

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
July 10, 2018

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 July 10, 2018. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Newman, and Botto, Treasurer Mequia, Attorney Ring, Building Inspector Arico, and Village Clerk Cozine were present. Trustee Albrecht was absent.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:35 pm.

Mayor Delaney asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the July work session minutes. Trustee Carro made the **motion** and Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All in favor and was approved unanimously. Trustee Newman abstained.

Mayor Delaney asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the May BOT meeting. Trustee Carro made the **motion** and Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All in favor and was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the June BOT meeting. Trustee Carro made the **motion** and Trustee Newman seconded the **motion**. All in favor and was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Still have tax checks to deposit and sending out receipts
- A bunch of sign permits have come in
- Record of 3 checks bouncing in one month. Two were for taxes and one was for sign permit.
- Will get list to Village Attorney, Chris Ring, for outstanding tax payments soon.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2138 totaling \$ 231,034.64. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

At this point, Mayor Delaney opened meeting to public:

Greg Montalbano – 226 Middle Country Road spoke about getting approval from Rich McKay, Public Safety, about putting up new signs that would allow his tenant to make deliveries at the side entrance without being ticketed. Mayor Delaney said he would reach out to Rich McKay and get back to Greg with his answer.

Dan Falasco – Village Engineer met with Michael Groscroff, the Asst. Highway Superintendent, and they did some mark outs together at Plaza Drive. Told them we can't do any work until we get the contract back from DOT. The cost will be about \$115,000, and we will be using winter recovery and pave NY monies first.

Dan also mentioned expecting survey any day now for 24 Dogwood. Depending on what it says, it will determine what course of action we take. We will need a structural engineer give us suggestions. Allstate insurance has it recorded against us, although it doesn't show up on the tax map.

At this time the meeting was closed to the public.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Brother's Waste agreement needs a motion.
- Sonnenberg's drain is up September 18th.
- Clerk published notice for Vape Hearing
- Will not be at the August BOT meeting.
- Justice Court:
 - 4 Adjournments
 - 4 Guilty pleas for a reduced fine (mostly Handicapped)
 - 1 Trial
 - 9 Branch Drive- Judge ruled that Village can move forward. Mr. Ewart had spoken to Chris and was asking if he got better estimates, could he use them. Friday July 13th 2018 contractor is coming to fix roof. The Board feels that Public Safety should be aware work is going on. Trustee Newman provided hard copies and email to attorney Ring regarding mold invoices.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Will not be at the August work session.
- POD delivered today to store the cobra head lights
- Holding off on the FES bill because they were under the impression the job had been completed already. Once it is, I will let you know to process the bill.

Trustee Newman's Report

Trustee Newman reported that:

- Wants to put a process in place to handle situations: ie dirt bike, sprinklers broken, LA Fitness parking
- Going to put up the "Village Parking Only" signs up in the parking lot pronto

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Need to meet with Tommy the Architect.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Arico reported that:

- No dumpster at Uncle G's ; it was not an approved location, smelled of hazardous waste. Need to get Gator to replace dumpster and contact Libby Smith, Planning Board Chairperson. Have Attorney Ring create letter to Gator to discuss recent events.
- Carvel, Fire Marshall couldn't find plans, now it is fixed
- Group Home still no permit issued.
- 7 permits issues
- Phan Noodles needs Board of Health permit for food management
- Primal Roots not doing well
- 11 Branch Drive pool permit done, but still needs final inspection for the alarms(door& float)
- 309 facade, went there since they had an issue
- Cresthill Group Home had a sprinkler head busted
- Tommy the Architect had medical issues, so Village Hall plans on hold for the time being.
- Carlos 631-433-5763 Head Trauma , to call to fix sprinkler head

Trustee Albrecht's Report

Trustee Albrecht was absent.

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported:

Mayor Delaney asked for a motion to extend the Leaf and Brush contract for one year. Trustee Carro made the **motion** and Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All in favor and was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney went over the Special use Permits:

Sweet 16 on October 20, 2018 was approved pending complete insurance paperwork and check and also to remind Pryia about keeping the door closed.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine
Village Clerk

