

VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Mayor Tom Gulbransen- Fire and Safety, Environmental
Deputy Mayor William Schaefer- Operations, Website, Code Enforcement
Trustee Rebecca VanDerBogart - Building, Lighthouse Project
Trustee Morgan Morrison - Roadside, Trees, Streets and Parks, Meadow Project
Trustee Hannah Smith – Special Projects, MS4, Meadow Project - **Absent**
Village Attorney – Rachel Scelfo
Village Clerk - Patty Rodier
Village Treasurer - Andrea Podolsky
Building Inspector - Joseph Arico
Building Clerk - Dawn McCoy - **Absent**
Code Enforcement – Paul Wasielewski

Public Comment:

- Dave Douglas has suggested to design a “Disk Golf” course at Kaltenborn Commons. Dave will work with the architect setting up a Disk Golf course at Southaven Park and provide a design for Old Field for review by the Board. The estimated cost to setup the course is \$3,000. 00 to include signage.
- Christine Smith expressed concern with Crane Neck residents not following Village Code and noted:
 - A neighbor was cutting underbrush without permission.
 - People are storing boats on their property.
 - Plastic fences are being erected.
- Rich Hamburg suggested the Code officers use ChatGPT to learn/verify village codes while on patrol.

Building:

- Building Reports from Building Clerk reviewed and accepted.

Clerk:

- Motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and 2nd by Trustee Van Der Bogart to approve the minutes of the May BOT minutes. Motion passed 4-0

Treasurer:

- Motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and 2nd by Trustee Van Der Bogart to approve the May Treasurer’s report. Motion passed 4-0
- Motion was made by Trustee Schaefer and 2nd by Trustee Van Der Bogart to approve the May warrants. Motion passed 4-0

Code Enforcement:

- Trustee Schaefer and Mayor highlighted the changes to the code team and code processes.
- House Checks – 356
- Miles – 2,265 (59 Shifts). Approx 38 miles a shift
- Incident Reports – 39
- Parking Violations – 8
- Work Before 8 am – 1

Environmental Committee

- 10 East Gate – application for tree removals. An updated plan was submitted June 10, 2025.
- New member of the ECC team is Nabeel Khan

Deer Fence:

- Motion was made by Trustee Van Der Bogart and 2nd by Trustee Morrison to approve the deer fence application for 130 Old Field Road. Motion passed 4-0

New Business:

- Any contact with the Village Attorney's office will be directed through the Mayor.
- Legal agenda items will be discussed in the beginning of the monthly BOT meetings so that the Attorney can handle business early in the session.
- Village of Old Field's payroll records report was sent to Newsday as foiled.
- Replacement plantings at lighthouse is being developed by Trustee Morrison.
- Hayduk Proposal for update of VOF Drainage Structures to satisfy new MS4 requirements. Alternate 2 – Sluiceway/Re-Grading Plan was chosen as the option to move ahead with.
- Power Pro Contract was renewed

Old Business:

- The Deer Fence Committee has submitted a new deer fence application form to the Village Attorney and is waiting on feedback.
- Lighthouse restoration architectural services procurement - Modern Ruins Contract update
 - Discussion on getting quotes for the non-water penetration work from architect firms
- The Village will move ahead with Stafford Services while monitoring the progress. Stafford has been advised as to any concerns.
- Verizon franchise agreement – Village Attorney has been in touch with Verizon who sent a draft agreement but it had the wrong Village referenced, Rachel to follow up with Verizon.

Correspondence:

- Communication from resident Jane Fasullo (May 31) regarding the removal of invasive species was reviewed.
- Communication from LIPA to Governor Hochul regarding an update on their work and commitment to the community was shared with the residents.
- Motion was made by Mayor Gulbransen and 2nd by Trustee Schaefer to strike an unidentified correspondence from the meeting agenda. Motion passed 4-0

Public Hearing(s) re: Code Changes:

- Motion was made by Trustee Schaefer to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed 4-0
- Code changes for Public Hearing
 - Local Law # 06-2025 New chapter for Code Enforcement entitled “Village of Old Field Office of Code Enforcement”. Motion made by Trustee Schaefer and 2nd by Trustee Morrison to adopt law. Passed 4-0.
 - Local Law # 07a-2025 Chapter 108 Trees and clearing substantial alteration/clearing of diverse natural habitat. Motion was made by Mayor Gulbransen and 2nd by Trustee Schaefer to continue the public hearing in July. Motion passed 4-0
 - Local Law # 07b-2025 Chapter 121 of the Village Code (Zoning) to address substantial alteration/substantial clearing of diverse natural habitat and preservation of natural habitat area. Motion was made by Mayor Gulbransen and 2nd by Trustee Schaefer to continue the public hearing in July. Motion passed 4-0

Legal Items:

- The planning board can impose a bond for a subdivision if needed.

Trustee Reports:

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Executive Session: Executive Session to discuss personnel items.

In:

Out:

Adjourned:

Calendar

- Next Work Session Thursday July 2, 2025
- Monthly Meeting Tuesday, July 8, 2025