

VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019

Mayor Michael Levine-Safety
Deputy Mayor Stephen Shybunko-Fire, Special Projects,
Trustee Jeffrey Owens-Parks, Bldg. & Street Trees, Commissioner of P/T Code Enforcement
Trustee Bruce Feller-Environmental Council
Trustee Thomas Pirro-Street and Road Repairs
Environmental Permit

Pledge to the Flag

Mayor Levine opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Public Comment

Don Pius discussed the special Setauket Fire Dept. election and the short notice on this issue.

Building

- HOLD DePinto, David, 2 Pheasant Run, Permit #2019-0018, for a 335' fixed dock (walkway) with 15' ramp, as per DEC; Army Corp of Engineer approval, no site plan or TOB approval required
- On a motion by Trustee Feller, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved Gordon, Robert & Ida, 14 Holly Lane, permit #2019-0015, for a 16' x 34' in-ground gunite pool with auto safety cover, pool heater, hot water heater and BBQ, 1000 gallon underground propane tank, site plan approved, 5-0.
- On a motion by Trustee Shybunko, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved Shroyer, Kenneth, 8 Woodcock Lane, permit #2019-25, propane generator and in-ground propane tank, 5-0.

Environmental

- On a motion by Trustee Feller, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved Zeniou, Andrew, 145 Old Field Road, for the removal of two trees as per Environmental Committee, John Cannatelli, Landscaper, 5-0.
- On a motion by Trustee Feller, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved Pearl, Richard & Barbara, 119 Mt. Grey Road, for the removal of five trees, from the driveway and pool yard areas, reviewed and approved by the Environmental Committee on Sept. 5, 5-0.

Minutes

- On a motion by Trustee Shybunko, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved the Minutes of July 16, 2019, 5-0.

Treasurer

- On a motion by Trustee Pirro, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved the warrants and Treasurer's report for July and August 2019, 5-0.

Code

- July and August 2019 report

New Business

- Based on Hayduk Engineering's report for solutions on water runoff from Old Field Road onto Brambletye, the Village will request quotes for additional drains
- Attorney Guardino will prepare the resolution to increase the Village Building fees cost per square foot (four items), as described, for the October agenda.

NEW DWELLING	\$1.50 to \$1.75 sq. ft., MIN. FEE \$500.
ADDITION TO DWELLING	\$1.50 to \$1.75 sq. ft., MIN. FEE \$500.
INTERIOR ALTERATIONS	\$1.00 to \$1.25 sq. ft., MIN. FEE \$500.
ACCESSORY STRUCTURES	\$1.50 to \$1.75 sq. ft., MIN. FEE \$500.

Old Business

- Elite Cell Tower, on hold

The Committee for Alternatives to Cell Towers will present a report to the Board at the October meeting.

Public Comment

Tom Gulbransen discussed the Setauket Fire Dept. budget and his concerns over their budget management and procedures.

Don Pius encouraged everyone to vote, and said this special election to purchase four pump trucks for over 2 million dollars over a five year period was excessive, and would impact property taxes.

Don Pius discussed the cost of Code Enforcement. Mayor Levine responded Code was important to the residents.

Deer Committee Report

Rebecca Van Der Bogart formed a committee to gather information and solutions on deer overpopulation and the accompanying problems, discussed her report. She said the damage being done to the environment is secondary to health concerns, and that it has to be a multi-level solution, including allowing 8’ deer fences in the Village. A discussion of various options, or just changing the fence height requirement began.

Trustee Feller said the concept of one-size-fits-all is not feasible due to the differences in lot size, location and the degree of vegetation, each fence should be site appropriate. The approach should allow for customization to accommodate those differences.

It was agreed to develop a process to avoid seeking relief through the ZBA process. The Village Attorney will draft a policy or local law with objective standard criteria, with input from the Deer Committee. The Deer Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on any applications for deer fencing, for final approval.

Meeting Adjourned

On a motion by Trustee Shybunko, seconded by Mayor Levine, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Calendar

Next Board work session on Oct. 3, 6:00 PM at the Lighthouse, next Monthly Meeting on Oct. 8, 7:00 PM at the Keeper’s Cottage.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Kessel