

**VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022 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**

**Trustee Adrienne Owen**

Village Attorney Anthony Guardino

Village Clerk Adrienne Kessel

Village Treasurer Andrea Podolsky

Building Insp. Joe Arico

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

• **Public Hearing on the Village Budget 2022-2023**

2022-2023 budget of estimated expenses and revenues for the Village's fiscal year commencing March 1, 2022 and ending February 28, 2023.

On a motion by Mayor Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved the budget as presented without piercing the 2% tax cap, 5-0.

• **Public Hearing on LL 01-2022**

**LOCAL LAW 01-2022 OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Old Field, as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Old Field to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing March 1, 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

**Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Old Field is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing March 1, 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 4. Severability**

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**The minutes of both Public Hearings will be submitted by the Court Reporter, and will be available in the Clerk's office.**

On a motion by Trustee Pirro, seconded by Trustee VanDerBogart, the Board approved LL 02-2022, 5-0.

**Public Comment**

- Several residents discussed the issues of light pollution. Village Attorney Anthony Guardino will suggest updates to the Village Code to address outdoor lighting issues in regards to quality of life and environmental issues, which the Board will review.

### **Correspondence**

- Email 01 03 22 from Jane Fasullo, 68 Old Field Road, re: bioswale on Old Field Road

2011 Project: To install catch basins and infiltration units along the east side of Old Field Road and to create, on Town owned property, bioswales and natural retention areas within the tidal wetland areas. Location: E/S of Old Field Road, S/O Mt. Grey Road”.

Jane Fasullo discussed her concerns regarding the bio-swale on Old Field Road to her property at 68 Old Field Road. Trustee Gulbransen addressed those concerns and offered to meet with her during the next rainfall to observe the water flow near her property.

### **Environmental**

- On a motion by Trustee Gulbransen, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved the Old Field Club, 85 West Meadow Road, Environmental Permit # 2021-0011, for the removal of 6000 sq. ft. (+/-) of shrubs, trees, for new sanitary system, recommended by the Environmental Committee for approval after review, 5-0.

**The following properties have outstanding violations and are now in the Village Court system:**

- 20 Evans Lane, landscape plan submitted for revegetation; vegetation and trees removed without a permit, the Environmental Committee will offer comments on the plan.
- 1 Woodhull Cove Lane, environmental review of tree removal without a permit
- 5 Evans Lane LLC, for 5 Evans Lane

### **Building**

- On a motion by Mayor Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved the Old Field Club, 85 West Meadow Road, Permit # 2021-0036, for a retaining wall with new sanitary system; site plan required, Environmental Committee recommended approval, fill required by the DEC, 5-0.

### **December Code Report**

- 641 house watches, 3 field reports, 1 DOA deer incident, 1 residential alarm investigation, 1 aided person, 4 summonses issued, two parking, two Code violations.

### **Minutes**

- On a motion by Mayor Shybunko, seconded by Trustee VanDerBogart, the Board approved the minutes of Dec. 12, 2021, as amended, 5-0.

### **Treasurer**

- On a motion by Trustee Pirro, seconded by Trustee VanDerBogart, the Board approved the Treasurer’s Report and warrants as presented for Dec. 2022, 5-0.

### **New Business**

- On a motion by Mayor Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board approved Trustee VanDerBogart to review and sign the proposal for Architectural Services, Walter Sedovic Architects, d/b/a ModernRuins, to update the Lighthouse condition survey at a cost of \$5000, 5-0.

### **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.

- Cell phone coverage within the Village
- Review of DASNY Grant-State & Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) # 12976 for Lighthouse rehab

Trustee Owen has reached out to NYS Senator Mario Mattera for information on the approval for the Lighthouse DASY grant.

**Additional Public Comment**

Residents discussed the illegal clearing of land at 20 Evans Lane. Village Attorney Anthony Guardino clarified the Village's role, the Courts jurisdiction, and the HOA in regards to the easement.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Mayor Stephen Shybunko -Fire and Special Projects

Trustee Thomas Pirro-Street & Road Repairs

Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart-Parks, Buildings and Street Signs **Lighthouse Project reports as available**

Trustee Tom Gulbransen-Environmental Council **Revetment Project reports as available**

Trustee Adrienne Owen

On a motion by Mayor Shybunko, seconded by Trustee Pirro, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Kessel

Village Clerk

Public Hearing minutes will be submitted by the Court Reporter, and will be available in the Clerk's office.