

**Village of Old Field
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Thomas Pirro-Code Enforcement, Lighthouse Project

Trustee Tom Gulbransen- Fire and Special Projects., Environmental

Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart -Parks, Building and Street Trees, Lighthouse Project, (unable to attend)

Trustee Morgan Morrison-Street and Roadside

Trustee William Schaefer-Special Projects, Website

Attorney Anthony Guardino

Village Clerk Adrienne Kessel

Village Treasurer Andrea Podolsky

Building Inspector Joseph Arico

Building Clerk Dawn McCoy

Pledge to the Flag

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

Building

Building Inspector Joe Arico discussed his report for the month of April, and several ongoing projects.

The Board discussed site plan requirements, which are recommended for approval by the Village Engineer. For substantial projects requiring tree removals, their arborist can review and recommend referrals to the Environmental Committee. The additional cost of the arborist, if required, will be reflected in the Village Engineer fees paid by the applicant.

- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Gulbransen, the Board approved Nichitiv, Mihail, 113 Mt. Grey Road, permit #2023-0018, for a 20' x 55' inground pool, 10' x 10' spa, patio and propane fire pit, site plan recommended for approval by Village engineer in April, 4-0.

Environmental Committee

Trustee Gulbransen discussed the following issues, with the conclusion to accept the EC recommendation.

- EC Recommendation: Lynch, Sally, 103 Mt. Grey Road, request for the removal of two trees located on the south side of the residence where wires go to the street from the house, within the criteria for no permit required
- EC Recommendation: Chen, Ziping, 20 Flax Pond Woods Road, request for the removal of two more declining trees, one within the criteria of no permit required. The black walnut appears to be alive based on visible bud development, EC recommends the removal is postponed several weeks until confirmation the tree is declining.

Minutes

- On a motion by Trustee Schaefer, seconded by Trustee Gulbransen, the Board approved the minutes of April 4, 2023, as amended, 4-0.

Treasurer

- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Morrison, the Board approved the warrants and Treasurer's Report as presented for April 2023, 4-0.

Code Report

- April 2023, 4 Field Reports; 1 motor vehicle accident resulting in DWI arrest, 1 Code violation investigation, 1 Village information report, 1 residential alarm report, 701 property check reports.

Mayor Pirro has asked Code to report the amount of stops at the Whitehall Beach access point. There were 54 checks made in April, and he has asked for additional checks for the future.

Action Items

- On a motion by Trustee Morrison, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, the Board approved the proposal from Opal Construction for pot hole repairs for Village roads, \$17,150, reimbursable to the Village through the NYS CHIPS program (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program), 4-0.
- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, the Board approved the amended amount for new code vehicle, 2 year lease, 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD White, with options, price amended to \$38,614.35 from \$36,416.35, (\$2198 difference), 4-0.
- On a motion by Trustee Schaefer, seconded by Trustee Gulbransen, the Board approved Adrienne Kessel as Village Clerk, Tax Collector, Clerk to the ZBA and Planning Board, Personnel, and Election Officer, for a one year appointment beginning April 4, 2023, from 35.81 to 36.88 per hr. Additional duties to include the administrative scheduling of the prosecution witnesses for Justice Court, 4-0.
- On a motion by Mayor Pirro, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, the Board approved Andrea Podolsky as Village Treasurer, CFO (Chief Financial Officer) for a one year appointment beginning April 4, 2023, from 35.81 to 36.88 per hr.
- Mayor Pirro named Marianne Feller as Village Court Clerk for a one year appointment, beginning April 4, 2023, from 27.71 to 28.54. This appointment was made upon the advice and consent of Village Justice Mitchell Birzon and did not require a resolution of approval from the Board of Trustees.
- On a motion by Trustee Morrison, seconded by Trustee Schaefer, the Board approved one Cellular Trail Cam, Tactacam Reveal camera for Whitehall beach access, in lieu of gates, @ \$300 in equipment per camera, unlimited photos \$120, or video on demand \$230, does not include data plan from either Verizon or ATT; additional cameras @ \$96 to the unlimited plan, plus camera equipment costs as stated, 3-1. Trustee Gulbransen voted no.

- **Report to Mayor Pirro from Hayduk Engineering regarding flooding on Old Field Place, March 21, 2023**

Dear Mayor Pirro,

This letter was prepared in response to your inquiry regarding the drainage issue at the east end of Old Field Place in Old Field, New York. There have been reports of significant stormwater ponding/flooding at the end of the road, which appears to remain for several days after a rainfall event. Residents have made statements with respect to the flooding problem, referencing the approval of a Board of Zoning (BZA) Appeals variance application for 7 Old Field Place that was made in 2016. There was reportedly a site plan associated with the BZA application that had once proposed a trench drain to be installed along the driveway at 7 Old Field Place that was later removed by the applicant and approved by the BZA. An inquiry as to whether the installation of this trench drain would alleviate the existing flooding problem at Old Field Place was posed and is the primary subject of this investigation.

Hayduk Engineering visited the site on March 17, 2023, to make initial visual observations. The following were our observations:

1. The most recent rainfall event prior to our site visit had been reported on March 14th and we noted significant ponding was still present at the time of our visit.
2. There is only one (1) storm drainage structure within the problem area which is located on the south side of Old Field Place, along the east side of the driveway of 6 Old Field Place. It was observed that the structure was full of sediment and debris and it was unclear if there were other structures connected to it.
3. The roadway is pitched south and east for approximately 450 linear feet towards the end of the road/access point to the beach.
4. The roadway is in poor condition and in need of rehabilitation.
5. Drainage improvements are needed to address the ponding/flooding issue.

Using LIDAR topographical data from the New York State Clearinghouse website and surface data from USGS Long Island, 2014, we prepared a watershed delineation outlining the contributing area to the stormwater

ponding issue on Old Field Place, see Figure 1 – Drainage Area Map (attached). Figure 1 indicates the total area of the watershed and the estimated contribution from each property. It was assumed that roof drainage is connected to underground stormwater systems, so the house footprints are not included in the calculated areas.

The following table lists the lots that are contributing runoff:

Property	Contributing Area (SF)	Percentage of Area
1 Old Field Place	6,946	7%
3 Old Field Place	21,675	23%
5 Old Field Place	28,371	30%
6 Old Field Place	7,678	8%
7 Old Field Place	13,970	15%
Old Field Place (Right-of-Way)	16,726	18%
Total Area	95,366	

Based on our visual observations and the watershed delineation, it is apparent that 7 Old Field Place contributes only a minority percentage of the stormwater runoff discharged onto Old Field Place. The installation of a trench drain along the driveway of 7 Old Field Place would likely have a minimal impact on the overall ponding issue along the roadway. As is shown in the above table, 3 Old Field Place 5 Old Field Place, along with approximately 450 linear feet of the roadway itself, appear to be the primary contributors to the ponding issue at the end of the road.

Regardless of the specific contributors to the ponding issue along the roadway, it is apparent that road and storm drainage improvements are required to mitigate the issue. The roadway is in need of resurfacing or reconstruction and additional storm drainage structures should be designed and installed. The existing storm drainage structure at the driveway for 6 Old Field Place also needs to be cleaned of all accumulated sediment and debris and inspected. Hayduk Engineering, LLC
Map attachment.

Public Comments

The residents of Old Field Place Elyse Blechman, Judy D’Amico, Paul and Donna Deedy, discussed the flooding on Old Field Place roadway and the pending repairs.

Elyse Blechman questioned the Villages commissioning of the report from the Village engineer, since the minutes of June 9, 2020 stated the Village would not expend money on private roadways.

Mayor Pirro went over the investigations into the roadway problems by himself, former Trustee and Mayor Bruce Feller, and on the advice of the Village Attorney, asked for the report. The difference was the HOA has already decided to repair the roadway and install drainage, and needs to submit a permit request, including a letter of non-jurisdiction from the DEC, and meet all the permit requirements.

Village Attorney Philip Butler said the HOA is also required to submit a plan to the Village which will require a site plan.

Several HOA members discussed the cost and necessity of a survey.

Building Inspector Joe Arico discussed survey requirements, and said maps, not a survey, will determine the proximity of the CEHA area (Coastal Environmental Hazard Area).

Trustee Gulbransen briefly discussed the MS4 Stormwater Management program, and educational materials that are available through this program. The CEHA area is not contiguous throughout the bluff area.

Donna Deedy brought up several issues with a neighboring property regarding boulder placement, which she said is compacting the roadway, and asked if the Village would enforce the Code.

Trustee Schaefer said those issues are matters for the HOA to resolve, not the Village, and to separate HOA issues from Village requirements for the roadway. The entire HOA owns the roadway.

Richard Sobel, Chair of the ZBA, commended the Board for the report to help accomplish the goals.

Commissioners Reports:

Mayor Thomas Pirro-Safety

Trustee Tom Gulbransen-Fire, Environmental

Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart -Parks, Building, Street Trees

Trustee William Schaefer-Special Projects

Trustee Morgan Morrison-Street & Road Repairs-

Executive Session In: Out: Adjourned

Calendar: *Both work session (6:00 PM) and Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting (7:00 PM) will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at the Keeper's Cottage, adjacent to the Lighthouse.*