

**Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 14, 2023  
Track #77**

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on November 14, 2023. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Botto, Damm, Ryan, Village Attorney Ring, Treasurer Mequia, Building Inspector Arico and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

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

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to approve the October 2023 Board of Trustees minutes. Trustee Botto seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to approve the November 2023 Board of Trustees work session minutes. Trustee Botto seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Mayor Delaney made notes to change spelling error and remove line item since not completed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Only 4 outstanding tax bills.
- Auditors have all our information, just waiting to hear back from them with a date.
- Waiting to hear back from new tax program company.
- A handful of sign permits outstanding, need to summon.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2202 totaling \$29,539.46. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

**Attorney Ring's Report**

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Had nothing to report.

**Building Inspector Arico's Report**

Building Inspector reported that:

- Received \$3,375 income.
- 5 Permits, 2 CO's, 20 inspections
- 9 Branch has 4 more weeks for the Pod. The inside is completed. The Board asked the Inspector to call the builder to remove the port a potty. Waiting for the gas inspection and then final inspection and need underwriter's certificate.
- Brett Bailey took over for Doug Murphy over at SPS. He is not efficient so asked the Chief to have someone else take over. Karen Sylvester said he was hesitant to issue summonses.
- Issued Jacks tobacco a summons.
- Linda Donnelly inquired about brush at the stream and said can't touch only DEC.
- 55 Mt Pleasant wants to move into house, but the BOH is backlogged, and Mr. Arico needs to give a final inspection. Mayor Delaney mentioned his new light at the end of the driveway is blinding to oncoming traffic, please ask him to change bulb.

- Banners are all down in Uncle G's shopping center. Will meet with Trustees Botto and Damm about bollards and fencing at Old Route 111 after Thanksgiving.

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

James Ewart III – there is a lock put on the gas meter after a fire and need to do a pressure test. Inspector Arico called the builder Tommy and he said he would unlock it for him. Mr. Ewart is concerned about the weather getting colder and water freezing and needs to winterize the house. Inspector Arico will call Charlie at Macron to get the pressure test done. Building Inspector Arico told him he still needs an underwriter's certificate and needs to do a final inspection.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to close the meeting to the public. Trustee Botto seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Requested Mr. Ewart III come back to the December 12th meeting.

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

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Justice Court – 2x no shows, guilty by default, 6 no shows, 6 reduced fines guilty.
- Planning Board meeting tomorrow night for EV Charges in Acadia shopping center.

#### **Trustee Botto's Report**

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Sign up at Birchbrook.
- Working on stop sign at Walsh Way.
- Traister Court/Plaza Drive sign is missing.

#### **Trustee Damm's Report**

Trustee Damm reported that:

- Meeting with Victorian fence guy to get quote for Birchbrook.
- Will meet with Joe Arico for the gate.
- Looking for a bridge builder.

#### **Trustee Ryan's Report**

Trustee Ryan reported that:

- Nothing to report.

#### **Mayor Delaney Report**

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Asked Clerk to contact Chris Kempner regarding summary page for the \$60,000 grant we received.

Special Use Permit – SHS- SWAP meet 2/11/24 – Approved.

SHS – Grad Party 7/13/24 – Approved.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:30pm. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine  
Village Clerk

