

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
August 11, 2015

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 August 11, 2015. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Spica and Newman, Attorney Christopher Ring, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:33pm.

Trustee Spica made a **motion** to accept the minutes of the July Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Newman seconded the motion. All approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney switched the order of business to appoint two new Board members. Dennis Ryan was appointed to the Planning Board and Charles Robelen was appointed to The Board of Zoning Appeals. Each of them gave a brief summary of themselves.

Treasurer's Report

Treasure Mequia was not present, but distributed her reports.

Trustee Newman made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract # 2103 totaling \$20,281.72. Trustee Spica seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Harris was not present, but distributed his report.

- 6 CO's were issued, 3 permits issued and 0 Sign permits.
- 2 Notice of Violations were issued. 2 Carriage House for runoff and 30 Branch Drive for deck repair, which was actually ok.
- 3 complaints were reports and looked into. 4 Fir Lane had a boat & trailer parked in front of house. When first reported it was not valid as there was digging going on in the road in front of the house. Jerry checked on it again and issued a NOV on 8/11/15 since boat and trailer were indeed in front of house. At 93 Rte. 111 there was a compactor violation and nothing was found by Mr. Harris. 49 Branchbrook had a complaint about their construction from their neighbors. All permits were valid and within code.
- Cloud fee and fine was given to Attorney Ring.
- Still waiting on the status of 2 fire inspection violations at Sunrise.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- No Justice Court in July.
- Brother's Waste contract for leaf and brush has been sent and received word today they are in receipt of it and will send back shortly.
- Sent letter to 11 Magnolia Lane due to complaint on 4 Fir Lane and corruption allegations.
- Elite extension was signed and completed.
- Looking to do a RFP as opposed to a public bid for the electric contract Trustee Buonaiuto needs to do more research and get back to Attorney Ring.

Trustee Newman's Report

Trustee Newman reported that:

- 270 N Country Road – Castiglione property. The homeowner believes the tenant is responsible for weed cleanup/maintenance, but Code says it's the homeowner responsibility. Mayor Delaney said he would look into it. Mrs. Castiglione also mentioned to Court Clerk Mequia, that she is in the process of evicting the tenant. Attorney Ring asked if she filed a tenant petition because if so we could catch her breaking our code. Mr. ring also wanted to know if Inspector Harris has the right to re-inspection (re-enter the property.)
- Wanted to know what the status was about Sunrise sidewalks? Has Dan Falasco been in touch? Attorney Ring said he would contact the Manhattan Attorney for Sunrise.
- Wants Inspector Harris to be more aggressive with Carriage House violations. The cleanup costs are close to \$5,000.00. Wants to know if we can attach a tax lien? Every day is a reoccurring offense.
- Trustee Newman has noticed that the water level at Millers Pond is low and inquired if anything abnormal was going on. Mayor Delaney doesn't believe since he gets updates on the pond and with the recent rain, was hoping the levels will go up.

Trustee Spica's Report

Trustee Spica reported that:

- She has spoken to Mark Mancini and he is looking to make a Business Improvement District. He didn't have too many specifics and would cost approximately a few hundred dollars per building, which would then be passed onto tenants. Need more definitive numbers. Will follow up with him on it.
- Napper Tandy's will send somebody to clean up the beer bottles in the parking lots across the street.

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Mrs. Cassarini wrote a letter complaining about 4 Fir Lane and Inspector Harris checked it out last week and no boat& trailer, but as of today it was there, so he issued NOV.
- Trail Grant application has been submitted. It's a cooperative agreement between the Village, Town and Greenbelt Association.
- Met with Senator Flanagan today and he said he would get support from DOT for the grant application. The Senator also said he will follow up with Multi-Modal Dept. to get our Mt. Pleasant project moving along so we can get it approved and go to bid before it's too late to pave this Fall.
- Went to The Fresh Market grand opening. Saw Jeremy from Acadia there and he put up Stop sign. Jeremy also mentioned he will apply for proper permit to store salt and sand in parking lot.
- 3 Plaza Drive tree fell on homeowner's property causing damage to their car. Tree was on the homeowner's property so it's their responsibility to clean up.

Trustee Spica made a **motion** to close the meeting. Trustee Newman seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cozine
Village Clerk