

**Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 12, 2023  
Track #79**

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on December 12, 2023. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Botto, Damm, Ryan, Treasurer Mequia, Building Inspector Arico 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 approve the November 2023 Board of Trustees minutes. Trustee Ryan seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to approve the December 2023 Board of Trustees work session minutes. Trustee Damm seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Mayor Delaney made notes to change a sentence to another bullet.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Only 3 outstanding tax bills.
- Auditors were here, don't think they will need to come back.
- Harriss Computer will convert files at 12pm Thursday.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2203 totaling \$16,557.86. 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 \$2,100 income.
- 2 Permits, 8 CO's, 21 inspections
- Jacks Tabacco took down their signs in the windows. Will just issue summons now, no more violation notices.
- House at end of Hemlock (not in Village) was issued summonses.
- Uncle G will be coming in for 2 more refrigerator permits.
- 9 Branch needs electric cert, final inspection and architect letter.

**Trustee Carro's Report**

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Justice Court – 3 first time no shows, 6 guilty.
- Ash Court estimates \$6,000 for pole and underground wiring and light. Will need to get another estimate since over \$5k.
- Joe Arico said he could use Town of Smithtown vendor. Trustee Botto said he would call.

- Approved EV charging stations in Acadia shopping center. Acadia will be back in January for the Branch Shopping Center. They want to put it on the west side of the “canoe” but feel it should be on the east side. Will recommend that.

### **Trustee Botto’s Report**

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Need to talk to Town of Smithtown about the Bollards
- Birchbrook Road – National grid will repave it when they are done with their work. It will be springtime.
- Working on getting estimate on curbs at Birchbrook.

### **Trustee Damm’s Report**

Trustee Damm reported that:

- Has a guy that will come down and check out the bridge at old route 111.
- Will meet with Bob Murphy with Trustee Botto.
- Birchbrook fence will be getting done at the beginning of January 2024.
- 21 Branch has tree fallen. J Fuentes will take care of it and cut it up.

### **Trustee Ryan’s Report**

Trustee Ryan reported that:

- Nothing to report.

### **Mayor Delaney Report**

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Will participate in the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.
- Election dates to start nomination petition is Jan 2 and Feb 13 is last day to hand in.
- Holiday gathering at the end of January 2024.

Special Use Permit – SHS- Freebirds 6/30/24 – Approved.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:19pm. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine  
Village Clerk