

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
September 8, 2020
Track #21

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held in Village Hall, 40 Route 111, Smithtown NY at seven thirty p.m. on September 8, 2020. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Ryan, Damm (via Zoom) and Botto, Treasurer Mequia, Village Attorney Ring, Building Inspector Arico and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm with the pledge of allegiance

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the August 2020 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Carro seconded the motion. All are in favor, passed unanimously.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the September 2020 Board of Trustees work session minutes and Trustee Botto seconded the motion. All are in favor, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Delinquent notices to go out tomorrow approx. 14-15.
- Sign permits second notices going out
- Responded to Auditors questionnaire.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2164 totaling \$78,590.38. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Prya Kapoor- Smithtown Historical Society came to talk about Smithtown Child Care program. Can only accommodate 40 kids, only 2 bathrooms. Not sure if it falls under education program or if we will need a special use permit. Will not be charging any money to have the children there. Since we are not using the building, I offered it up. If they pay us, great, but we are not requiring it.

Attorney Ring said under Village Code 275 – it is not a permitted use. Mayor Delaney mentioned our challenge is we do not have any details about protocols, on safety, ventilation. Would like something in writing and cannot entertain it until then.

Prya added that NYS must approve the site and they have begun that process. All Prya needs is a date to give the documents to the Clerk so we can discuss and try and figure it all out. She stressed to keep in mind this is all temporary. Mayor Delaney assured her we have the capability of calling a special meeting if necessary.

Special Use Permit – 11/7/20 1st Birthday party – SHS – Approved

At this time Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to open the meeting to the Public. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All in favor, passed unanimously.

Libby Smith – Judges Lane resident – Garden Grill is still a problem. The noise is louder. The bass is soo loud and they also have live drummers. The amplifiers are directed towards Chris Martin’s house as well as Libby’s. Public Safety came out to do a decibel reading. It was at a 5 at Mr. Martins house. They are starting at 1pm and play through 9pm. The decibel reader is picking up the crickets and therefore cannot get an actual reading! Karen Sylvester from Public Safety has been great. Smithtown’s Court is currently not open, and Mayor Delaney said that Supervisor Wehrheim told him they issued another summons.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to close the public Meeting. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All in favor, passed unanimously.

Attorney Ring’s Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- 2 Court dates in August. On 31st there were 28 cases, 10 no shows, 2 trials merged into 1. Suffolk County Parks was there, and she called her boss. 6 cases asked for trials. Tantillo’s attorney called Chris Ring. 6 reduced fines
- On the 24th there was 26 cases, and an overwhelming number did not show up.
- Trenchless renewal sent to the Clerk
- Leaf and Brush will be awarded at next meeting
- Snow plowing will be awarded at next meeting
- Landscaping contract is due April 30, 2021
- FOIL for Untied Way property, need more clarification
- Research about the Brush Barn for childcare already discussed. These are unprecedented times, but there is no need for you to rush to change.
- BZA Chairman called about fence variances
- Fauvell check is in default and Court Clerk is processing it.
- Asked about deer management company and changing our code to accommodate bow and arrow deer hunting.

At this time Joe Arico arrived at 8:32pm

Building Inspector’s Report

Building Inspector reported that:

- Did a walk thru of 50 Route 111, lots of renovations
- Met Dennis and John at 1 Rice Lane tree cutting
- Asking Roger to help assess tree at 9 Woodhollow that it is at 13 feet
- Met with Vinny Trimarco Sr. basement at 202 E Main Street
- Changing propane code – piping system
- Generator setback, if less than 100 sqft, then you can have it 10 feet from property line
- 9 Branch Drive – no longer daily summonses for tarp
- Summonsed Parks Department today
- Saturday, Maninno’s had a ton of boxes around dumpster, took pics and sent to Karen Sylvester from Public Safety
- 2 violations with fences, BZA did not render verdict yet

- Birchbrook tree at #5, checked out again with Roger. Do we have a liability? TOS sent a letter stating that the tree is fine and not a threat
- Any POD restrictions? At Oldfield we have permit for 1 month \$150 renew for \$150, we can discuss at a work session.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan reported that:

- Downed tree limbs on Judges lane, Decanio took care of it.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Stasi ordered grey stone for the retaining wall at Dogwood.
- Asked contractor to call him when he does underground work, might need to call the school
- Mitigation Plan – working on it.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Breakdown for road cost for Dogwood paving
- Wants to discuss snow plowing contract more
- Storm cleanup; need more time for Federal money. Nick Kafalas from TOS is handling the paperwork.
- Pretty much cleaned up from the storm, Terrace had a tree down
- Bee problem over by Terrace as well
- Tree debris on Woodduck and Lawrence being picked up

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Complaint on 4 Village Way, golf balls were in their backyard and damaged their windshield.
- Newsletter done, but need deer verbiage

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine
Village Clerk