# VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, 7:00 PM

Mayor Stephen W. Shybunko -Fire and Special Projects, Code Enforcement Trustee Thomas Pirro-Street & Road Repairs
Trustee Tom Gulbransen-Environmental Council
Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart-Parks, Building and Street Trees
Village Attorney Anthony Guardino
Village Clerk Adrienne Kessel
Treasurer Andrea Podolsky
Building Inspector Joseph Arico

## Pledge to the Flag

The Mayor led the pledge to the flag and opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

# **Trustee Appointment**

Mayor Shybunko appointed Adrienne Owen as Trustee to fill the open trustee term, until April 4, 2022.
 The election to be held on March 15, 2022, will include the position for the remainder of the open term concluding in April 2022.

## Swearing in by Mayor Shybunko

- I, Adrienne Owen, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of TRUSTEE of the Incorporated Village of Old Field, New York, according to the best of my ability.
  - Mayor Shybunko appointed Trustee Thomas Pirro as Deputy Mayor.

#### **Public Comment**

Residents shared their thoughts on Code Enforcement and the pros and cons of expanding hours. Residents brought up the problem of landscape vehicles blocking the roads.

### Correspondence

The Village will support the NYCOM initiative to sign onto a letter by Wed., Dec. 15, addressed to the Governor, for an increase of 210 million for a Municipal Investment Initiative and to continue the AIM (Aid and Incentives for Municipalities) program at current 715 million.

Mayor Shybunko discussed a letter from a resident objecting to any raise in property taxes.

### **Environmental**

- HOLD: Old Field Club, 85 West Meadow Road, Environmental Permit # 2021-0011, for the removal of 6000 sq. ft. (+/-) of shrubs, two trees, for new sanitary system, pending Environmental Committee recommendation.
  - The Board discussed the environmental damages at 20 Evans Lane, the DEC and Village's involvement
    in fines and remediation. Thomas Cottone, Evans Lane HOA President, asked that the HOA be advised
    of required solutions.

Attorney Guardino discussed the limits the Village has in remediation enforcement within the Village court system, but violators can be fined.

### **Building**

 On a motion by Trustee VanDerBogart, seconded by Trustee Gulbransen, the Board approved Mammen, James, 12 Woodcock Ln, Permit #2021-2023 for a deer fence, application recommended by Deer Fence Committee 12 09 21, 4-0.

- On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen, seconded by Trustee VanDerBogart, the Board approved Burke & Gossner, Permit #2021-0015, amended for Phase 1: rear upper terrace with steps and piers, rear lower terrace, driveway extension with retaining wall, piers and walk, reconfiguration of driveway with parking court. Boulder retainment and stone steps, natural gas generator, grass steps. Phase I planting and lighting, tree removal; site plan required, 4-0.
- On a motion by Mayor Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved Romeo, Louis, 127 Old Field Road, Permit #2021-0034, for proposed dock and catwalk; site plan recommended for approval by Village Engineer, 3-1, Trustee Gulbransen voted nay.
- HOLD: Old Field Club, 85 West Meadow Road, Permit # 2021-0036, for a retaining wall with new sanitary system; site plan required. Possible fill required, not on application.
- On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved Richey, Chris, 14 Woodhull Cove, Permit # 2021-0038, for a new driveway; site plan recommended for approval by Village Engineer 12 09 21, 4-0.

#### **Minutes**

• On a motion by Trustee Pirro, seconded by Mayor Shybunko, the Board approved the minutes of **Sept. 14**, **Oct. 12**, as amended, and **Nov. 9**, **2021**, **4-0**.

### **Treasurer**

- On a motion by Trustee Pirro, seconded by Trustee VanDerBogart, the Board approved the warrants and Treasurer's Report as presented for Nov., 2021, 4-0.
- Public Hearing #1, LL 2022-01, in the event the budget exceeds the 2 % tax cap, to be held on January 11, 2022
- Public Hearing #2, for the 2022-23 budget on January 11, 2022

### **Code Report**

• For Nov. 2021: 558 property checks, 2 Code violation investigations, 1 residential fire alarm, 1 injured deer, 7 field reports

## **New Business**

- On a motion by Mayor Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved the updating of the work survey of the Lighthouse by Sedovic up to date for renovation plan development, for \$5000, fee from ARPA funds, 4-0.
- Review ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) to pay for window repairs in lighthouse glass
- On a motion by Mayor Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved Glassland to replace broken window glass in the Lighthouse cupola, \$2875; (Smithtown Glass was 3x the cost, Hildreth Glass did not respond).4-0.
- On a motion by Mayor Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved the third extension of the 2019 IMA with the TOB, re: salt/sand purchase agreement. The TOB does not give advance notice on cost: last year's cost for salt only was @ \$85 per cubic yard, salt/sand mix @ 62.29 per cubic yard; if unavailable from the Town, the contractor/vendee cost (successful bidder) for salt, or salt/sand @ \$429 per cubic yard, as per 2022-23 snow bid, 4-0.

Cost of salt/sand or salt only for the last five years:

2017: \$2891 Salt/sand mix

2018: \$4638 Salt/sand mix

2019: \$1971 Salt only

2020: \$419 Salt only

2021: YTD \$4951 Salt only

• Code Officer Joseph Bica will be the sponsor for the AED device.

- On a motion by Mayor a Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved the landscape bid 02 28 22 to 02 28 2023 (opened 12 06 21) which includes a one year extension on Village option to 2023. Only bidder was Old Field Landscaping, 4-0.
- NYS Cannabis Law: Attorney Guardino will forward the NYS Dept. of Labor policy review for possession/use of marijuana products in the workplace
- On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved Hayduk engineering for a study on Village roads for end of 10 year lifespan in 2022; \$6500 to do road evaluation, list any repairs, maintenance plan, 4-0.
- On a motion by Mayor a Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved the appointment
  of Town of Brookhaven Clerk as Registrar of Old Field Registration District #5143, Inc. Village of
  Old Field, for registration for births or deaths, 4-0.

### **Old Business**

- Revetment updates from Trustee Gulbransen, as available
- MCEP Grant (Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Plan) for the digitalization of Village records through the Town of Brookhaven Electronic Content Management System, storage of Village records at Town facility. The Town does charge an annual fee for record storage.
- Town of Brookhaven proposal for Fire Marshall services to the Village, requires an IMA, Trustee Gulbransen will monitor information as available
- Storage shed repairs, will review ARPA funds
- Cell phone coverage within the Village
- Lighthouse Foundation fund raising

## **Commissioner Reports:**

Mayor Stephen Shybunko -Fire and Special Projects
Trustee Thomas Pirro-Street & Road Repairs Road Renewal Study by Village Engineer

Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart-Parks, Buildings and Street Signs <u>Lighthouse Renovation, Sedovic Survey</u>

Trustee Tom Gulbransen-Environmental Council Revetment Project reports as available

Executive Session: In:	Out:
Adjourn	

On a motion by Mayor Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Adrienne Kessel Village Clerk