

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
November 14, 2017

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 14, 2017. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Albrecht, Carro and Newman, Attorney Christopher Ring, Treasurer Teri Mequia, Building Inspector Joe Arico and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:32 pm.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the Board of Trustee's October minutes. Trustee Newman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Trustee Albrecht abstained.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to accept the Board of Trustee's November work session minutes. Trustee Carro seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia distributed her reports and reported that:

- 13 outstanding sign permits; emailed 2 of them with contact information on record.
- Gave a very rough estimate for the 2018-19 year, since budget season will soon be upon us.
- Need to give Attorney Ring outstanding tax bills.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills as presented. Trustee Carro seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Sonnenberg signed contracts.
- FES lighting amended agreement, there was just a change in the amount of lights
- Justice Court - 5 cases on docket, 2 cases dismissed, 2 reduced fines and 1 rescheduled
- Roof bid is returnable on December 5th 2017 at noon.

At this time the meeting was opened to the Public:

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to approve the 60th Birthday party on January 6th 2018 as an affair \$75 fee. Trustee Newman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Trustee Carro abstained from the vote.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to approve the Vendor Fair on June 2nd 2018 as an affair \$75 fee. Trustee Newman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Libby Smith- Judges Lane resident –Informed the board of 2 things on the Planning Board agenda. DiCanio needs to get a \$75,000.00 bond to replace the original \$172,665.00 bond. 3 Terrace Lane has a question regarding a letter from 1978 that he brought in regarding ROW in parkland. Fleetwood Estates needed extra drainage capacity and they used 3 Terrace as a

bargaining tool. Trustee Newman asked Libby to provide the Board with Acadia's parking of snow removal equipment recent changes. She said all snow equipment needs to be licensed and insured, 3 parking spots behind LA Fitness, contract goes from Oct1- April 30, only for the 2 shopping centers, during emergency snow storms they can use those 3 designated spots behind LA Fitness, no salt or sand storage allowed on premises and finally they need to come back in May 2018 to re-evaluate the plan.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Addendum to FES contract – there are now 180 poles
- Picture ID cards for Joe Arico and the Board, we need permission from John Valentine. Nobody in Smithtown has shields, so Joe will have an ID card.
- Homestay/AirBnB – basic code
- Commercial Parking – most all other communities go by weight or signage on the vehicle
- Will be working with Trustee Newman on “non- standard” structure and also noted that Town of Smithtown is struggling with this as well.

Trustee Newman's Report

- 9/11 Survivor Tree
- Basketball hoops in the street/ROW.
- Working on sandwich board language.
- Mailbox policy
- Village Hall parking – put up new signage and mark the stalls with paint.

At this time the Building Inspector Joe Arico arrived.

Dick Grzetic – Trustee from Smithtown Historic Society – spoke about the LCC- large capacity cesspool. They went to the Board of Health twice. Once with Dan Falasco, Village Engineer, and re submitted new plans. He hopes the new CO for Brush Barn will be coming shortly

At this time the public meeting was closed.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Arico reported that:

- Bagel store has a fire and they are waiting for BOH and fire underwriter before they can reopen.
- DiCanio –TDR's from the Landmark building
- Jeremy Hill is no longer the contact for Acadia. He was promoted within the company.
- Next Thursday going to Code class
- 289 E. Main Street Historic Building is not beyond repair, but it is an economical decision.
- Group Home- lead architect is in contact with him and received the recommendation.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto was not present to report.

Trustee Albrecht's Report

Trustee Albrecht reported that:

- Traister/Plaza Court – trees came down. Mayor Delaney followed up whether or not guardrail was put up at end of street? Needs to follow up with Dan Falasco.
- Sent out 3 dead letters to residents
- Trees need trimming
- National Grid sent a letter inquiring if we have any upcoming work to be done. Mayor Delaney added that Branch/Terrace will be having work done on culvert this upcoming spring.
- Problem with residents putting out their leaf/brush bags out SUPER early, some even months in advance and we need to address this issue.
- Pave Plaza Drive and possible Clearbrook Drive?
- Pipes were broken when dug, get fax from Town of Smithtown about work they did.

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Increase fees for copies to \$.75 per copy.
- Shared services – snow plowing? Need to look at the agreement and won't sign without the Boards approval.
- Putting in gas generator at the Village Hall

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Carro seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk