

**Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 13, 2022  
Track #61**

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on December 13, 2022. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Damm, Botto, Ryan (via zoom) Treasurer Mequia, Building Inspector Arico 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 November 2022 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously. Mayor Delaney Abstained since he was not present at last month's meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Auditors were here a week ago and still haven't heard anything back from them so that's a good sign.
- Received delinquent tax payment from 1 Weatherstone Way.
- Been in contact with Suffolk County for back taxes owed on tiny parcel of land.
- Might need a new property tax program.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2191 totaling \$33,569.35. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

### **Trustee Carro's Report**

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Justice Court had, 3 guilty fined, 7 no shows- guilty by default, 7 rescheduled and 1 dismissal.
- Gappsi wall sending partial payment to start renovations.
- Spoke to Jeremy about the EV charging stations, he is withdrawing the application for now.

### **Building Inspector's Report**

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

- Issued 5 new permits, issued 5 C/O's, went on 25 inspections.
- Sent out summons for sign permit renewals.
- Met with Fire Marshall at 222 Building
- Talked to Doug at SPS Rooster issue and 9 Branch Drive
- Brick matches at 222 Bldg. where the accident happened.
- Northwell Health will be opening this Friday of this week.
- TFCU wants to put a walk-up ATM machine in the Uncle G's shopping center.
- Gas problem at nail salon in Village Commons shopping center
- Back of Uncle G's has been quiet
- Met with the contractor at Uncle G's for the footings in the back
- Public Safety has been in touch with 9 Branch.

### Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring was not present to report:

### Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Brothers Waste will pick up the leaf/brush over at Dagnelli's this week. Trustee Ryan asked about Birchbrook house being picked up?
- Super sucked drains on Cambridge
- Spoke to Chris at Triple J not charging for sand this year.

### Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm reported that:

- Drains not done on Dogwood per John Carro
- Cut back brush on Rte. 111 on Village side of road between here and Oaktree. Last time it was done was by Alex Sonnenberg 3 years ago.
- Will meet up with Russ in Spring to get Fence done on Old Rte. 111

### Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan nothing to report:

### Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Spoke to the tree guy at Aspen to cut down bunch of trees and leave them in the Dogwood Sump for \$900.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to authorize Aspen to cut down the trees in Dogwood sump. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:17pm. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Cozine  
Village Clerk