

**Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
July 13, 2021
Track #37**

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on July 13, 2021. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Botto, Carro, Ryan, Damm, Treasurer Mequia, Village Attorney Ring, Building Inspector Arico and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- 46 delinquent taxes, 6 of them have been paid.
- Received Cablevision check for \$2600 for PEG Grant, last one we got was 10 years ago.
- Received and signed Engagement letters from Auditors.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2174 totaling \$238,835.02 Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to open meeting to the public. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Libby Smith- Judges Lane resident commented how the Garden Grill has been good recently with the noise and music of outdoor dining. Also, can't hear the Children's Theatre group either.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close meeting to the public. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Snow contract up for renewal
- Leaf and brush contract renewal, need to approve.
- TOS contracts need to be sent in
- Fixed the Clerk's letter to Hoxha Case.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Justice Court update – 8 adjourned cases, 6 guilty no show, 3 rescheduled, 1 Trial; no decision yet.
- Cannibas Law – need to discuss and what it Town of Smithtown doing? Mayor Delaney commented that Wherheim said he is doing nothing. (Will be in versus will be out)

*** Joe Arico arrived 8:30pm***

Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm nothing to report:

Trustee Damm made a **motion** to approve the landscape contract to Jose Fuentes as the lowest responsible bidder. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan reported that:

- Noticed a hole cut on Rice Lane
- Will get in touch with Noah from Munibid about curb planning

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Striping all of Mt. Pleasant
- Spoke to Town - Potholes have been fixed on Mt. Pleasant. Still need to do Plaza and Hemlock Lane.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Arico reported that:

- Vision works is going into Branch Shopping Center
- My Salon has received final BOH approval. There is going to be a "fire watch" which means Fire Marshall will be on hand 24/7. I will issue a temp CO. The reason for this is because they can't get specific parts needed for the fire alarm system.

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

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- 28 Dogwood Dr- tree from sump fell onto our Village fence into their backyard
- August 19th dinner with the Board

Special Use Permits –

11/20/21 1st Birthday party - Approved

8/12/21 Baptism - Approved

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to approve the TOS road repair contract. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to approve the TOS road paving contract. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to cancel the August work session. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting at 9:13pm. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine