

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
March 9, 2021
Track #33

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on March 9, 2021. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Botto, Carro, Ryan (via Zoom), Damm(via Zoom), Treasurer Mequia, Village Attorney Ring(via Zoom), Building Inspector Arico, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to accept the March 2021 Board of Trustees work session minutes and Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to accept the February 2021 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Provided the audit reports
- Going to remove leaf and brush from sweeping category and make it, its own separate line item.
- T/A account has changed the way it is recorded.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2170 totaling \$. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to open the public hearing on the 2021-2022 Budget. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

There were no questions from the audience. Mayor Delaney mentioned the Village was not going to exceed the tax cap and there were only minor increases to the budget.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the public hearing. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to pass the 2021-2022 Budget with the option to make any changes as deemed necessary. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

At this time, the meeting was opened to the Public.

Frank Mannino- owner of Mannino's pizzeria. Wanted to know if we were going to allow outdoor dining like Town of Smithtown. Mayor Delaney answered we will follow suit with last year permit.

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Local Law #1 sent to the State
- Letter to PSEGLI got a response asking for a list of residents or addresses of residents who had issues. Trustee Ryan offered to take a drive around and take inventory of poles and properties that look bad due to PSEGLI doing their work.
- Justice Court will be back on in March. Trustee Carro mentioned that going forward we will be having a Court Officer present for every Court session.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Arico reported that:

- Met with the Fire Marshall about the Htoke interior renovations
- Attorney from 301 E Main Street sent email and reached out and is OK with Libby Smith walking through the house to show her it is a single-family dwelling. Attorney Ring asked that Mr. Arico send him that email from the attorney at 310 E Main Street. Attorney Ring suggested that Libby Smith does not go and walk through the house as to keep her "opinion free." Suggested Dennis Ryan to accompany Joe Arico.
- Received call from Suffolk County Board of Health that My Salon is ok to start work.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Received a call from resident at Judges Lane that the road is falling apart. Need to contact Mr. Dicanio.
- Hopeful that every light will be working in the Village in next week.

Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm reported that:

- Noticed at the corner of 1 Terrace/Village Way that there is a bit of a sink hole on the front property. Engineer Dan Falasco has checked this out in the past and disagrees, but there is yellow caution tape around it. Mayor Delaney will have the Engineer check it out again. Mayor thinks the homeowner just needs to put more soil in that area.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan nothing to report.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Called the Town about the storm drains on Clearbrook, they responded that they were sound and cleaned it out. Wants to get a price from them on the depressed are and see how much it would cost to fix before we pave the road this Spring
- Streets heavily loaded with sand.
- Be prepared for a higher sweeping bill due to excess sand, looking to do sweep right after Easter.
- Been driving around the Village checking on the road conditions.

- Clerk Cozine asked about resident on Oxford who wants to know when road repair will be done in front of his house and Mr. Botto replied when weather is nicer.
- Playing phone tag with Sonnenberg Nurseries to discuss snow plowing bills.

Special Use Permit 4/17/21 Baby Shower Approved

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Read into record Court Resolution 3-9-21, acknowledge receipt of it.
- Read into record Hazardous Mitigation resolution, which will now add another extra layer of the County being involved.
- Met with Public Safety and now feel comfortable to sign the IMA.
- Will now have a Court Officer present at every Court session for safety reasons.
- Meeting with the Board on 21st to go over and view fences to figure out Fence Code.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to adopt the court resolution 3-9-21. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**, which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to adopt the multi hazardous multi mitigation resolution. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**, which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:53pm. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine
Village Clerk