

**Village of Old Field
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes,
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 7:00 PM**

Mayor Thomas Pirro-Code Enforcement, Lighthouse Project

Trustee Tom Gulbransen- Fire and Special Projects

Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart -Parks, Building, Street Trees, Lighthouse Project

Trustee Morgan Morrison-Street and Roadside

Trustee William Schaefer-Special Projects-(unable to attend)

Attorney Anthony Guardino

Village Clerk Adrienne Kessel

Village Treasurer Andrea Podolsky

Building Inspector Joseph Arico (unable to attend)

Building Clerk Dawn McCoy

Huntington Historical Society tour of Lighthouse and Keeper's Cottage, 5:30 PM

Welcome to the Huntington Historical Society

Robin Horn, Executive Liaison

Toby Kissam, member

Christopher Hansen, member and clock specialist

Emily Werner, Curator

Mayor Pirro and Trustee Morrison met with members of the Huntington Historical Society, who will place the original Old Field Lighthouse Keeper's Clock on permanent loan to Old Field for the future Lighthouse museum. Mayor Pirro thanked the Society for their generous contribution in retuning this important part of the history of the Lighthouse to our Village.

BOT Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

Pledge to the Flag

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

Building

The Board reviewed Building Inspector Joe Arico's monthly report, and discussed the following items.

- On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen, seconded by Trustee Morrison, the board approved Schere, Edward, 111 Old Field Road, Permit #2022-0041, SBL 12-4-2, for an inground pool with fence, site plan recommended for approval by Village Engineer 6/30/23, 4-0.
- On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen, seconded by Mayor Pirro, the Board approved Sakmann, Bernhard & Arianna, 20 Evans Lane, Permit # 2023-0029 SBL 3-2-2, driveway, apron, stoop, walkway and plantings, site plan recommended for approval by Village Engineer 7/3/23, 4-0.

The board requested e files be sent to them in advance of the Board meetings for pending site plan approvals and landscape plans.

The board requested performance bonds or payment equal to the cost of the plantings to be held in escrow to maintain approved revegetation and landscaping plans for a three year minimum.

Environmental Committee

- After a site visit by Trustee Gulbransen and EC Chair Bruce Feller on June 13, this application is on hold:
HOLD: On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, the Board allowed a conditional building permit approval, subject to tree removal plan approved by arborist; Cherouvis, Michael, 2 East

Gate, Permit #2023-0021, vacant land, site plan approved, tree clearing ECC recommended approval, 4-0.

Trustee Gulbransen and ECC Chair Bruce Feller will do a site visit after tonight's meeting.

The board discussed the requirements on tree removal and revegetation for issuing a building permit for 2 East Gate.

Going forward, the following will be included in building and environmental permits: *“The application is approved subject to the requirement that the Applicant shall post a bond ensuring the viability of all plantings approved as part of this application. The bond shall be in an amount equal to the estimated cost of the plantings and shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years from the date the Applicant completes the original plantings. The Applicant shall extend, renew, or secure a new bond, if the original bond expires prior to the end of the three-year period. The Applicant may provide the bond(s) by policy or by cash deposit, at their option. The Village may call the bond(s) to cover the cost and labor to install replacement vegetation in kind, if the Applicant fails to do so after written notice and a reasonable opportunity to replace dead or destroyed plantings. The Village will release the bond(s), or any remaining portion thereof, at the expiration of the three-year period. No permits shall be issued until the Applicant posts the bond, as required herein.”*

Deer Fence Committee

- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee VanDerBogart, the Board approved Barle, Stanko & Nicole, 178 Old Field Road, SBL 03-03-3,2, request for a deer fence as per plan submitted, recommended for approval by the Deer Fence Committee April, 2022, 4-0.

Minutes

- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Morrison, the Board approved the minutes of June 13, 2023, 4-0.

Treasurer

- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Morrison, the board approved the warrant and Treasurer's Report for June 2023, 4-0.

Code Report

- June 2023, 1 suspicious person report, 4 Code violation investigations, 510 property checks, 1 deer removal from roadway, 1 Code violation issued; 56 Whitehall beach checks, 2 parking summons.

Code has permission from Tom Taranto to park on his property adjacent to Whitehall Beach if necessary .

Action Items

- HOLD: Proposal for a new video for the Village web site not to exceed \$1500, from Alex Cherney, River Spirit Studio.
- On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen, seconded by Mayor Pirro, the Board approved the annual request by James Damico on behalf of the Old Field Place residents, to prune shrubs in the Lighthouse park to maintain the water shed view, 4-0.
- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Gulbransen, the Board approved BOT work sessions to be held the same Tuesday night as the monthly meeting, held on the second Tuesday of each month. Work session 6:00 PM, Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM, 4-0. Special meetings can be called and posted as necessary.
- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Morrison, the Board approved the replacement of the 20 year old hand-held Motorola radio no longer compatible with current software, for Code Enforcement, at a cost not to exceed \$4500, 3-0. Trustee VanDerBogart abstained.

Commissioners Reports:

Mayor Thomas Pirro-Safety, Lighthouse project

Mayor Pirro discussed the USCG requirements regarding the continuous operation of the light during the renovations of the Lighthouse, at the Villages expense.

The Mayor discussed the first meeting with the Huntington Historical Society, who will present the Village with the original Keeper's Clock from Old Field now in their possession, on a permanent loan.

Trustee Tom Gulbransen-Fire, Environmental

The revetment contract is close to being signed; the Village has spent 37K to date.

The required Hazard Mitigation plan will be updated, as required.

Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart -Parks, Building, Street Trees, Lighthouse project

Trustee William Schaefer-Special Projects

The new website is up and running

Trustee Morgan Morrison-Street & Road Repairs

Road repairs are concluded, reimbursable through the NYS CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Project.)

Public Comments

Michael Cherouvis discussed his project at 2 East Gate Lane. Mayor Pirro advised he will need a permit before any clearing of the land is started to avoid a Stop Work Order and subsequent fines.

The Board adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Kessel
Village Clerk

Note: No meetings in August

Calendar: Next work session 6:00 PM and BOT Monthly Meeting at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023