

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
March 21, 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 March 21, 2017. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Botto, Albrecht and Newman, 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 7:35 pm.

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

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to open public session to read Local Law #1 to allow the piercing of the tax cap. Trustee Newman seconded the motion. All in favor and was approved unanimously.

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2017

Village of The Branch, County of Suffolk

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of The Branch to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1st, 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The City Council/Board of Trustees of the Village of The Branch, County of Suffolk, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1st, 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to

the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to close public session. Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All in favor and was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Not much change from last month.
- Should have budget numbers for Thursday.
- 3 tax arrears

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2122 totaling \$. Trustee Albrecht seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Approved Vendor Craft Fair 7/29/17 \$75
Approved Oddities Market 6/11/17 \$75
Approved Communion Party 5/7/17 \$75
Approved Baby Shower 4/29/17 \$75
Approved Car Show St. Pat's Church 4/30/17 \$75

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Harris was not present to report:

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring was not present to report:

Trustee Donnelly's Report

Trustee Donnelly was not present to report:

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Recommended printer rental for approx. \$110 per month, which includes ink, toner and any repairs. We have to supply paper.
- Meeting with Joe Arico to run an ad for roof bid.
- Had electrician come in to give an estimate to fix the problems we currently have.

Trustee Newman's Report

Trustee Newman reported that:

- 1 Dogwood Dr- group home was given a summons by SPS for garbage pails; medical waste was in street. Asked Dan Falasco to contact Board of Health and also report 1 Cresthill and 1 Dogwood regarding medical waste.
- Uncle Guiseppe's is deteriorating; dumpster issues so meeting with property manager tomorrow.

- Acadia is going to Court; still need to submit revised site plan. They need license plates on vehicles that are parked there.
- Pearlman property is coming to a close soon.
- Please put a claim in for the vandalized sign at Lawrence/25A.

Trustee Albrecht's Report

Trustee Albrecht reported that:

- Welcomed John Carro to the Board of Trustees
- Lights at Plaza have been out for months
- 4 mailbox complaints due to snow storm; all denied for various reasons
- Right of Way (ROW) issues lately; resident put up a wall and snow contractor will fix it due to snow plowing
- Need to address snow plowing issues at the next work session. Also the snow (effect on mailboxes) and ROW
- Trees in ROW
- Snow that is pushed out into roads by residents should get letters from the attorney. Saw 3 of them this past storm. Also need contractor to keep tables on it.
- Wetlands
- Potholes need to be addressed; Alex will need to cut out 3 of them once weather gets nicer. Clearbrook needs to be fixed.
- One street sweep bid
- Oaktree driveway apron sunk; driveway and apron is breaking up and resident complaining.

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- DOT – been 150 days about guardrail issue. Wants to run story in Newsday, but hesitant because waiting for transfer 111 to get grant money. Having village Engineer check into it to see if there is a fine associated with lowering the guardrail.
- New reflective paint on chevrons on Mt. Pleasant.
- Copy of newsletter
- Application for Decanio for water rights
- Asked Clerk to give website designer all the forms to be put on website to enable them to be done online.
- Leaf/brush pickup dates: Week of April 24th, week of May 29th and week of June 26th

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Botto seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk