

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
May 12, 2015

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 May 12, 2015. Deputy Mayor Buonaiuto, Trustees Donnelly, Spica and Newman, Building Inspector Jerry Harris, Attorney Christopher Ring, Treasurer Theresa Mequia and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Deputy Mayor Buonaiuto called the meeting to order and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30pm.

Trustee Donnelly made a **motion** to open the Public Hearing on Local Law#3. Trustee Spica seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Spica seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to vote on Local Law#3. Trustee Spica seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Spica made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the April Board of Trustees minutes. Trustee Donnelly seconded the motion. All was approved unanimously.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the May work session. Trustee Spica seconded the motion. Trustee Donnelly abstained from the vote, all approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia distributed her reports.

- 4 outstanding tax payments.
- Tax Bills ready to roll out, just waiting on envelopes and Marks letter from the printer.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2100 totaling \$37,730.86. Trustee Donnelly seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Harris distributed his report.

- 6 CO's were issued, 7 Bldg. permits issued \$2,706.00 and 3 Sign permits \$999.00.
- 1 Notice of Violations was issued. Mr. Tobacco for expansion of parking area without site plan. Jerry spoke with her today and she is working on it.
- Cloud and 1 Terrace Lane went to court for violations. Sign permit and Boat & Trailer in front yard.
- 50 Rte. 111 has 2 picnic tables occupying 2 parking spots in parking lot. We don't have code against this. There are also idling trucks at 4am and kids are loitering there at night. Mr. Harris will check number of parking spaces to see if Fairfield is in violation. Deputy Mayor Buonaiuto said he would call resident Jason Goldman personally.
- Mr. Harris was also asked to see if that building has cameras to see how many trucks or how often trucks are idling.

- 63 & 65 Birchbrook are pointing the finger at each other regarding the bamboo. Mr. Ring has sent a letter to the Greenbelt Association on how to handle.
- Trustee Newman asked that Jerry issue a NOV to the Group home on Dogwood because of garbage pails constantly being left outside. Deputy Mayor Buonaiuto would also like Jerry to issue a NOV.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- 90 Day Notice that VOB received was not in the jurisdiction of the Village. Haven't heard back from the Manhattan Attorney.
- Brother's Waste contract needs to go back out to bid. Elite is due soon as well. Trustee Donnelly said we would get it done over the summer.
- 5/11/15 sent letter about Birchbrook bamboo to Greenbelt Assoc. Has a different address than one given by Mayor Delaney, so if he doesn't get response will send there.
- 5/11/15 sent letter to Sunrise regarding sidewalk/curb in disrepair, and to schedule an appointment with Dan Falasco to rectify situation. Trustee Newman asked Clerk to check site plan regarding handicap curb cut outs.
- Justice Court – Cloud did nothing so will be back in court in June, Jerry is to approximate sign size so we can issue a fine. Colletti ticket was dismissed, handicap ticket resolved to \$60. Bieber on Cresthill paid \$50 boat trailer fine. PTI paid sign permit fee, but not fine associated with it. Sunrise tickets reduced to \$3750.

Trustee Donnelly's Report

Trustee Donnelly reported that:

- First and second sweeps are done.
- Drainage is ongoing, sent pictures to the Board of recent repairs. Now requesting the Contractor to take before /after pictures of the work done
- Pothole repairs continue.
- CHIPS funding \$88,800 available. Looking into Mt. Pleasant paving, getting in touch with Mayor regarding funding. Need to get ball rolling because it is already May and it's very important that we get this done. Need to discuss at work session.
- Currently 558 homes in the Village.
- Summer sweep will be decided in June meeting.

Trustee Newman's Report

Less than 6 overnight parking tickets were issued in the all night sweep. Another one is scheduled for June.

Trustee Newman asked Clerk to fax copy of the letter Chris Ring sent to Sunrise to Dan Falasco the Engineer.

Smithtown day is June 7, do we need the Hold Harmless Insurance? Trustee Spica said each vendor has their own insurance, but would follow up with Smithtown Chamber of Commerce to make sure we are ok. Trustee Newman and Donnelly asked Inspector Harris to have the landscape at DairyBarn kept tidy.

For the first time we had an eviction happen at 11 Cambridge. The lawn needs to be cut. Angus helped us out with the process.

Trustee Spica's Report

Trustee Spica had no report.

Deputy Mayor Buonaiuto's Report

Deputy Mayor Buonaiuto reported that:

- Transformer blew at Ingram Court
- Weatherstone sign ordered and should be up next week.
- Waiting on word from Town of Smithtown Highway Department on wording for deaf person sign.
- Treasurer Mequia pointed out street signs are missing on Plaza/25, Paul made note of it.
- Damianos put up "No Parking" street signs on East side of street and Trustee Newman is going to look into it.

Trustee Spica made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Donnelly seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cozine
Village Clerk