

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
December 13, 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 December 13, 2016. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Albrecht, Donnelly, Botto and Newman, Treasurer Mequia, 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 7:34 pm.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the December work session minutes. Trustee Albrecht seconded the motion. Trustee Donnelly abstained and was approved unanimously.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the November Board of Trustees minutes. Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All in favor and was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- 4 Outstanding tax payments left; 2 prior years/2 current years
- Received a 4 year old tax payment today.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2119 totaling \$43,427.40. Trustee Donnelly seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Harris reported that:

- 0 building permits issued, 0 sign permit
- 3 C/O
- 2 Summons: 6 Birchbrook Dr. property maintenance ; Acadia parking snow removal equipment
- Bagel Store – no application for alteration and Sign Company called for permit.
- Branchbrook should be wrapped up in next two months.

At this time the meeting was opened to the Public:

Chart Guthrie, of LITMA, was inquiring about applications filed on his behalf by Marianne Howard of SHS about having their traditional dances at the Brush Barn. LITMA has been doing dances there the past 20 years on Friday nights and 3rd Sunday of every month. It is the only place on Long Island to do these types of dances. January 13th is the first dance of the new year. VOB currently doesn't have any applications filed on their behalf and the BOT told them it wont be a problem but they need to contact SHS to get applications filed.

At this time the public portion of the meeting was closed:

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring was not present to report, but Mayor Delaney reported:

- Sweep contract needs to go out to bid again, Trustee Donnelly will reach out to Attorney Ring and all agree need to advertise in Newsday to get more visibility than local paper.
- Welsbach is still month to month.
- New bulb is up and Trustee Albrecht is going to check out the tint of the lighting.
- Uncle Guisepe's paid \$500 fine
- Going to have Building Inspector Arico check out the tent situation at Uncle G's and Trustee Newman will speak with manager.

Trustee Donnelly's Report

Trustee Donnelly reported that:

- Dogwood drainage project continues.
- Engineer moving ahead with speed table on Mt. Pleasant Road.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Renovation proposal for roof at Village Hall was \$40,000, but has questions since quote was open ended. Getting 2 vendors for proposal on roof.
- Received 2 bids from architects for the inside plans for Village Hall @ \$3,500 and \$4,250.

Trustee Newman's Report

Trustee Newman reported that:

- Covered all his stuff in previous conversations.

Trustee Albrecht's Report

Trustee Albrecht reported that:

- Still has some flickering lights and looking into them.
- Deaf person area sign is down; will have Alex fix it.
- Traister Court tree trimming needs to be done. 1 Plaza drive doesn't think trees are on his property, probably in ROW and after Alex trims them, they will reassess issue.

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Call George the phone guy and ask him to get former Trustee Buonaiuto's voice mail deleted and give Trustee Albrecht instructions to leave his.
- Asked Clerk to forward an email from Marianne Howard to Trustee Newman regarding the list of events she sent to Tom Grosse over at Public Safety.

At this time the Board went into an Executive Meeting at 8:33pm.

At 9:35pm the Board came out of the Executive meeting.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Newman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk