bruce Feller, 88 Old
15 Field Road.

16 Just to get a baseline on this, in
17 rough numbers, what is the difference between
18 last year's tax roll revenue to the Village and
19 that which would be anticipated if we absorbed
20 the entire increase from the fire department
21 contract issue? What is the number? What is
22 the difference in round numbers?

23 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: 35,000.

24 MAYOR LEVINE: Within the near
25 hundreds.

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2 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO: We figured it, I
3 think, to be 32,000.

4 MR. FELLER: Okay, 32,000.

5 The second question --

6 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO: I am sorry. And
7 the two-percent cap is about 18,000.

8 MR. FELLER: Gotcha. Now, all else
9 being equal, is this an increase in Village
10 taxes, because of the new arrangement that will
11 -- again, all else being equal -- continue next
12 year and the year after that, or is this a one
13 time cost to cover this not perfect or
14 imperfect segue between one contract and the
15 other?

16 MAYOR LEVINE: Well, I would think
17 that, assuming that we are able to join the
18 District before the end of this year, it is
19 going to be a one time cost.

20 MR. GUARDINO: Right. It's just a
21 segue, and it's at the highest rate. It's the
22 last --

23 MAYOR LEVINE: We are beyond that.

24 MR. GUARDINO: We are beyond the
25 highest rate. We are almost at full-assessed

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2 value now. We are in the first year of this
3 two-year contract, which we hope won't go past
4 one year.

5 MR. FELLER: So what you are
6 telling me is, it is not anticipated to
7 carry --

8 MR. GUARDINO: No, it should go the
9 other way.

10 MR. FELLER: With that in mind and
11 the total amount, what about the monies that we
12 have been asked to set aside for a rainy day by
13 New York State, essentially?

14 MR. GUARDINO: Correct.

15 MR. FELLER: That money resides
16 someplace, and it is certainly more than
17 \$38,000.

18 MR. GUARDINO: Uh-huh.

19 MR. FELLER: In the instance that
20 this is not going to be a regular cost, year
21 after year -- and I know there are other things
22 that will bump taxes up. That is not the
23 issue. Has any thought been given to that
24 appropriateness of taking that 38,000 out of
25 the rainy day?

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2 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: Yes.

3 MAYOR LEVINE: Yes, we have.

4 MR. FELLER: Yes.

5 MAYOR LEVINE: So there is
6 approximately \$240,000 in this, quote, "rainy
7 day" account. The only reason why it is there
8 is because the comptroller's office wants us to
9 maintain 20 percent of our budget for that
10 purpose. But if our budget goes down to
11 \$700,000 next year, then we will no longer need
12 to hold that money in the account. As a matter
13 of fact, that could wind up holding our taxes
14 in check for several years, if not longer.

15 However, we have not been granted
16 the right to enter the District yet. There is
17 always a possibility that we would not be
18 granted the right to enter the District.

19 MR. FELLER: Right, and the matter
20 of fact would be that we would be spending more
21 in the year following the year we are talking
22 about.

23 MAYOR LEVINE: Correct.

24 MR. FELLER: Which is certainly a
25 possibility in the grand scheme of things.

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2 MAYOR LEVINE: Correct.

3 MR. FELLER: But certainly not a
4 likelihood -- and I will defer to Anthony.

5 MR. GUARDINO: Well, I am glad you
6 raise that, Bruce.

7 My concern -- and I do not mean to
8 frighten you -- is we are not in control of the
9 process. I have had some discussions with the
10 Town, and they have asked us for things.

11 Everything, to me, now is not going to be --

12 MR. FELLER: So easy.

13 MR. GUARDINO: It is not that it is
14 not going to be so easy. It is not going to go
15 as smoothly as I thought it was going to be.
16 They are pushing back. The District wants us
17 to pay some fees. They need a boundary of the
18 Village, which I haven't been able to find. I
19 am dealing with the Secretary of State. The
20 District has asked -- I haven't even mentioned
21 this to you -- they asked that a surveyor give
22 an estimate. I said, "Look, we are not
23 agreeing to pay anything. So if you want to go
24 get an estimate, go get an estimate." But it
25 was like \$28,000 to survey. But now, I have

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2 found other ways to get the information, which
3 I am certain I am going to be able to get it
4 with the Secretary of State.

5 The point being that the Town is --
6 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: They are dragging
7 their feet.

8 MR. GUARDINO: Yes, they are
9 dragging us through. They are dragging their
10 feet. They are throwing up a lot of hurdles.
11 I still think we are going to get it done in
12 the next three, four, five months, but I have
13 no control and the Village has no control over
14 the process. That is what we are dealing with.

15 MAYOR LEVINE: By the way, this is
16 Anthony Guardino, for the record.

17 Anthony, I think what would be good
18 then, is if we found out when the Town's next
19 monthly meeting is and we show up.

20 So can you find out?

21 MR. GUARDINO: Yes.

22 MAYOR LEVINE: And whoever is
23 available on the Board can show up at that
24 meeting, and we voice our opinion to figure out
25 why the Town is kind of jerking us around a

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2 little bit.

3 MR. GUARDINO: Well, before you do
4 that though, they have given us the things that
5 they want us to provide -- the District and the
6 Village -- the information.

7 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO: Is there a list?

8 MR. GUARDINO: There are a couple
9 of items. The one that was the most difficult
10 to provide -- one was the assessment roll for
11 the Village, which we have. We know that.
12 That is an easy one to get. I didn't provide
13 it yet, but we have it.

14 The other one was the boundary.
15 That one is going to be a little bit more
16 difficult. But I would hate for somebody to go
17 over to the Town and the Town say, "Look, we
18 told you what we needed, and you didn't get it."

19 MAYOR LEVINE: All right. So you
20 will tell us, when you think we should show up
21 at the Town and it would be okay to do that.

22 MR. GUARDINO: I will tell you,
23 yes.

24 MAYOR LEVINE: All right.

25 Don.

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2 MR. PIUS: To continue in that vein
3 then, why can't we, this year, use some of the
4 surplus in anticipation of growing ours?

5 We will still have more than 20
6 percent next year in the fund, if we don't have
7 to do it. And if we don't, then we can raise
8 taxes next year. But at least this year, we
9 have a zero tax increase.

10 And then in addition, during the
11 year, we might resolve the constable issue.
12 That would save even more money.

13 MAYOR LEVINE: You are right.

14 MS. PODOLSKY: Can I say something?

15 MAYOR LEVINE: Let the Village
16 Treasurer chime in on that.

17 MS. PODOLSKY: First of all, if we
18 do not go into the fire district by the end of
19 December of 2017, we will have to come up with
20 a hundred thousand dollars.

21 MAYOR LEVINE: Correct.

22 MS. PODOLSKY: Because we are only
23 doing three out of four payments, because of
24 the way our year is and the Town's year is. So
25 the fourth payment, I did not put -- you know

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2 -- for starting 2018, is not in our budget.
3 It's going to be a hundred thousand dollars, if
4 we're not in there.

5 MR. PIUS: In next year's budget?

6 MS. PODOLSKY: No, it would be this
7 year's budget.

8 MAYOR LEVINE: That is the concern
9 that we have, if we dipped into that amount and
10 for some reason things go south.

11 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: Our fiscal year
12 ends March 1st, I think, and the District is
13 December.

14 MS. PODOLSKY: Their's is December,
15 correct.

16 MAYOR LEVINE: So that is the
17 dilemma that we are in, Don. So if we were to
18 go along with what you have suggested, we could
19 have a potential problem.

20 MR. PIUS: But you are saying that
21 is not in the budget that we have now?

22 MAYOR LEVINE: No, no.

23 MR. PIUS: The payment that we have
24 to make during the year is not in the budget?

25 MAYOR LEVINE: The three payments

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2 are contemplated in the budget, but not a
3 fourth payment, because the fourth payment
4 would not be until way after we join the
5 District.

6 TRUSTEE WHITCOMB: If when we are
7 hoping to get in the District is before then.

8 MR. PIUS: I still think you can
9 still do that, because you have a lot of
10 positive things. You have the constable issue.
11 That might be resolved in a couple of months.
12 You have the fire district, you might get into.
13 Worst comes to worst, you can raise taxes next
14 year to replace the surplus. You are not going
15 to run out of money.

16 MAYOR LEVINE: But only by a
17 maximum two percent.

18 MR. PIUS: You raised it more than
19 two percent for the road bond.

20 TRUSTEE OWEN: Well, without a
21 vote.

22 MR. PIUS: You just need a vote of
23 the Board.

24 MS. PODOLSKY: No, no, excuse me.

25 TRUSTEE OWEN: No, that process is

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2 included. They included that, but we can
3 override the two percent cap.

4 MR. PIUS: All you need is four
5 votes; okay?

6 MS. PODOLSKY: You need a
7 supermajority. We need to do paperwork to the
8 State if we override the cap.

9 MR. PIUS: Why waste the money now
10 if we don't have to?

11 TRUSTEE OWEN: It is not wasting
12 it. We barely have enough to do what we need
13 to do the way it is.

14 MR. PIUS: Well, anyway, that's my
15 opinion.

16 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: We have fixed
17 expenses and variable expenses. Our fixed
18 expenses are not much -- you know -- road
19 repair, maintenance, and the constables. Other
20 than that, everything is fixed.

21 MAYOR LEVINE: Right. The only
22 expense I know we can cut down on is on the
23 constabulary; okay? You could, probably,
24 reduce it by \$20,000. But the fire department
25 is a \$32,000 increase, so we will still be

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2 short \$12,000.

3 MR. PIUS: We could still do it, if
4 you replace the constable or get rid of it.

5 MAYOR LEVINE: If we can legally do
6 that, correct.

7 TRUSTEE WHITCOMB: The way I look
8 at this situation is, everybody really wants to
9 have a no tax situation. We talked about it at
10 length. We would really like to be able to do
11 that, but we have one hanging thing out there
12 with the fire district. On the one hand, it
13 might not be wise to have no tax. On the other
14 hand, we do have the flexibility with the
15 constabulary, where we do have some control
16 over shifts, so we know -- so I am coming at
17 this at in kind of the middle of the road
18 thinking, "Maybe instead of going to the two
19 percent, do something," because we don't know
20 the outcome of when we will actually be in the
21 fire district. We don't really totally have
22 control of that. If we split the baby down the
23 middle and do some kind of increase and know
24 that we have some flexibility with the
25 constabulary, so we will have, at least, some

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2 control --

3 MAYOR LEVINE: Yes, I am of the
4 same mindset, as you are, Bob. I am in favor
5 of a one percent increase, just to deal with
6 the potential shortfall.

7 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: Put it in
8 perspective. Zero means zero. One percent is
9 \$9,500, and two percent is 18 to \$19,000; okay?

10 TRUSTEE WHITCOMB: Again, to Jeff's
11 point, the controllable part of our budget is
12 kind of minuscule. We do a lot with a little
13 bit of money. I don't do the masons every
14 year. I do them every other year, because I
15 want to stretch that money a little bit. Jeff
16 has donated trees. We are not even paying for
17 that, so we are doing what we can with a very
18 tiny, controllable budget. We want to make it
19 beautiful; you know? We want a beautiful
20 place. We don't want to be just like every
21 other place, so it's a challenge. It really
22 is.

23 MR. BEASLEY: Bill Beasley from 13
24 Flax Woods Pond Road.

25 Do we have any indication of what

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2 the assessed value is doing at this time of
3 year, effective now?

4 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO: Not much.

5 MR. BEASLEY: Not like a percent or
6 anything.

7 MS. PODOLSKY: Like 10,000.

8 MAYOR LEVINE: We are seeing an
9 uptick in the sale of houses in the Village,
10 too. That results in mortgage taxes, so that's
11 good. Two houses got sold in the last couple
12 of months. There are benefits from that, but
13 it is just not a guaranteed result that could
14 eliminate this shortfall of \$20,000.

15 Does anybody else want to be heard?

16 MR. FELLER: Just a follow-up
17 question to your example.

18 The two percent mentioned, in
19 connection with its value, are 17,000?

20 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: Eighteen to 19.

21 MR. FELLER: Let's just say 20. Is
22 that the actual dollar amount, in its entirety,
23 that would have to be made up through a tax
24 increase in the Village? And if so, I think
25 two percent of the Village taxes has to be more

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2 than \$20,000. I may be mistaken, and happily
3 so if I am.

4 MAYOR LEVINE: Andrea, can you
5 answer that.

6 MS. PODOLSKY: Our taxes are
7 \$923,000.

8 MR. FELLER: Income to the Village.

9 MAYOR LEVINE: Correct.

10 MS. PODOLSKY: Income. That is
11 with all of our properties attached. Two
12 percent of that is \$18,000. I added that when
13 I did the two percent, and it makes it 941.

14 MR. FELLER: Wait a minute. You
15 are saying our Village revenue --

16 MAYOR LEVINE: No, just taxes.

17 MS. PODOLSKY: That is just our
18 taxes.

19 MAYOR LEVINE: \$923,000.

20 MR. FELLER: So a million dollars,
21 and you are saying that two percent of that --

22 MS. PODOLSKY: No, it's on
23 \$923,000.

24 MAYOR LEVINE: You can't do a
25 million dollars. Eighty-thousand dollars is a

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2 big difference; you know?

3 MR. PIUS: Two percent of a million
4 is 20,000.

5 MAYOR LEVINE: It is \$77,000 less
6 than a million dollars, so we cannot round off,
7 unfortunately.

8 MS. PODOLSKY: All the rest of our
9 other revenue is varied. It's permit fees. It
10 mortgage tax. It's whatever other little
11 things.

12 MAYOR LEVINE: Justice court fees,
13 state aid mortgage tax.

14 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: Clerk and
15 treasurer fees.

16 MAYOR LEVINE: All right. Do you
17 have anything else, Don?

18 MR. PIUS: Yes. I would like to
19 mention that the two sales had no mortgages, so
20 there is no mortgage tax on those.

21 MAYOR LEVINE: Well, that's not
22 what I wanted to hear.

23 MR. PIUS: Well...

24 MAYOR LEVINE: How did you know
25 that?

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2 MR. PIUS: Because I know.

3 MAYOR LEVINE: They did all cash
4 transactions?

5 MR. PIUS: The Bernstein house was
6 a foreclosure -- all cash.

7 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: It wasn't a
8 foreclosure. It was an auction.

9 MR. PIUS: It was an auction. His
10 auction was all cash.

11 MAYOR LEVINE: And what was the
12 other one?

13 MR. PIUS: It was all cash, also.

14 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO: Which one? What
15 is the address?

16 MR. PIUS: 124.

17 MAYOR LEVINE: No, we are talking
18 about Flax Pond Woods Road.

19 MR. PIUS: I don't know that.

20 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: The other house
21 that sold was Wolesky's (phonetic) house.

22 MR. PIUS: I don't know that. You
23 said two. That's four.

24 MAYOR LEVINE: No, just two on Flax
25 Pond Woods Road. That is what I was referring

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2 to.

3 MR. PIUS: Oh, okay. I don't know
4 anything about those.

5 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO: I am hearing
6 five sold in the Village in the last month.

7 MR. FELLER: That's because there
8 are no "For Sale" signs. It's a good thing.

9 MAYOR LEVINE: Can I have a motion
10 to close the hearing at this point in time?
11 Does somebody want to make that motion?

12 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO: I will make that
13 motion.

14 MAYOR LEVINE: Mr. Shybunko is
15 making it.

16 TRUSTEE WHITCOMB: I will second
17 it.

18 MAYOR LEVINE: Mr. Whitcomb seconds
19 it.

20 All those in favor?

21 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
22 affirmative vote of the Board.)

23 MAYOR LEVINE: No opposition.

24 Now, let's see if we can eliminate
25 the possibilities here. Is any board member in

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2 favor of no tax increase whatsoever?

3 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

4 MAYOR LEVINE: All right, opposed
5 on the record.

6 I think the motion should be for a
7 one percent increase or a two-percent increase;
8 right?

9 TRUSTEE WHITCOMB: Uh-huh.

10 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: Right.

11 MAYOR LEVINE: So all those in
12 favor of a one percent increase, please raise
13 your hand.

14 TRUSTEE HOPKINS: (Indicating.)

15 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO: (Indicating.)

16 TRUSTEE WHITCOMB: (Indicating.)

17 MAYOR LEVINE: (Indicating.) Okay,
18 so four, and Jeff did not vote. Jeff, you are
19 in favor of a two percent increase?

20 TRUSTEE OWEN: Uh-huh.

21 MAYOR LEVINE: All right. So we
22 have a four to zero (sic), in favor of a one
23 percent increase, and one person in favor of a
24 two percent increase. So we will raise the
25 taxes for this coming fiscal year one percent.

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Hopefully, we will be able to make up the difference through the resources available, reductions in expenditures and other resources that increases the revenue.

Anything else on that?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

MAYOR LEVINE: Okay, so we are off the record now.

(WHEREUPON, this hearing was concluded at 7:27 p.m.)

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ss:

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK)

I, JANEANE SCLAFANI, Court Reporter
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hereby certify:

That the within transcript was prepared by
me and is a true and accurate record of this
hearing to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am not related to
any of the parties to this matter by blood or
by marriage and that I am in no way interested
in the outcome of any of these matters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand this 10th day of January, 2017.

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