

**Village of Old Field  
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017**

**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 Projects**

Village Attorney Anthony Guardino  
Adrienne Kessel, Village Clerk  
Andrea Podolsky, Treasurer  
Joseph Arico, Building Insp

Trustee Robert Whitcomb was not able to attend.

Trustee Stephen Shybunko notified the Clerk's Office of a later arrival, and joined the Board at 7:33 PM.

**Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag**

Mayor Levine called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and led the Pledge to the Flag.

**Public Comment**

Bruce Feller thanked the Village for the quick response for the removal of a downed branch on Old Field Road.

Don Pius asked about the progress on the cell tower. Attorney Guardino said it has been approved, and discussed Elite Towers wanting the Village to indemnify them if the tower had to be relocated. The second location considered is Kaltenborn Park, considered only after a review of the lease by the Board of Trustees. Mayor Levine discussed the negotiations slow down, and the interest the State University at Stony Brook has in a tower installation on their property in the Village. The Mayor also discussed the proposed local law on cell towers, and the effect on an application.

Trustee Owen questioned if the University is required to apply for a building permit, since the NYS owned property it is within Old Field Village.

Attorney Guardino said it is addressed within their mission statement, and cited the Monroe case, which determined government immunity from local laws.

**Resolution**

- Mayor Levine read the following resolution for the March 20, 2018 Election:

**VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD ELECTION 2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Old Field, Suffolk County, New York at a meeting of said Board duly called and held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, unanimously adopted the following resolutions pertaining to the registration of all persons eligible to vote and the offices to be filled at the annual Village Election to be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018:

**RESOLVED**, that there shall be no Village registration day for Village elections pursuant to Subdivision 3 of Section 15-118 of the Election Law, and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that only those persons registered to vote with the Board of Elections of Suffolk County shall be eligible to vote, and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the next general election for the Incorporated Village of Old Field, Suffolk County, New York, shall be held at the Keeper's Cottage located at 207 Old Field

Place in said Village on March 20, 2018, that the hours of opening and closing the polls thereof shall be 12:00 noon and 9:00 P.M. respectively and that during such period of nine consecutive hours the polls shall be kept open for the purpose of choosing and electing the following officers:

**Mayor for a term of two years**

**Trustee for a term of two years**

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**RESOLVED**, that the following be, and they are hereby designated and appointed to act as Inspectors of Election, for a fee of \$160.00 per person, with Carol Schraut presiding as Chairperson thereof: Carol Schraut, Chairperson and Marianne Feller.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Village be, and hereby is directed to prepare a proper notice of said annual election pursuant to Section 15-104 of the Election Law and to cause said notice to be published in said Village Times containing the date of the election and the polling place; the hours during which the polls shall be open; the names and addresses of all those who have been duly nominated whose certificate of petition of nomination has been duly filed with said Village Clerk and the term of such office for which they have been so nominated, an abstract of any proposition to be voted upon, if any, and to cause a printed copy thereof to be posted conspicuously in at least six (6) public places in the Village at least one (1) day before said election.

### **Environmental**

- On a motion by Trustee Hopkins, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved the permit by Robert Chase, 155 Old Field Road, to remove trees as marked, growing into the overhead wires; Environmental Committee reviewed the location on Tuesday, Oct. 3, and approved the removal of fourteen (14) trees, with the exception of the dog wood tree, and the removal of one (1) tree within the yard. Owner will replant three to six trees within one year, 3-0.
- On a motion by Trustee Hopkins, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved the permit by Aronica Plant Health Care-Robert Cook, for 2 Old Field Place, to remove the Oak tree near the front door; and at 199 Old Field Road, to remove three declining trees, 3-0. Property reviewed by the Environmental Committee on Oct. 3.
- Simons, James, 189 Old Field Road, for the removal of 70 trees on SBL 3-4-3 (formally Gillespie) To be held over until the next meeting, subject to the review of the Environmental Committee in November.

### **Building Permits**

- On a motion by Trustee Owens, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved Shaun Mays, 22 Evans Lane, building permit #2017-0011, for a 648 sq. ft. pool, 512 sq. ft. bluestone patio set in grass, pool fence, 600 sq. ft. replacement deck, add retaining wall, 3-0.
- On a motion by Trustee Owens, seconded by Mayor Levine, the Board approved Roberta Gordon, 12 Holly Lane, building permit #2017-0084, for interior alterations, addition with plumbing and generator, 3-0. Roberta Gordon thanked the Village for keeping the office open after hours until she arrived to complete her permit process.
- On a motion by Mayor Levine, seconded by Trustee Hopkins, the Board approved James Simons, 189 Old Field Road, permit # 2017-0085, to demo existing home on SBL 3-4-3 (formally Gillespie), 3-0.

Trustee Shybunko joined the meeting at 7:33 PM.

### **Minutes**

- On a motion by Trustee Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Hopkins, the Board approved the minutes of Sept. 12, 2017, as amended, 4-0.

## **Treasurer**

- On a motion by Trustee Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Hopkins, the Board approved the warrants as presented for September 2017. 4-0.
- On a motion by Mayor Levine, seconded by Trustee Hopkins, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report for September 2017, 4-0.

## **Code**

- September 2017 activity to date

## **New Business**

- **Local Law 1-2017; Wireless Communications Towers and Antennas**

A proposed local law amending Chapter 121 of the Code of the Village of Old Field to regulate the siting, construction and installation of wireless telecommunications facilities in the Village. The public hearing will be on November 14.

## **Old Business**

- Elite Towers, proposal for a cell tower
- Renew Verizon Franchise Agreement, expires in July 2017, Attorney Guardino waiting for revised agreement, and said any fee they pay to the Village just gets passed on to the residents.
- Suffolk County Shared Services Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, waiting for final agreement.

## **Commissioner's Reports**

- Mayor Michael Levine-Safety
- Trustee Jeffrey Owen-Parks, Building and Street Trees
- Trustee Robert Whitcomb-Street and Road Repairs
- Trustee Timothy Hopkins-Environmental Council-The DEC has extended the walkway to 1000' through Flax Pond, and has made it handicapped accessible.
- Trustee Stephen Shybunko-Fire and Special Projects

## **Additional Public Comment**

Don Pius asked several questions about Code Enforcement, and tree removal at 98 Old Field Road. Trustee Owens said the property is being cleaned up, removing downed trees and branches.

Bruce Feller asked about the Douglas property. Building Inspector Joe Arico said they have been given additional summonses, and have 30 days to remove an illegal structure (pagoda), and must replace the fence around the pool. The basement entrance renovation is in progress, and Mrs. Douglas was told any changes in the approved plan would require a revised permit.

## **Executive Session**

On a motion by Mayor Levine, seconded by Trustee Hopkins, the Board went into Executive Session at 7:46 PM to discuss personnel issues, 4-0.

On a motion by Mayor Levine, seconded by Trustee Hopkins, the Board came out of Executive Session at 8:25 PM, 4-0.

The Board discussed a potential part time candidate for writing building and planning violations.

## **Adjourned**

On a motion by Mayor Levine, seconded by Trustee Hopkins, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:22, 4-0.

## **Calendar**

Next work session is Thursday, November 9, at 6:00 PM at the Lighthouse.

Next Monthly Meeting is Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 PM, at the Keeper's Cottage.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Kessel, Village Clerk