

**Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
August 10, 2021
Track #38**

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on August 10, 2021. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Botto, Carro, Ryan, Damm, Treasurer Mequia, Building Inspector Arico and Village Clerk Cozine were present. Village Attorney Ring was not present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

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

There were no Board of Trustees work session minutes since there was no meeting in August.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Busy month with taxes and sign permits going out.
- Delinquent list has gone down considerably.
- Received Cablevision quarterly payments.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2175 totaling \$16,725.16 Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

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

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

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector Arico reported that:

- Fire at 3 Cresthill – Head Injury Place, met with Fire Marshall.
- Renewed DiCanio building permit 278 Middle Country Road for \$3,000.
- Issued 4 new permits
- Vision Center check has not been deposited yet for \$9,000
- \$11,000 total for the month revenues
- My Salon final CO issued today
- Japanese BBQ met with owner and Fire Marshall to go over new
- Received Building Dept. records grant from Town of Smithtown.
- 143 Lawrence Rd needs a survey, backyard backs up to Millers Pond.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan reported that:

- Spoke to Noah at Munibid and curbing can be a 10year project. We discussed different strategies to invest in and borrowing monies.

- Spoke to Dan F to get inventory of curbs/roadways; estimate remaining useful life.
- Asked Clerk for more of other Village's snow contracts.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Justice Court update – a lot of no shows that were found guilty by default.
- Need Toughbooks back for the Town of Smithtown
- Lighting contract is ready to put out to bid
- Cannabis Law – if we do nothing then we are automatically in and can't get out.
- Went to the Master Plan meeting at Senior Center and Village wasn't included at all.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- 71 Birchbrook pothole
- Storm drain settled on Birchbrook
- Potholes on Saltbox, Plaza and Hemlock (DOT involved)
- Working on striping Mt. Pleasant with Dan F.

Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm reported that:

- Landscaper was told he is not allowed to dump grass?? Looking into that.
- 11/13 Hemlock tree fell into no mans land in between their backyards. Homeowner gave us a bill for cleanup. Need Dan F and BI to look at site and get back to me about who is responsible for the tree.
- Get tree estimate for other trees removal at Hemlock.
- Landscaper will handle the sumps, mowing the grass in front of them (Oaktree and Ash)
- Mrs. Donnelly from 31 Branchbrook backyard, stream is being choked up by overgrown shrubs and fallen tree. Mayor Delaney said according to the DEC nobody can touch that property.
- Traister Court – front part is donated land and should be maintained by Village.

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Dan F will come to the next work session to discuss Old Route 111
- Need fence letters to go out for corner properties – Building Inspector will do
- Cannabis – went to a seminar and learned \$23 Billion dollar industry, projected to double in next 5 years, approximately 18 months out it will be nationally legalized. 19 states already on board.
- September work session figure out sump maintenance terminology.
- Kickline carwash taking place September 12, give Pele Trustee Botto's cell phone number since will be out of town.
- September meeting – technology; need 1 dedicated laptop for zoom purposes.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting at 9:47pm. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Cozine

