

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
August 8, 2023
Track #73

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on August 8, 2023. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Botto, Damm, Building Inspector Arico, Treasurer Mequia, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the July 2023 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Damm seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously. Trustee Ryan abstained as he was not present for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Good month, only 20 outstanding delinquent taxes (2 of them multiple arrears).
- Sign permits will go next.
- Delinquent tax letters will go out Thursday.
- Harris computer to start the process of transferring over to the new tax program and backing everything up. Will receive a credit for \$190 for only needing one license.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2199 totaling \$21,753.85. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring was not present to report:

At this time Mayor Delaney opened the meeting to the public:

Michael Neglia – Boy scout Troop 349 presented a plan for his upcoming Eagle project. Proposed to fix the plexiglass and fix the podium that holds the map to the Green Belt Trail. The Board suggested going to the Green Belt Association and speak with David Reinfeld (president) and requesting a bigger map to use and possibly fix the benches. Also mentioned has friend looking for an Eagle project so if the Board can think of something please let him know.

Jean Paul Salamanca – Newsday reporter covering our Village and taking over from Nick. Came to introduce himself.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro was not present to report:

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan reported that:

- Asked Clerk to order him business cards.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector reported that:

- Received \$4,732 income.
- 7 Permits, 5 CO's, 22 inspections
- Car advertising not moving in Acadia shopping center.
- 260 E Main St had structural damage, car went through bldg., had to check it out.
- Carmelina's pizzeria had their underwriter for electrical passed away so helping them out.
- Had Farm Store Barn remove their flags.
- 9 Branch – doesn't look like he will make his deadline. Called the contractor and it's going slow but is being paid. Waiting on windows and front door. It is not sheet rocked, electrical or water turned on yet. They also ripped out all the floors.
- 9 Village Way- was there for an inspection and has huge dead tree wants to remove but backs up to the Village property. He will need to access our property to remove the tree. Does the Board approve that? The Board agrees but wants to get a hold harmless from the resident.
- All elevator inspections are done.
- Returned call to lady that hit jersey barrier at Mannino's and told her there is no recourse with us or Mannino's since it was approved by the Fire Marshall.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Potholes were filled on Oaktree, Mt. Pleasant Drive, and Cambridge.
- Can't find the Plaza Dr sign at 222 Building.
- Meeting with Mitch from TOS regarding signs and guard rail at Old Route 111
- Breakdown from Mr. Murphy at TOS regarding sweeping, wants to get away from weekend sweeping.
- Dead deer on Judges Lane, but it's a private road so we can't do anything to help.

Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm reported that:

- Carraige House – dumping sand at entrance, J Fuentes cleaned it up today.
- Mt. Pleasant trees and hedges have been cut back so you can see the speed table sign clearly.
- Point Of Woods entrance way will get the done soon clearing of the branches so that there is better visibility.
- Discussed neighbor with car being hit by acorns and can't make special exceptions for this.

Mayor Delaney Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Need to set up meeting with Nick Forte(IT) about the .gov email domain

Special Use Permit – SHS- Craft Fair – October 2023 – Approved

SHS – Car Show- August 6, 2023 - Approved

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to rebid the leaf and brush contract. Mayor Delaney seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:50pm. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk