

**Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
June 13, 2023
Track #70**

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on June 13, 2023. Deputy Mayor Carro, Trustees Damm, Ryan, Attorney Ring, Treasurer Mequia, Building Inspector Arico and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Deputy Mayor Carro called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Ryan made a **motion** to accept the May 2023 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Damm seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Collected \$84,500 in taxes so far in May, setting a record. Coming in slowly for June.
- Per Mayor, told Teri to choose which tax software she wants. (Harris software is \$9100 for year then maintenance is \$2400/year)

Trustee Damm made a **motion** to approve Harris tax program Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Trustee Ryan made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2197 totaling \$. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Ryan made a **motion** to open the public hearing for Local Law #3 of 2023. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Carro read the proposed local law as follows:

Local Law No. 3 of 2023

Village of The Branch, County of Suffolk

260-10 Parking in Commercial Areas.

A (5). No person shall park or leave standing a motor vehicle within 10 feet of a Fire Hydrant, fire well cistern, or Fire Department connection or apparatus.

260-11 Parking in Residential Areas.

E. No person shall park or leave standing a motor vehicle within 10 feet of a Fire Hydrant, fire well cistern, or Fire Department connection or apparatus.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

There was no comment from the audience.

Trustee Damm made a **motion** to close the public hearing for Local Law #3 of 2023. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Trustee Damm made a **motion** to approve Local Law #3 of 2023 – 260-10 Parking in Commercial Areas. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

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

There was no comment from the audience.

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

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Landscape renewal – Finally executed.
- Need to rebid for Leaf and Brush pickup.
- Lighting is up in September 2023, Board said to renew NY Trenchless for 1 year.
- Triple J snow removal is up for renewal on September 30, Board chose to renew.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan reported that:

- Charlie mentioned sending a letter out about the upcoming lighting improvements for the neighbors that it effects.

Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm was not present to report:

- Gappsi – asked about the retaining wall cap. Deputy Mayor Carro said he ordered a flat cap to put on it.
- Tree is gone on the path that fell.
- J Fuentes took care of poison ivy by the Dogwood sump.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Approved Acadia to take down tree pulling up the foundation at shopping center. Will discuss if they want to do more trees at later date.
- Received 2 bids for lighting improvements to Old Route 111 path: NY Trenchless \$9,400 and Schumacher \$13,400.
- Table cell tower for work session
- Court recap – 3 no shows found in default, 2 adjourn to Sept, 4 guilty, 2 no shows to be rescheduled to August.

Trustee Damm made a **motion** to approve NY Trenchless bid for Old Route 111 path work. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Trustee Damm made a **motion** to approve TOS intermunicipal agreement for road repair maintenance. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Trustee Damm made a **motion** to approve TOS intermunicipal agreement for pavement markings and road traffic signs. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

**** **Building Inspector arrived at 8:02pm**

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto was not present to report:

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector reported:

- Mannino's outdoor dining permit came in today.
- Received \$33,500 income.
- 4Permits, 10 CO's, 12 inspections
- Elevator inspections
- 3 months for 9 Branch - Mr. Ewart to complete renovation.
- Complaint about open compost pile, told resident to contact Public Safety to see if there is anything in code about it.

Trustee Damm made a **motion** to adjourn until October 10th for Mr. Ewart. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:20pm. Trustee Ryan seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk