

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting  
August 11, 2020  
Track #19

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held in Village Hall, 40 Route 111, Smithtown NY at seven thirty p.m. on August 11, 2020. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Ryan, Damm and Botto, Treasurer Mequia, Village Attorney Ring, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm with the pledge of allegiance

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

At this time Clerk Cozine swore in Trustee Kevin Damm to fill George Albrecht's spot until the September 15<sup>th</sup> election.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Received 16 delinquent payments from last month.
- Cable franchise check was directly deposited for \$13,698
- Greenbelt grant was direct deposited for \$13,196
- Sign permits went out, steadily coming in
- Wells Fargo checks came in, Fed Ex was holding on to the package since June 15, 2020.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2163 totaling \$. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to open the Public Hearing to discuss Local Law #5, which was a change to section 260. 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. Trustee Carro seconded the motion. All are in favor, passed unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to approve Local Law #5 changing Section 260 of the Code. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, passed unanimously.

Special Use Permits –

SHS 9/20 Country Fair Approved

Craft Fair 10/3/20 Approved

At this time Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to open the meeting to the Public. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All in favor, passed unanimously.

Jennifer & Jason Goldman- Birchbrook Drive Resident The Goldman's are concerned about the road behind Ace Hardware, it is getting worse. Garbage is piling up from the dumpster and now having issues with mice and other rodents. It could be Mannino's and other restaurants. Mayor said we would contact Jeremy who is property manager for Acadia and also tell the Building Inspector Arico to issue a NOV.

Libby Smith – 2 Judges Lane resident, Garden Grill, has been quieter. Inspector from Public Safety came to GG and is taking deposition from the neighbors. Still very loud. Lucia had no power so she couldn't call this week. I'm actually calling a lawyer. Had a meeting with Supervisor and explained the situation. Very crowded, not wearing masks, taking down the chains to get to the parking lot. PS said they were under the allowed amount. Libby was told need to follow up with phone calls with the investigator, the fine is \$50. What concerns us Judges Lane neighbors is that this can go to November and he will be able to have outdoor dining. Was told at BZA meeting would only have 4-6 tables when he does his extension. The Park Rangers they send can only "observe."

Trustee Ryan looked up the Code and it shows the fines could be up to \$1,000. Mayor Delaney asked Clerk Cozine to send a letter to Supervisor Wherheim to remove his permit. Also CC the liquor authority.

Libby also updated the BOT on the Planning Board happenings. 289 E Main Street was approved for their variances and need to come to the PB and then back to the BOT for final approval. 301 E Main Street, Engineer Dan Falasco, received a letter from Untied Way and they want to legitimize all the work done. United Way needs to come to the Board of Trustees, because they are not a single family. Need to talk to Building Inspector Arico about this. Lastly, 202 E Main Street looking to double their size. They want to move parking offsite at the Methodist Church. Supposedly they shook hands on it. There is 1989 variance that stipulates can't use basements for work space, only storage. The library/research room is being rented out. Mayor Delaney mentioned Inspector Arico needs to report back to us to let us know what he saw in the basement.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the public Meeting. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All in favor, passed unanimously.

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

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Sonnenberg Nursery wants to know when Snow Plow contract is going out to bid.
- Sent IMA to Smithtown, but haven't received back yet.
- Options for Community Living building, wants to know what Inspector Aricos follow up is.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to award the Dogwood retaining wall to the lowest responsible bidder, Stasi General Contracting. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All in favor, passed unanimously.

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

Building Inspector was not there to report

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

Trustee Ryan had nothing to report:

### **Trustee Carro's Report**

Trustee Carro had nothing to report:

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

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Tropical Storm lasais, some areas were worse than others.
- Candlelight and Ingram Court had big piles. Clearbrook Drive was not as bad since it was a smaller street.
- Sonnenberg Nursery will start on Clearbrook and head north. He is doing bigger stuff first. Brothers Waste will start again on Thursday.
- Met with Bob Murphy of Smithtown Highway, need to get him drawing from Engineer Falasco. Dogwood Drive, all the Courts curbs and sidewalks going into Rice Lane.
- 9 Branch Drive, tarp blew off the house during storm and he is fixing it.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to advertise for the snow plowing bid. Mayor Delaney seconded the **motion**. All in favor, passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Fall Newsletter needs to go out, if you have any new content please forward to me.
- Leaf/Brush pick up dates are as follows: Oct 26, Nov 30, Dec 14, Jan 19 is Christmas Tree pickup.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to advertise for the leaf and brush bid. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All in favor, passed unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine  
Village Clerk

