

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
July 11, 2023
Track #71

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on July 11, 2023. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Botto, Damm, Attorney Ring, Treasurer Mequia, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the June 2023 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Damm seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously. Trustee Botto and Mayor Delaney abstained as they were not present for the meeting.

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Local Law #3 sent to the State.
- Leaf and Brush bid due July 25.
- Lighting renewal has been executed already.
- Sent renewal to snow contractor but haven't received back yet.

Mayor Delaney mentioned things are moving along with 9 Branch and will have him come back for the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Taxes went off nicely and smoothly.
- 86% of taxes are collected at this point, almost \$639,000.
- Collected mortgage tax through March 2023.
- Sign permits will go out next month.
- The tax program needs another name as a project leader and Mayor Delaney volunteered his name.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2198 totaling \$75421.05. Mayor Delaney seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan was not present to report:

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Court recap – 10 culprits, 2 no shows guilty by default, 4 guilty, 2 no shows to be rescheduled to August.
- ChargeSmart EV is just going to do Village Commons shopping center currently. Will be coming to August PB, cancelled July since won't have site plans done in enough time.
- Need to inform LIPA we put in 6 new light and added 2 new poles.

- “Stop sign is coming” sign in front of #2 Dogwood was hit and needs to be put back up. Trustee Botto noted that and put on list.
- Matching caps on Gappsi wall that was fixed from car accident involving Amazon truck should be done this week.

Trustee Botto’s Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Sent the TOS a pothole list.
- Cambridge drains are done.
- Signs are getting done, just need to be put up.
- Hemlock paving is done.
- 2 Woodhollow – has debris out in front so need to contact Public Safety to issue NOV.
- Jim Deutch from TOS found a manufacturer to cut price in half and can be made custom to what we need.
- Sign for speed table is being blocked by tree branches, need to have J Fuentes cut them down.

Trustee Damm’s Report

Trustee Damm was not present to report:

- J Fuentes will not touch poison ivy because he does not have a special license.
- Light at the corner of MT. Pleasant and Clearbrook is out, but that belongs to TOS. (per John Carro)

Building Inspector’s Report

Building Inspector was not present to report:

- Received \$4732 income.
- 7 Permits, 5 CO’s, 22 inspections

Mayor Delaney Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Parking lot at Uncle Giuseppe’s shopping Center is nuts, please call Gator(landlord) to get striped.
- Monahan house corner of Oaktree has a sign out from contractor.
- Wednesday Nov 1 is Heritage Ball.
- It is OK for Horizons to do the event in the parking lot of Village Branch Shopping Center.
- Hillcrest Head Injury has been dumping grass clippings into the stream. Asked Clerk to send letter.
- Drains need to be cleaned at the dead end on Mt Pleasant
- Follow up with Chris Ring on Amazon accident.

Special Use Permit – SHS- 1st bday party – August 2023 - Approved

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:41pm. Mayor Delaney seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Cozine

Village Clerk