

VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Mayor Tom Gulbransen- Fire and Safety, Code Enforcement, Environmental
Deputy Mayor William Schaefer- Operations, Special Projects, Website
Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart - Building, Lighthouse Project
Trustee Morgan Morrison - Roadside, Trees, Streets and Parks
Trustee Hannah Smith – At large
Village Attorney - Anthony Guardino
Village Clerk - Patty Rodier
Village Treasurer - Andrea Podolsky
Building Inspector - Joseph Arico
Building Clerk - Dawn McCoy - Absent

Pledge to the Flag

Public Comment

- Resident Bryna Starobin is concerned about 2 East Gate as there are multiple trees with markings. Resident Julia Johnson asked “what’s to stop them from cutting down the marked trees?” Mayor Gulbransen advised that he has spoken with the new owner and will have code enforcement monitor the property.
- Trustee Van Der Bogart read into record the letter submitted by resident Ilia Rochlin in regard to his concerns on uplighting and street parking.
- Julia Johnson of 92 Old Field Road questioned the doubled fine fee for the driveway apron that was installed without a permit on her property with the driveway repaving work recently performed. She advised that she looked at the code which does not specifically identify “apron”. The Village noted that the code cannot detail out every potential specification regarding driveways and advised that they will look at clarifying language for the code but that when in doubt, the residents should call the Village. The fine will stand as stated and the resident will submit a permit application.

Building

- Hayduk is monitoring the fill being brought in at the Licalzi residence and is scheduled to visit the site on Wednesday December 18th. Licalzi is currently within the limits of fill.
- 15 Flax Pond Woods Rd – new owner putting in a driveway with a cobblestone apron. Application sent in. Joe advised he has given him a fine for performing the work without a permit.
- 102 Mount Grey Rd – Building has certified the generator.
- 94 Old Field Rd – Site plan approval recommended but noted that the plan needs to reflect the Villages lighting guidelines. Joe from Building stated that he will educate the resident on lighting.

Clerk

- Motion to approve the minutes from November BOT meeting 2024 was made by Trustee Schaefer and seconded by Trustee Van Der Bogart. Passed 5-0

Treasurer

- Motion to approve the warrants and Treasurer's report for November of 2024 was made by Trustee Morrison and seconded by Trustee Schaefer. Passed 4-0 with 1 abstain

Deer Fence

- 12 Woodcock lane is looking to extend their existing deer fence. A new application needs to be submitted. DFC member Hailey to notify the resident via responding to the email chain in regard to the request.

Code

- Code Report:
 - 517 Property Checks
 - 7 Field Reports (24-14 thru 24-147)
 - 5 Code Violation investigation reports
 - 1 DOA deer on roadway investigation report
 - 1 Village information report
- There was one parking violation written in November. It was determined that Code Enforcement will use their judgement of the written code when enforcing parking within the Village.
- Code Enforcement to follow-up on the resident parking complaint from November 13th to determine gap in process that resulted in the missed parking violation.
- Questions on the list of permits code receives to use when the encounter work being performed.

New Business

- 2025/26 budget:
 - Motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and seconded by Trustee Morrison to exceed the 2% tax cap if needed– introduce Public Hearing #1.LL2025-01, to be held on January 14, 2025
 - Motion was made by Trustee Morrison and seconded by Trustee Van Der Bogart to introduce Public Hearing #2 for the budget.

Old Business

- Status of contracts with Ruotolo and Modern Ruins
 - Village Attorney stated that he made the requested changes to the Ruotolo contract and it is ready to go
 - Village Attorney sent changes to Modern Ruins and is waiting to hear back.

Trustee Reports

- Mayor Tom Gulbransen – Fire & Safety, Code Enforcement, Environmental
- Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart -Building, Lighthouse Project -
- Trustee Morgan Morrison-Roadside, Trees, Streets & Parks
- Trustee William Schaefer-Operations, Special Projects, Website
- Trustee Hannah Smith – at Large

Public Comment

- Resident Bruce Feller expressed concern that if the village is too restrictive on parking, there may be an adverse effect in which residents will be unable to hire contractors willing to work in the Village.
- Resident Karen Wexler inquired why the Village was not fundraising on their own. Village Attorney advised that the Village board cannot solicit funds.

Executive Session

In: 9:15

Out:

Adjourned

Calendar

- Next Work Session Thursday, January 9, 2025
- Monthly Meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2025