

VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 14, 2025 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
Code Enforcement- Frank Croce - Absent

Pledge: 7:03

Public Hearing

- Motion to open Public Hearing #1, LL2025-01, in the event the budget exceeds the 2 % tax cap, was made at 7:06 pm by Trustee Schaefer and 2nd by Trustee Morrison. Motion passed 5-0.
- Motion to close Public Hearing #1, LL2025-01, in the event the budget exceeds the 2 % tax cap, was made, at 7:12 pm, with the council from the Village Attorney that if needed, the Village can reopen the hearing, by Trustee Morrison and 2nd by Trustee Schaefer. Motion passed 5-0
- Motion to open Public Hearing for the 2025/26 Budget was made at 7:22 pm by Trustee Schaefer and 2nd by Trustee Morrison. Motion passed 5-0
- Motion to approve the 2025-26 budget was made by Trustee Schaefer and 2nd by Trustee Morrison. Motion Passed 5-0
- Public Hearing for the 2025-26 budget closed at 7:23
- *Note: Minutes of the budget hearings recorded by Accurate Reporting, to be attached.*

Building

- Williamson Law to be used to document activities in the Village, mark milestones and serve as the record on file for building code enforcement. Client records and detail on projects to be kept up to date as information is obtained by Village employees at the time of receipt.
- 94 Old Field Road – discussion on the boundaries for CEHA jurisdiction. Trustee Morrison reviewed the CEHA map and believes this residence does not fall within CEHA. On hold till February.

Clerk

- Motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and 2nd by Trustee Vander Bogart to approve the minutes from December's 2024 BOT. Passed 5-0
- Motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and 2nd by Trustee Morrison to approve the minutes from December's Special Meeting. Passed 5-0

Treasurer

- Motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and 2nd by Trustee Vander Bogart to approve the Warrants for December. Motion passed 5-0
- Motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and 2nd by Trustee Vander Bogart to approve the Treasurer's report for December of 2024. Motion passed 4-0, with 1 abstention.

Environmental Committee

Deer Fence

- 12 Woodcock lane is looking to extend their existing deer fence. Application and documentation dropped off Jan 13. Karen and Haley of the DFC visited the site and recommend approval from the perspective of the material to be used and the general plans. The Village Attorney, Anthony, believes the proposed work will need a permit and recommended the Village check with the DEC for approval requirements. Trustee Morrison checked the CEHA boundaries and believes this address is outside of the boundaries. Joe from Building will contact the DEC to check and the resident will need to get a letter of non-jurisdiction. The application is still in a pending state

Code

- Code Report;
 - 604 Property Checks
 - 10 Field reports (24-148 thru 24-157)
 - 5 Code Violations investigation reports
 - 2 aided person reports
 - 1 suspicious vehicle investigation
 - 1 motor vehicle accident report
 - 1 Road hazard investigation report
- Summons
- Zoning and building violations
- Trustee Schaefer inquired if the Village can mandate that a code representative be present at meetings and be prepared to discuss recent field reports.

New Business

- A motion was made by Trustee Vander Bogart and 2nd by Trustee Morrison to implement the use of a time clock for Village employees. Motion passed 3-2.

Old Business

- Negotiations with Modern Ruins to execute the underlying contract are in progress. No monies will be sent to Modern Ruins until the Village and MR Attorney's come to an agreement acceptable to both parties.
- Waiting on PESH report in regard to the project to deal with lead paint and work conditions in the lighthouse. Trustee Schaefer would like clarity as to the responsibility for the Village to the employees.

- Mayor Gulbransen cited that work continues in the exploration of how the Village can leverage Ruotolo’s expertise toward raising the funds needed for the lighthouse restoration.
 - A suggestion to invite the Old Field Lighthouse Foundation back to discussions to have them be the philanthropic entity.
- A suggestion was made to use Hayduk for coastal erosion issues, however, it was decided to stay with Brian McCaffery.

Public Comment

- Resident Bruce Feller inquired about the surplus the Village will have with the end of the Debt Services, the Capital reserve fund, and noted it could be used toward the lighthouse renovations.

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

Executive Session

In: 9:02

Out:

Adjourned

Calendar

- Next Work Session Thursday February 6, 2025
- Monthly Meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025