

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 9,2020  
Track #17

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held via zoom at seven thirty p.m. on June 9, 2020. Deputy Mayor Carro, Trustees Ryan, and Botto, Treasurer Mequia, Village Attorney Ring, Building Inspector Arico and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Deputy Mayor Carro called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the May 2020 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Ryan seconded the motion. All are in favor, passed unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the June 2020 Board of Trustees work session minutes and Trustee Ryan seconded the motion. All are in favor, passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Tax bills went out and collected over \$100, 000 so far, the most ever this early on.
- Received March 31<sup>st</sup> Suffolk County Real Estate Tax check \$14,000.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2161 totaling \$16,430.16. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Ryan made a **motion** to open the Public Hearing for Telecommunications. Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All are in favor, passed unanimously.

There were no comments from the public.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the Public Hearing for Telecommunications. Trustee Ryan seconded the motion. All are in favor, passed unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to approve the code change to Telecommunications. Trustee Ryan seconded the motion. All are in favor, passed unanimously.

At this time Deputy Mayor Carro opened the meeting to the Public

Grad Party – 8/1/20 SHS approved (outside on East side of property)

Judy's Run Car Show – 8/16/20 SHS approved

Meeting now closed to the Public.

### **Attorney Ring's Report**

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Brothers waste due 8/1/20, so we need spec
- Had Public Hearing tonight for Telecommunications
- Put together peddlers, hawking language and change the fine to \$750 and a 6 month time limit; put on Public Hearing for next month.
- IMA –with Town of Smithtown about road maintenance, the Attorney reached out and said they are very busy with outdoor permits right now.
- Received a letter from the Attorney from the new owner of the building on Main street where Options for Community Living used to be. They are asking The Board if they would waive the covenants and restrictions which he admitted they are not following right now. The Board made note that they are not in favor of it.
- MU1 Schedule is being changed in 2021, will now be called LF1

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

Building Inspector Arico reported that:

- Issued violation on Sutton Place for electric/plumbing
- Spoke to Cathie Nolan at 8 Claremont Court about fence.
- 289 E Main Street received denial letter
- Spoke to Jeremy Acadia, said Mattress firm is splitting store into 2.
- Met with builder from PA looking to do a hair/nail salon for the Mattress Firm space.
- Code Review from New York State
- Will get working on bond letter from Anthony Giardino

### **Trustee Botto's Report**

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Drove around Village with contractor Alex Sonnenberg of Sonnenberg Nurseries, went over the streams and detailed what needed to be done.
- Sweeping started on Monday then stopped because of garbage pails, but resumed back up the next day.
- Please check storm drains to make sure they are clear.
- Need to advertise in Newsday for Retaining Wall on Dogwood Drive.

### **Trustee Ryan's Report**

Trustee Ryan had nothing to report:

- Waiting for the Firewall to come in and then Nick will coordinate with Clerk to install it.

### **Deputy Mayor Carro's Report**

Deputy Mayor Carro reported that:

- Will be conducting in person Court this June
- Contractor Shumacher is hired back again by FES, he will be billing us \$250 for his time looking into the light fixture problem. Needs to get a price for the fixture.
- Right now the light is a dayburner.

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

Mayor Delaney was not present to report:

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine  
Village Clerk