

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
March 13, 2018

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 March 13, 2018. Trustees Botto, Carro, Albrecht and Newman, Attorney Christopher Ring, Treasurer Teri Mequia, Building Inspector Joe Arico and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Trustee Carro called the meeting to order and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:45 pm.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to accept the Board of Trustee's February minutes with some minor changes for Clerk Cozine to make. Trustee Botto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Trustee Albrecht abstained

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia distributed her reports and reported that:

- Waiting on the Auditors reports.
- Starting to work on budget numbers.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2134 totaling \$. Trustee Botto seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Arico reported that:

- Capital One Bank has no sprinklers.
- Acadia was issued a NOV , their drains were over flowing
- Daniel Gale Real Estate has changed their plans again
- Bagel store wants to pursue a variance for the lights around their windows, need permission from Gator.
- Issued the sign permit summons given from the Treasurer.
- Uncle Giuseppe's received a NOV and was given 7 days to rectify and they did.
- Inspector Arico asked for some clarification when to issue a NOV versus issue a summons.
- Bagel store needs to go to Planning Board to get variance.
- Group Home –architect is meeting with Inspector in 2 weeks with the plans.
- DiCanio is changing plans to the commercial building.

At this time the meeting was opened to the Public:

Michael Beiber – 3 Clearbrook Drive- Explained how he came in last year to get a permit for a front porch and asked Jerry Harris what else he had to do and he said nothing. So he was shocked when he received a letter from the current Building Inspector that he renewed his permit for \$250.00 Inspector Arico informed him to come down to the Board meeting and talk to the Board about it. The Board told Mr. Beiber they would speak to Inspector Arico to see if he inspected the porch and if so they would waive the renewal fee, but he would still be responsible for the CO fee.

At this time the meeting was closed to the public.

At this time Inspector Arico arrived.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Justice Court – 3 handicap tickets (2 reduced & 1 wants trial) 1 Fire Zone reduced fine
- Sent letter to 9 Branch Drive.
- Sent copy of village of Bellport short term rental code. Please review and give feedback.
- Penalty provision code that can stand on its own.
- Sent letter to Theresa Lippis for bounced check for a Special Use Permit and haven't received green receipt in the mail yet.
- March 29th is set court date for SHS.
- Asked about roof bid and Trustee Botto informed we chose a bidder but just checking references.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- FES lighting installation hopefully will happen next month weather permitting.
- St. Patrick's Church promised twice that the lights would be turned off by 10:30pm.
- Spoke with the garbage carter and they are not picking up the garbage at 2:30am, they only start their route at 6:30 am, so they don't know who is making all that noise at that time of night.
- Don't forget to vote on March 20th 2018 at the Village Election at Village Hall.
- April 17th will be the Public Hearing for the Budget, please have Clerk advertise that in the paper.
- Shooting for May 1st sweeping of the streets.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to hire Mary Cuccurullo as an Election Inspector. Trustee Botto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Newman's Report

- All night parking sweeps are every two weeks.
- Public Safety issued 2 summonses to 9 Branch Drive.
- Wants to take out the word "seasonal" out of Bellport's short term rental language. Need to look over Huntington, Coxsackie, Bellport codes for AirBnb
- Need to look over Garden City's code revision for cell towers/repeaters, find things you don't want or need and be ready to discuss.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Building Inspector Arico and I met and decided on a roof contractor that met all the requirements.
- There was a leak in the Clerk's office, so cleaned gutters and patched and repaired the leak.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the DNA Contracting for the roof bid as the lowest and most reasonable responsible bidder under the condition that their references check out. Trustee Newman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Albrecht's Report

Trustee Albrecht reported that:

- Couple of recent storms caused branches, wire and some mailboxes to come down.
- 11 Branch Drive called about mailbox damage.
- Village Way, Dogwood and Hemlock had some downed trees/limbs. Will make sure it is all cleared and out of the road.

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney was not present to report:

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Botto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk