

**Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
October 11, 2022
Track #58**

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on October 11, 2022. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Botto, Damm, Treasurer Mequia, Village Attorney Ring and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the September 2022 Board of Trustees minutes with the noted changes in Mayor Delaney's section and Trustee Damm seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the October 2022 work session minutes and Trustee Damm seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- 5 delinquent tax bills outstanding
- 24 Sign permits outstanding, sent letters out
- Received a handwritten SC Mortgage Tax check for \$18,242.05 because of cyber breach.
- Setting up audit

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2189 totaling \$12,331.86. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to open the meeting to the public. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Chris Kearns– New Manager at Uncle Guiseppe's, wanted to come in an introduce himself and let us know catering is coming into season. A total of 4 trailers have been delivered to the back of the store and 2 of them are currently working. All 4 will be working the week of Thanksgiving and 3 the week before that. The day after Thanksgiving it should go back to 2, but as Christmas comes up it will amp back up to 4.

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

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Justice Court had, 4 second timers, 1 Trial which was found guilty.
- Talked to Karen S about Zombie homes.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector was not present to report, but had left notes:

- Issued 1 new permits, issued 5 C/O, and 18 inspections

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Local Law #4 approved by the State.
- Brothers Waste Contract signed
- TOS Fire District Contract signed
- Work with Mayor on fence letters

Trustee Damm made a **motion** to approve Brothers Waste contract for leaf and brush pick up. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to approve Town of Smithtown Fire District contract for fire services. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Roads were paved over the weekend
- Met with James Deutch about the drains on Cambridge
- Possible new Signs on Mt. Pleasant/347
- Ideas about paving Old Route 111

Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm reported that:

- Guardrails pulled out
- Maps at the Trail/Old Route 111 area have been defaced, can we get that fixed?
- Asked Attorney Ring if we would be liable if the fence area had a gate on it for access to Route 111 from resident's backyard. Attorney Ring answered yes and advised against it.
- The walkway from Uncle G's to the bridge, could we eliminate the wood that is currently there. It is slippery

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan not present to report:

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Mayor Delaney asked if Dan F could view the surveys in the H2M file they sent to us digitally.
- Also asked Clerk to send H2M file to Trustee Botto
- Asked Clerk to contact Mr. Landscaper to remove wasp nest on Terrace Dr.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:26pm. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk