

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
June 14, 2016

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 June 14, 2016. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Donnelly, Buonaiuto, and Newman, Treasurer Mequia, Attorney Chris 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 7:35pm.

Trustee Buonaiuto made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the June work session minutes. Trustee Donnelly seconded the motion. All was approved unanimously.

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia was not present but distributed her reports:

- Taxes are flowing in.

Trustee Buonaiuto a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2113 totaling \$32,595.46. Trustee Donnelly seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Harris reported that:

- 10 CO's and CC's issued, 4 building permits issued, 0 sign permits
- 3 Notice of Violations: 270 N Country Rd. Yard Waste, Dairy Barn property maintenance
- 1 summons for 6 Birchbrook Pearlman for Property Maintenance.

Attorney Ring mentioned that the letter of credit still needs Mystic Falls name on it. The money is there, they just need to correct the letter. DiCanio still needs a letter from the Board of Health since that expired 3 years ago.

Mayor Delaney asked attorney Ring if he can issue a letter to Pearlman explaining that his property maintenance will be a reoccurring offense and be fined accordingly. This is because he has ignored us far too long. He also asked Inspector Harris to issue a summons on Thursday.

Per Tom Newman the Fire Inspector is inspecting Pearlman's house to see if it can be condemned. Need a new report from the F.I. that the house is uninhabited. The Town of Smithtown has a Code and procedures to demolish these types of houses, which we would follow if need be.

Ash Court bamboo is encroaching on Village property by the sump. Mayor Delaney asked Mr. Harris to check out and issue a NOV.

Subway has a "flag guy" waving out in front and Mayor Delaney asked him to take care of that as well since we don't allow those in the Village.

At this time, the meeting was opened to the Public:

John Carro, Dogwood resident, mentioned that a resident at the end of Dogwood has bamboo over by the sump area. Mayor Delaney asked Jerry to look at it.

Charles Roebelen, Birchbrook resident, mentioned he is a neighbor of 6 Birchbrook Dr. - Pearlman's, house has been vacant close to 20 years.

Libby Smith, Judges Lane resident, following up on the Smithtown Historical Society and what is going on. Mayor Delaney informed her that he has met with the SHS to go over events. They are now going to contact all the vendors/possible prospects of the new rules. They are also going to review potential candidates with regard to music. There seems to be a lack of supervision at SHS and Mayor Delaney told them so. The Mayor also suggested they hire security or public safety to ensure the code is being enforced.

Susan Grimm, also Judges Lane resident, reported that June 3rd SHS had an oldies band at the Brushbarn and the music played past 10:15 pm and they had the doors wide open. Mayor Delaney then asked the Board to consider what they think classify's a "historical event" and what is not. This will be discussed at the next work session.

Dawn Eisle, from the Suffolk County Kennel Club, wanted to answer any questions the Board might have since she is still waiting for her special use permit for the Canine Expo to be approved by the Board.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- No justice court
- Local Laws #2 and 3 are done as well as the landscaping contract.

Trustee Donnelly's Report

Trustee Donnelly reported that:

- Snow plow budget is under by \$37,000
- Sweep was done last month and Mayor Delaney was pleased with the job!
- Ash Court – the Mayor has looked at it
- Farm Place – still a fallen tree in pathway that obstructs the trail
- Asphalt work continues, cut outs and patches
- 2 tree issues – First in front of Village Hall, we have a 9/11 responders have a sapling tree with a certification ceremony. Need to coordinate with the landscapers.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto was not present to report:

Trustee Newman's Report

Trustee Newman reported that:

- 5 Birchbrook – lawn still overgrown, Joe Arico issued NOV with 14 days to clean up.
- 2 Oaktree Drive – house is up for sale, need to keep an eye on the house.
- Spoke to Amilee from Gator with regard to the spring cleanup of fence area and stream and removal of pail.

- After the heavy rains, Trustee Newman checked the East area of the parking lot which was fine, but the other area was flooded. The next day it was fixed.

Trustee Buonaiuto's Report

Trustee Buonaiuto reported that:

- Wants to go ahead with the FES New Energy contract and sign it. This will save the Village money.
- Need to go back out to bid for electrical contract for underground breaks and service.
- 25 Clearbrook- street light is fixed; Perdue/Dogwood fixed as well.
- The new bulbs will last 22 years on average.

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Special Use Permits – Suffolk County Kennel Club for Sept. 30- Oct 1 from 8am -6pm not allowing left hand turn from Middle Country Rd. and approx. 500 dogs. Mayor Delaney doesn't feel comfortable rendering decision tonight. Wants to talk to SHS first.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk