

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
March 10, 2020
Track #13

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 March 10, 2020. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Ryan, Albrecht and Botto, Treasurer Mequia, Village Attorney Ring, Building Inspector Arico 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 Carro made a **motion** to accept the February 2020 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All are in favor, Trustee Albrecht abstained since he wasn't present at February BOT meeting.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to accept the March 2020 Board of Trustees work session minutes and Trustee Ryan seconded the motion. All are in favor, Trustee Botto abstained since he wasn't present at March work session.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- We currently have 3 outstanding delinquent taxes.
- Very preliminary budget was sent out to Board. – Mayor Delaney asked for the group to review it in the next 2 weeks so we can discuss at work session.

Trustee Albrecht made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2158 totaling \$25,956.02. Mayor Delaney seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2020 Trustee Albrecht seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Mayor Delany proceeded to read Local Law 2 into the record.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2020 Trustee Carro seconded the motion. All are in favor.

Mayor Delaney read Resolution 2020-10-03 accepting the Justice Court audit for year ending May 31, 2019. All in favor.

At this time Mayor Delaney opened the meeting to the Public and there was no response so the meeting was then closed to the Public.

Special Use Permits

5/03/20 Spring Farm Festival SHS Approved

4/02/20	Memorial Service	SHS Approved
5/03/19	Annual Car Show	St. Patrick's Church Approved
5/08-09/20	Plant Sale	United Methodist Church Approved
5/23/20	Sweet 16	SHS Approved
8/29/20	Engagement Party	SHS Approved

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Local Law #1 sent to the State for filing
- Gave the Court Clerk filings for Justice Court
- Altice, waiting for draft resolutions and public hearing notice from the Attorney.
- Justice Court – Ewart was a no show, Suffolk County Parks asked for an adjournment to March as they are awaiting a formal remediation plan. Trial Calendar, Ewart failed to appear as well as Mr. Healy so they were found guilty. Judge Murphy is making a Decision on 12 Village Way – Gavilla and Tantillo
- Revised FBS tickets form letter
- Revised Telecommunications

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to come out of executive session. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Arico reported that:

- Issued 3 more violations- 33 Village Way, 11 Branch Drive, Farm Fresh(roof doesn't meet code)
- Issued CO at 4 Plaza Drive
- Inspections at 9 Daisy Lane for garage.
- Created a new application for Board of Health and one for Trust Application

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan had nothing to report:

- Firewall – will send information to the Clerk. Working with Nick Forte.

Trustee Carro's Report

Deputy Mayor Carro reported that:

- Spoke to Smithtown Elementary School regarding blowing leaves early in the am. Should start by 7 am not 6:45am
- Meeting with Public Safety at 2pm tomorrow with Court Clerk Cozine.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Asked for the recap on the Sunrise meeting the Mayor and Chris Ring had.
- Probably will not redo the Sunrise agreement that is already in place, however the Village will take over the sprinklers from Sunrise.

- Roger will handle the wire of fix at Sunrise

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Spring 2020 Newsletter is good to go, unless anyone has changes.
- Need to fix the flag out in front of Village Hall, I have all the parts
- Met with Ed Weirheim, Doug Dalhgard and Richard Smith regarding shared services agreement and it is NOT going to happen. There were hidden costs that the Town wasn't aware of.
- Highway Department promised sweeping will be done and not by overtime rates.
- Nissequogue went over all their inter-municipal agreements and I want to have all of ours pulled and go over them. Asked Clerk to please make copies and give them to him.
- Need to get a Visitors log book. It will track everyone who comes into Village Hall. Need to sign, date, time in the book.
- Head of The Harbor has sterilized over 500 deer in their Village to date.
- Long Beach Road is being elevated next year.
- Not going to do Maidstone golf outing again this year. Too cost prohibitive. Will do the SCOVA outing at Bellport Country Club
- Altice Franchise agreement will be done in May.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to do a Public Hearing for telecom code in May. Trustee Albrecht seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously

Trustee Albrecht's Report

Trustee Albrecht reported that:

- 9 Woodhollow still hasn't trimmed trees – Building Inspector issued NOV Tuesday of last week.
- Drain location sheets are in everyone's mailbox at Village Hall.
- Ash Court sump and inlet was cleaned out.
- 2020-21 landscape contract is secure.
- Drainage, Patch and Crack seal all need contracts.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine
Village Clerk

