

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
July 12, 2016

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 July 12, 2016. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Botto, Buonaiuto, and Newman, Treasurer Mequia, Attorney Chris Ring, Building Inspector Gerard Harris and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:37pm.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the July work session minutes. Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All was approved unanimously.

Trustee Buonaiuto made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the June Board of Trustees minutes, with changes that Trustee Buonaiuto made a correction to, noted by the Clerk. Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia was not present but distributed her reports:

- 32 Tax delinquencies.
- \$643,993.98 collected to date, \$293.13 in penalties
- FES expects contracts in the mail tomorrow

Trustee Buonaiuto a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2114 totaling \$. Trustee Botto seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Harris reported that:

- 6 building permits issued, 2 sign permits
- 8 Notice of Violations: 3 Candlelight-Bamboo and deck rail; 2 Ash Court – Bamboo; 5 Birchbrook – property maintenance; 267 E. Main St.- Banners/flags; 6 Birchbrook – Property Maintenance; 95 Rte 111(Uncle G's)- Sidewalk sale permit expired; Bueno Serra – Tables/chairs on sidewalk; Subway - Banners
- 1 Miscellaneous – Decanio letter of credit

Attorney Ring mentioned that the letter of credit was amended to include Mystic Falls name on it. They changed the default to 300 Main Street, so Chris Ring gave the banker the exact wording we are looking for, so it should be changed shortly.

At this time, the meeting was opened to the Public:

John Carro, Dogwood resident, mentioned that he was surprised Bueno Serra had tables outside because Jeremy from Acadia said no to that stuff.

Marianne Howard, Director of Smithtown Historical Society (SHS), met with 2 different security companies and is also currently working on document to supply to the Board regarding the difference between fundraisers and programs.

Libby Smith, Judges Lane resident, following up on the Smithtown Historical Society and what the status is. Mayor Delaney informed her that he has met and talked with both groups and now we are addressing the code (what constitutes a fundraiser, activity or program). We have drafted a new application for special use permits. No violations have been issued to SHS because they don't want to waste tax-payers money. Also want SHS to have a third party unbiased security. The Village would "prefer" SPS to do security since they know our code better than a private company.

Libby added that the only things that should be going on in Brush Barn are historic and cultural programs, which she found in the paperwork in the files at Village Hall. Trustee Newman added that he remembers seeing line dancing and music in Newsday clips back to 1986, when he did his research on the Brush barn. Libby also mentioned that Irene Kissane was on the Board at that time, so it might be helpful to speak to her.

At this time, the meeting closed to the public.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Traffic contracts signed/sent out
- FES Energy contracts have been signed and will take care of the rest.
- June 21st 2016 letter went out to Pearlman's property (6 Birchbrook); then heard about his health and conservatorship. We will forward the information to Chris.

Trustee Donnelly's Report

Trustee Donnelly was not present to report.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto nothing to report:

Trustee Newman's Report

Trustee Newman reported that:

- Needs SHS information.

2 Special Use Permits for the Suffolk County Kennel Club and the SHS Heritage Fall fair were approved by the Board under the condition that they each use Smithtown Public Safety (SPS) to oversee the events. All in favor and approved under the above specified conditions.

Trustee Buonaiuto's Report

Trustee Buonaiuto reported that:

- Welsbach contract is due to go back out to bid for electrical contract for underground breaks and service. Attorney Ring suggested we wait to talk to Harvey from Welsbach and keep it going from month to month.
- 2 outstanding repairs – 4 Berkley and 83-85 Birchbrook. Left a message at Welsbach, waiting to hear back.
- Day burners on Branch #3 and 24.
- Trees on Hemlock getting in the way.

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Sandwich Boards – wants to know if everybody is on board with aggressive NOV/fines or do we change the code? Doesn't bother Delaney or Buonaiuto. Need definitive measurements, need to come in/out every night? Food for thought??
- Commercial Trucks Overnight Parking – reached out to Public Safety, we have a list of offenders. #32 has moved, #4 has 2 jet-ski's, #36 Dogwood.

Trustee Buonaiuto made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Botto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk