

**Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
June 8, 2021
Track #36**

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on June 8, 2021. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Botto, Carro, Ryan, Damm, Treasurer Mequia, Village Attorney Ring, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- All tax bills have sent out.
- Received \$31,000 in tax revenue so far as of 5/31/21.
- Next sending out sign permit renewals.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2173 totaling \$ Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Landscape contract, any decision been made?
- Leaf and brush contract renewal, need to do a one-year extension.
- Local Laws #2 and #3 went to Board
- Lighting contract expires September 30, 2021

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Arico reported that:

- 55 Mt. Pleasant – met with owner and going to clear the dirt and remove the sections of fence.
- Clearbrook – ROW fence prevents getting to the greenbelt (#31 or #47) It might be a drainage easement and the Village needs access to that. Will need both houses to bring in survey and go from there. Will send letter to them requesting.
- Acadia will sweep back parking lot.

The Board has a problem with fences going across easements. We should be able to get at least 8-foot access.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Justice Court update

- Feral cat problem at Claremont Court
- 5 Dogwood Drive tree removal

Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm reported that:

- Sent landscaping bid to Clerk.

Kevin Damm made a **motion** to advertise landscaping bid in local newspapers as amended. Mayor Delaney seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan had nothing to report:

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Clearbrook complaint #21 Belgium block was hit during the paving of the street, put on the list. Also Mr. Shapiro who also lives on Clearbrook feels the blacktop is not sticking in his area.
- Spoke to Village Engineer, need striping at the end of Clearbrook. Now need to put together a list of other areas that need striping as well.
- Received compliments from Pisano's and 3 other neighbors on paving of Clearbrook road.
- Village Engineer trying to get list of drainage info together
- Need to get our fair share of the super sucker vacuum we share with TOS.
- Pothole on Woodhollow needs to be filled.

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Communication – texting is not appropriate form of official action. Needs to be logged in with the Clerk and put on complaint log.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:58pm. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine

