

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
January 21, 2020
Track #9 &10

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held in the Village Hall, 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY 11787 at seven p.m. on January 21, 2020. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Ryan and Botto, Treasurer Mequia, Village Attorney Ring, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to go into executive session to discuss litigation. Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to come out of executive session. Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the December 2019 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the January 2020 Board of Trustees work session minutes and Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Delinquent tax payment came in, now down to only 3 outstanding.
- Picked up Assessment role from Town of Smithtown today

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2156 totaling \$219,097.35. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Meeting with Sunrise needs to be set up a well as Altice.
- Received the Town of Smithtown letter from Town Attorney with the Public Safety contract.
- Working on Noise Code with Trustee Ryan.
- Justice Court – No Court for month of December.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to approve the contract with Town of Smithtown's Public Safety. Trustee Carro seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to approve the noise section of the Code. Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Arico not present to report:

Trustee Carro's Report

Deputy Mayor Carro reported that:

- 6 lights are out throughout the Village.
- PSEG paperwork was correct in assessment of lights and poles.
- Attended TOS Zoning Board meeting regarding Garden Grill and spoke on behalf of Village how it wouldn't be good for neighbors on Judges Lane. Libby Smith attended as well and she interjected and told the Board it was approved by Town of Smithtown, she called today and was told via phone.
- At this time Mayor Delaney requested a copy of the minutes from TOS.
- Mentioned Elanore Rowe as another possible election inspector

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan reported that:

- Spoke to Jerry Powers from Citizens Options Unlimited about the changing of vehicles from minivans to passenger vans.
- Mr. Powers was aware of the complaints of neighbors regarding staff parking in the circle.
- There hasn't been as many FD calls to the house lately.
- Spoke to Nick Forte about firewall, wants to pursue it further. Need to check with Court computer if it's backed up
- Want Firewall information/contract in writing by Nick Forte

Trustee Albrecht's Report

Trustee Albrecht was not present to report:

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- The Village uses current version Quickbooks Pro 2016
- Future cost would be \$1800-1900 for latest version
- Nick was able to get Quickbooks to back up
- Need to get insurance for all Sonnenberg's vehicles ie: certificates of insurance and registrations for all vehicles
- Need a copy of Drainage contract

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Asked Chris Ring to table 5G because the Town of Smithtown doesn't have it on their radar yet.
- Holding a meeting with Mitch Crowley and Dan Falasco to mitigate safety concerns at Woodhollow Road and Route 111 intersection.

- Silt remediation project almost done. Reached out to Suffolk County to ask if there is a final debrief.
- Records management grant available, wants Building Inspector to meet with Grant writer
- Spring Newsletter ideas
- Leaf and brush dates: April 20th, May 18th and June 22nd
- Wants Priya Kapoor's number from SHS since read they are using another building to hold events.
- The appraiser is coming Feb 4th to look at Village Hall renovations
- Ken Epstein reached out to Joe Arico because there is an issue with the Verizon wire across the stream it is hanging low. Joe A said he would take care of it.

Mayor Delaney asked for a **motion** to provide that there will not be a village registration day. Trustee Carro made the motion Trustee Albrecht seconded the motion. All in favor and approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to identify the polling place for the Village election on Wednesday March 18, 2020 at Village Hall, 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY and that the polls will be open from 12 noon to 9:00 pm. Trustee Carro seconded the motion. All in favor and was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to appoint Mary Coccurullo as Election Inspector for 2020 Election, to be paid at rate of \$150 per day. Trustee Carro seconded the motion. All in favor and 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. All in favor and was approved unanimously.

Special Use Permits

02/29/20 baby Shower SHS Approved

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine
Village Clerk

