

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
December 8, 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 December 8, 2015. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Spica, Buonaiuto and Newman, Attorney Christopher Ring, Treasurer Mequia, Building Inspector Harris, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia distributed her reports and reported that:

- Received \$37,000 in checks from Homeland Security for Superstorm Sandy that we weren't expecting.
- Received 1 delinquent tax payment. Currently \$5,300 outstanding.
- Auditors are finished. We were never billed for last year's audit so there are vouchers prepared in this month's bills for that.
- 1 tax refund request for less than \$1,000 was received.

Trustee Buonaiuto made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2107 totaling \$217,044.57. Trustee Spica seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Harris distributed his report.

- 7 CO's were issued, 7 permits issued and 0 Sign permit.
- 2 Notice of Violations were issued. Mr. Tabacco for sign and 14 Magnolia for boat/trailer on driveway
- 2 Summons issued; Acadia realty for violation of site plan and Fresh Market for violation of sidewalk sales.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Justice Court had 1 Handicap tickets that reduced fine. 1 Fresh Market was dismissed; all night parking tickets dismissed for first time offenders.
- Sunrise –dismissed the 3 tickets, it's a paperwork issue at this point.
- New Energy contract; going to move forward with it.
- Basketball hoop letter will be given to the Clerk to send out to applicable residents.

- Congrats to the Village for their award and for inviting Chris to SCOVA December conference.
- Acadia came to court with counsel. It was explained what would be tolerated. The counsel for Acadia wants to meet with the Clerk to review site plans. Attorney Ring suggested we get verbiage from the DEC regarding the 1 cubic yard of salt/sand. Also County regulation- Dept. of Pollution, sect 14.
- ***Equipment storage is a violation of Acadia's site plan. ***
- The Board wants to issue a violation of site plan again for having the equipment still there. They want to keep it moving and in the Courts and before the Building Inspector goes on vacation. Every day the equipment is there, it is a new violation. Trustee Newman doesn't see the value of issuing another summons.

Trustee Spica's Report

Trustee Spica had no report

Trustee Newman's Report

Trustee Newman reported that:

- 270 N Country Road issued summons by Public Safety about trailer and commercial vehicle. Gave her 2 weeks to move it. The tenants are the ones breaking the code.
- 6 Birchbrook – bags and leaves are out on the front lawn. Pick up is the week of December 14.
- 2 Oaktree Drive – Agapito house is for sale. Auctioned contents inside of house. There was real estate sign blocking view on Rte. 111, Team Scarito moved the sign. The property is not being maintained. Would like Jerry to check out and issue possible NOV. Trustee Newman has contact information if needed.
- Noticed more leaf bags in street instead of on lawn/property. Maybe we need to make clear in the newsletter.
- Village signs please look over spreadsheet he compiled.

Trustee Buonaiuto's Report

Trustee Buonaiuto reported that:

- Plaza and Executive light repairs are done
- Weatherstone Way lights are repaired.
- Ingram Court screws tightened down.
- Oaktree #7 & 1 have been repaired and the lights closest to Rte 111 will be fixed shortly. Much more complicated issues.
- Basketball Hoops – 32 Dogwood, 5 Ingram Ct. , 5 Dogwood Dr., 5 Spruce Ct., 7 & 11 Windmill Ct, 17 Weatherstone Way, between 5-7 Wheelwright Way

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Timeline for website project, anyone have issues? If not moving ahead with it.
- Process Implementation needs to be revisited.
- VOB received great recognition for all the water work done at stream(Northeast Branch)
- General Code needs to be updated; Trustee Newman wants to work on certain codes for next year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cozine
Village Clerk