

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
May 9, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held in the Village Hall, 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY 11787, at seven thirty p.m. on May 9, 2017. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Botto, Albrecht, Carro and Newman, Attorney Christopher Ring, Treasurer Mequia, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:35 pm.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the April Board of Trustee's meeting. Trustee Carro seconded the motion. All was approved unanimously.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the budget session. Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All was approved unanimously.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the April Board of Trustee's meeting. Trustee Carro seconded the motion. All was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia distributed her reports and reported that:

- NYSDOT wanted to proof that Sonnenberg check was cashed for the CHIPS money.
- Ready to print tax bills and waiting for Mayor to write his letter to mail with bills.

Trustee Botto a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2124 totaling \$37,652.63. Trustee Carro seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Harris was not here to report:

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Still waiting FES contract.
- Sent letter out about ROW.
- Sent foil request and paid fee waiting to hear back from SCWA about Dogwood sinkhole
- Justice Court was very light. 1 adjournment, 1 handicap that reduced fine since first offense.
- Spoke with Planning Board Chairman about Acadia site plan
- Sweep bid, noticed that Quintal added wording to contract about \$20/yard dumping fee which wasn't part of the original contract. Feels we should review the contract since they changed the terms of the agreement before signing and mailing back. Will get in touch with Quintal and George and make any necessary changes.

SHS Special Use Permit Applications:

7/1/17 Graduation Party 3-9pm approved Affair \$75 fee

7/3/17 1st Birthday Party 3-9 pm approved Affair \$75 fee

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Meeting with the credit card vendor on May 11th with Clerk, Treasurer and Court Clerk.
- Asked the Clerk to provide him with Civil Service 150 form to update the Process Document.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Need roof spec measurements
- Called George Grabe (phone installer) regarding the phone systems. Change voicemails and asked him if he could show up to one of our work sessions to explain how phones work and their capabilities.

Trustee Newman's Report

Trustee Newman reported that:

- Rice Lane – truck gone, but trailer is not
- Uncle G's
- Weeds are growing out of control on Dogwood/270 N Country Road, asked Jerry Harris to look into it.
- 2 Oaktree – grass high, needs to be cut. Will call Real Estate Company to let them know.
- Singer Lane – yellow house has weeds too high, need to be cut. Let the Building Inspector know.
- Clerk to remind him of Dr. Kridly property on Teri Road.

Trustee Albrecht's Report

Trustee Albrecht reported that:

- 2 Drains on Dogwood are State property; Alex is going to open an air rate Dogwood drain
- Sweep contract – using prevailing wage that's why so high
- 1 Oaktree Drive – pothole needs to be cut back and re-patch it. Going to get estimate first before any work is done. Also going to get estimate for across street 2 Oaktree since same problem there.
- Pothole list – Hemlock, Plaza, Dogwood, and Clearbrook.
- Singer Lane, 25A/ Carriage House has resident complain about pot holes there and will tell Alex to fix.
- Snow contract up in August, need to put spec together and add mailbox language.
- Lighting is still a problem at Plaza; probably an underground issue cause by construction by White Top Mountain (Montalbano.)
- Won't be at next work session or BOT meeting.

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Mr. Monahan sent BOT letter regarding the trailer parked on his driveway. He has a corner property, so that means two front yards so it must be behind the front line of the house.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the meeting. Mayor Delaney seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk