

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
November 12, 2019
Track #5

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 November 12, 2019. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Albrecht, Ryan and Botto, Treasurer Mequia, Village Attorney Ring, Building Inspector Arico 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 Carro made a **motion** to accept the October 2019 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Albrecht seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the November Board of Trustees work session minutes and Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Received a delinquent tax payment from someone that owed 3 years on Hemlock Lane.
- Auditors were in last Thursday and an hour today. Any questions or issues will be handled through email or phone call.
- County is late paying the mortgage tax for last quarter.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2154 totaling \$27,368.16. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Sent letter to Mystic Falls 10-21-19
- Justice Court - 3 fines were settled, and 9 Branch is going to trial in November
- Tree trimming letter was sent to representative of one resident
- SEQRA letter sent
- Spoke to 301 E Main street, JP has not received a denial letter yet, so called Building Inspector Joe Arico.
- Need Boards consideration to the Altice Agreement
- Mayor Delaney wants to set up meeting with Sunrise to discuss current agreement regarding lights, sprinklers etc...
- 9 Branch – taking a conservative fiscal approach.
- Received a call from Nissequogue Mayor Richard Smith, that Peter Bee counsel for SCOVA, has advised all Villages to join in a joint class action suit (National Prescription Opiates Litigation) for opioids prior to the filing deadline.

At this time Joe Arico arrived 8:02 pm.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to retain David Grossman, Esq on a contingency retainer to join in the litigation. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously. Mayor Delaney abstained.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Arico reported that:

- 16 Inspections.
- Carvel had a problem with their water
- 12 Village Way
- 9 Branch continued to be summonsed every day
- Mayor Delaney wants to issue a NOV to Suffolk County Parks for property violations across the street from 12 Village way
- \$500 per road opening bond
- Told Cabo Fresh no more table and chairs outside and the "Now Open" sign is down.
- Told Bueno Serra to take down sign for lunch specials
- 2 Oak Street is not using mini vans anymore and have been loitering outside of the house.
- 301 E Main Street was told he needed to go to the Planning Board because of violation. JP from Fusion architects is saying he received no denial from the Village. Building Inspector Arico will take care of it.

Trustee Carro's Report

Deputy Mayor Carro reported that:

- Problem with FES. Looked over the contract we have with them and it says they would cover etc.... now want to charge us for bad sensors and fuses. We are receiving bills for these types of things.
- Need to put Noise levels in our Code book. Trustee Botto told Attorney Ring to look into Garden City for reference.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan reported that:

- Followed up with Nick Forte (IT) on firewall but hasn't heard back from him yet.
- Attorney from Smithtown School District hasn't returned call either regarding Dogwood sidewalk issue.

Trustee Albrecht's Report

Trustee Albrecht reported that:

- Handed out concrete pricing for curbs for the Trustees to look at.
- Approached by residents about putting up stop signs at Hemlock and Fir Lane.
- Dead tree on Woodhollow is coming down tomorrow.
- 33 Village Way
- 1 Ash Court wants to take down 4 trees, but only doing 2 now and waiting for Spring to decide on other two.
- 9 Woodhollow has not done any tree trimming after sending out the letter. Do we want to send out another letter?

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Sunrise update has already been addressed.

Special Use Permits

01/18/20	Birthday party	SHS	Approved
12/7/19	Heritage Christmas	SHS	Approved
3/8/20	Vanderbilt Swap	SHS	Approved
5/2/20	Communion	SHS	Approved
3/14/20	Baby Shower	SHS	Approved

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Met with Engineer Dan Falasco and H2M for Route 111 Trail. Mr. Dagnelli was there as well.
- County is ready to finish NE Branch, just waiting for silt remediation and that should start December 1.
- Want to put up wood railing and Mark gave approval for it. It will be just like the one on Shelter Island.
- Met with Senator Flanagan and asked for some money. Meeting went positive and he is very interested in the Woodhollow / Route 111. The Mayor said he will ask Clerk to send letter to Flanagan's office.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine
Village Clerk

