

VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 7:00 PM

Mayor Bruce Feller-Code Enforcement

Trustee Stephen Shybunko -Fire and Special Projects

Trustee Thomas Pirro-Street & Road Repairs

Trustee Tom Gulbransen-Environmental Council

Trustee Rebecca Vanderbogart -Parks, Building and Street Trees

Adrienne Kessel, Village Clerk

Andrea Podolsky, Village Treasurer

Joseph Arico, Building Inspector

Trustee Shybunko notified the Clerk's office he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Pledge to the Flag

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

Presentation to former Trustee Jeff Owen

Mayor Feller presented former Trustee Jeff Owen with a plaque in recognition of his years of service to the Village, having served as a trustee for ten years, and as Code Enforcement Commissioner. He noted Jeff's generosity to the Village in a number of situations where his professional pursuits were applied to the great advantage of the Village, and stated Jeff's crew set a standard for snow removal that borders on the legendary. Jeff thanked the Mayor and the Board.

Public Comments

There were no comments at this time.

Environmental Council

- On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen, seconded by mayor Feller, the Board approve Tree Permit #2021-0004, Birzon, Mitchell & Catherine, 104 Mt. Grey Road, Permit # 2021-0004, for the removal of two dead trees and one live tree, as per plan submitted to the Clerk's office, recommended by Environmental Committee. Permit issued 5/18/21, due to the tree's close proximity to home, 4-0.
- On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen, seconded by Mayor Feller, the Board approve Tree Permit # 2021-0006 for Keenan, Peter & Sharon, 176 Old Field Road (CMPR Management) for the removal of eight declining trees as recommended by the Environmental Committee, 4-0.
- On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen, seconded by Mayor Feller, the Board approved Tree Permit #2021-0005 for Blaney, Erin, 20 Crane Neck, for the removal of three trees, and one large Copper Beech, 4-0. Trustee Gulbransen will contact Mrs. Blaney to discuss the possibility of moving the Beech tree.
- The Board discussed a request by Julie McGuire, 5 Old Field Place, for the removal of a dead tree, and others caught in the overhead wires. Recommended for removal by the Environmental Committee, due to the hazard.

Minutes

- On a motion by Mayor Feller, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved the minutes of May 11, 2021 as presented, 4-0.

Facility Use

- The Board discussed the request of Kirsten Matera for the Sept. 18, 2021 40th anniversary vow renewals for her parents at the Park, setting up chairs for twenty guests, but did not approve of a tent in the park for a luncheon.

Treasurer

- On a motion by Mayor Feller, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved the warrants and Treasurer's Report as presented for May 2021.
- Reviewed second tax program from iGov Services, for comparison to Impact Tax program. Recommend the iGov program, discussing a reduction in the monthly fee due to only using the Tax program.
- Potential to change Village bank, now HSBC, to Chase Bank.

Code Report

- May 2021
6 Field Reports: 1 code violation, 2 fire investigations, 1 motorist assist, 1 Village information report, 1 tree in roadway report.
The Mayor spoke with Chief Croce and Building Inspector Joe Arico to coordinate with Code Officer Doug Murphy on any building violations.
Building Inspector Joe Arico gave his report to the Board on various issues.

New Business

- Trustee Gulbransen discussed the proposal for an Inter-Municipal Agreement as offered by the Town of Brookhaven for Emergency Services (Fire Marshall), on an as-needed basis, costs charged back to Village, as no advantage for the Village.
- Trustee VanDerBogart will organize volunteers for the 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. Requires an inventory, adhering to NYS disposal schedule LGS-1, and prioritizing of records for digitalizing. The Court system is required to use a different Disposal Schedule.
- The Board discussed the storage shed repairs; and a POD for the temporary storage of contents for inventory
- On a motion by Trustee Pirro, seconded by Trustee VanDerBogart, the Board approved Mayor Feller's signature for the proposal from Dejana Industries at the 2021 rate increases, for the cleaning of catch basins and road sweeping for public roads only, 4-0.
Sweeping increased from @ \$125 pr hr., to sweeping @ \$145 per hr., with an 8 hr. minimum
Debris removal from @ \$63 per cubic yard, to @ \$65 per cubic yard
Catch basin from \$1365 per day to \$1495 per day
Debris from @ \$63 per cubic yard to @ \$65 per cubic yard. ,: Last price increase was in 2018.
 - Guard rail replacement/repair options; the Mayor will contact the Town of Brookhaven for an estimate. Jeff Owen supported the replacement of the guard rail, citing costs can be paid through the NYS CHIPS program. The Board discussed the costs and the prioritizing of those funds for other road repairs, and at the possibility the Town of Brookhaven may be responsible for the repair or replacement.
- Trustee Gulbransen discussed his meeting with the Crane Neck HOA and their requests for additional Village services to private roads, concluding there cannot be a reduction on Village property taxes for residents who live on private roads, and the Village cannot pay for any services, which is State mandated, but would keep the road open for emergency vehicles if necessary. The HOA is responsible for their private road. Also discussed was the Village Attorney cannot research questions for the HOA, as the attorney is for Village issues and not private concerns. Further, Code Enforcement cannot issue tickets on State owned lands without the State's specific request.

- Trustee Gulbransen discussed the report submitted to FEMA and the DEC regarding the job changes to the repair of the revetment and the possible costs.

Old Business

- Illuminated speed limit signs; Mayor Feller discussed the mobile solar powered illuminated signs, and will work with Chief Croce on the best locations
- Cell phone coverage within the Village; cell tower on the SBU Sunwood property has been postponed
- Mayor Feller discussed the Lighthouse Foundation's role and responsibilities as the fund raiser for the renovation and rehabilitation of the Lighthouse, after their request for the Village to pay certain costs. Anthony Guardino, Village Attorney, did respond, clearly establishing the respective responsibilities. The concerns are the Foundation's request to George Abel, a Lighthouse restoration specialist, for cost estimates and drawings, to aid with fundraising goals. The money reserved for this purpose by the Village is nearly exhausted, and those additional costs for these services should be the sole responsibility of the Foundation.

Commissioners Reports:

Mayor Feller-Code

Trustee Shybunko-Fire, Special Projects

Trustee Van Der Bogart -Parks, Building, Street Trees

Trustee Gulbransen-Environmental Council-

Trustee Pirro-Street & Road Repairs

Executive Session

In: Out:

Adjournment

On a motion by Mayor Feller, seconded by Trustee Gulbransen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Calendar

Next work session is July 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM **at the Keeper's Cottage, 207 Old Field Road**, adjacent to the Lighthouse.

BOT Monthly Meeting July 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM, at the **Neighborhood House, 95 Main Street, E. Setauket**