

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting  
October 13, 2015

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 October 13, 2015. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Spica, Donnelly, Buonaiuto and Newman, Attorney Christopher Ring, Building Inspector Harris, 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 7:45pm.

Trustee Donnelly made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the September Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Newman seconded the motion. All approved unanimously, Trustee Buonaiuto abstained.

Trustee Spica made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the October work session meeting. Trustee Buonaiuto seconded the motion. All approved unanimously.

Trustee Buonaiuto made a **motion** to put public notice in paper for November Board Meeting to increase fines. Trustee Spica seconded the motion. All approved unanimously, Trustee Newman abstained.

Mayor Delaney read **Resolution #4** which states the following:

Incorporated Village of The Branch Authorizes Village Justice to  
Submit a Grant Application for Financial Assistance to the State of New York Unified Court  
System under the 2015 Justice Court Assistance Program

RESOLVED: That Hon. Fred Schwartz, Justice of the Incorporated Village of The Branch, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the State of New York Unified Court System under its Justice Court 2015 Assistance Program, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to this Incorporated Village of The Branch for improvements to the court facility.

All Trustees approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasure Mequia distributed her reports and reported that:

- Received 2 tax in arrears from 22 Dogwood and 17 Weatherstone
- Received Mortgage Tax check that covers April through June 2015.
- Received 2 State Aid checks.
- Proposed reducing account A3001 by \$1,900 and increasing account A3089 by \$1,900

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2105 totaling \$7,525.11. Trustee Spica seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

### **Building Inspector's Report**

Building Inspector Harris distributed his report.

- 9 CO's were issued, 13 permits issued and 0 Sign permits.
- 4 Notice of Violations was issued. 6 Birchbrook Drive; lawn needs to be cut. 1 Judges Lane; parking a commercial vehicle/sign complaints were reports and looked into. 3 plaza Drive; waste material. 150 E Main Street; property maintenance.
- 6 Summons issued for sign permits; failure to renew – Return Court Date 9/28/15

Trustee Donnelly pointed out to Mr. Harris that Jacks Tobacco now has a vapor sign out and please check it out that it has permit for it.

1 Branch Drive has a commercial vehicle parked on driveway all the time, please look into it. Cloud needs to fill out the sign permit paperwork, otherwise Mr. Harris needs to issue a NOV, then a summons.

### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Justice Court had 2 Handicap tickets that the fines were reduced. There were 6 sign permit renewal citations, 5 were adjourned and Angel tips paid \$67.50 to Court and \$67.50 to the Village.
- Sunrise on the docket for 3 fire fines, to make sure they are resolved.
- Brothers agreement is all done
- Copy of Notice of Motion for Castiglione(270 N.Country Rd) was sent
- New Energy contract waiting to hear feedback on. Welsbach is continuing month to month, Mayor is still working on Sonnenberg.
- Wanted to know where we are putting "Welcome to the Village of The Branch" sign; asking Damianos.
- 2 Carriage House fined max amount of \$250.

### **At this point Mayor Delaney opened the meeting to the public:**

Resident John Carro wanted to know when are they cutting the weeds by Judges Lane? KP Industry owns the property. Mr. Carro explained that need to cut the weeds and they need to come in with a new site plan and a check. Mr. Carro would like Jerry to issue a NOV.

Resident Antonucci asked about the water issue at the Greenbelt?? Mayor Delaney mentioned he met with the Kennedy's, thinks project should be done around August or September of 2016. Also mentioned there was a 3 car accident at Uncle Guiseppe's on Route 111 and is curious what steps are being taken to make it safer? Mayor Delaney said he would reach out to COPE unit.

### **Trustee Donnelly's Report**

Trustee Donnelly reported that:

- If the paving of Mt. Pleasant cannot be completed in 2015, he would like the Village Engineer to put the job out to bid in 2016.
- Storm drain cleaning is being done due to recent heavy rains.

### **Trustee Spica's Report**

Trustee Spica reported that Mark Mancini is still spearheading the Revitalization of Smithtown Business District.

### **Trustee Newman's Report**

Trustee Newman reported that:

- He has looked into the reports of work starting before 8am and congested parking on the streets and has found whenever he has checked that hasn't been the case. He has also contacted COPE and they asked if there are "no parking signs" on the street and since there isn't any there is nothing they can do. He also has a copy of field report from Public Safety 15-1557-4

### **Trustee Buonaiuto's Report**

Trustee Buonaiuto reported that:

- Streetlights on 9 Oaktree and 25 Clearbrook was fixed on October 9, 2015.
- Streetlight outages reported on Dogwood, Whitebirch, Plaza and Park have NO POWER. Probably an underground break. Welsbach is going out Monday to make repairs.log updated.
- 46 Branchbrook – wants a Trustee present when the contractor does the work. Resident has a paver apron and it's in the ROW.
- 31-33 Cambridge streetlights have been repaired on October 12, 2015
- Street sign on Village way/ has been fixed correctly.
- Deaf person are sign is \$106. Wants \$250 to install and \$68 for the pole, so will see if it can be done for less.
- Need to send out tree letters to residents.

### **Mayor Delaney's Report**

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Need to get back onto process implementation.
- Block party form need to be re-vamped.
- Reminder website person is coming to November work session to explain her proposal.

Trustee Buonaiuto made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Donnelly seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cozine  
Village Clerk