

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
January 10, 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 January 10, 2017. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Albrecht, Donnelly, Botto and Newman, Treasurer Mequia, Attorney Christopher 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 7:32 pm.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the January work session minutes. Trustee Newman seconded the motion. All in favor and was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the December Board of Trustees minutes. Trustee Albrecht seconded the motion. All in favor and was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Mortgage tax from Suffolk County is late coming in
- 3 delinquent tax properties
- Draft audit is in from the auditors; still waiting to get all letters in.
- Mayor has requested getting a deadline to receive bills to pay.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2120 totaling \$43,021.38. Trustee Albrecht seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Harris reported that:

- 2 building permits issued, 1 sign permit
- 2 C/O- C/C
- 2 Summons: 103 Lawrence Avenue- unregistered vehicle on front lawn; Acadia- site plan violation parking snow removal equipment.
- 2 NOV 103 Lawrence Ave and Acadia

At this time the meeting was opened to the Public:

Catherine Tusa, Board of Trustee SHS, addressed ongoing issues between the Historic Society and Village of the Branch regarding Special Use Permits.

John Carro, resident & Planning Board Chairman VOB, inquired about the C/O status for the Brush Barn.

At this time the public portion of the meeting was closed:

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- No Justice Court in December.

- Local Law #4 of 2016 has been sent to NYS for processing.
- Handed in all paperwork to CNA insurance agent for the Dogwood water main break; will be a long process.
- Acadia's attorney sent letter to Mr. Ring's office.
- Mayor Delaney asked Attorney Ring to give him the contact name and number at FES (lighting contract).

All Special Use Permits for SHS were approved. Affair fee will be \$75 per event and Curriculum fee will be \$10, with a 3 month minimum and a maximum of 6 months on 1 application.

Trustee Donnelly's Report

Trustee Donnelly reported that:

- Crack seal.
- Dogwood, permanent curb repair.
- Brush/leaf pick up is done
- Christmas Tree pickup week of January 23rd
- Speed table; mixed reviews; placed calls to SCPD, SFD, SCD
Residents that live in VOB are happy about it.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Waiting for the third bid for roof renovation.
- Need to advertise for roof bid.

Trustee Newman's Report

Trustee Newman reported that:

- Covered all his stuff in previous conversations.

Trustee Albrecht's Report

Trustee Albrecht reported that:

- Lights still out on Plaza

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- 3 Birchbrook Drive has wood stored on front lawn 6 feet high. Asked Joe Arico to look into it.

Trustee Donnelly made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Albrecht seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to re-open the meeting at 9:25 pm. Trustee Donnelly seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to advertise a public hearing at the February meeting for the purpose to enact local law to allow village to exceed 2% tax cap. Trustee Botto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to provide that there will not be a village registration day. Trustee Botto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to identify the polling place for the Village election on Tuesday March 21, 2017 at Village Hall, 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY and that the polls will be open from 12 noon to 9:00 pm. Trustee Botto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to appoint Patricia Weingrow & Mary Coccurullo as Election Inspectors for 2017 Election, to be paid at rate of \$125 per day. Trustee Botto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Donnelly seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk