

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
July 9, 2024
Track #91

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on July 9, 2024. Deputy Mayor Carro, Botto, Damm, Village Attorney Ring, Treasurer Mequia, Building Inspector Arico, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Busy month, no complaints.
- Do not have the total outstanding taxes yet and are still processing payments.
- 9 Branch still has outstanding taxes with not only us, but the TOS.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2210 totaling \$. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the 2023 court audit. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

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

There were no people present to comment.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the public meeting. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Local Law #2 has been filed with the State of NY.
- J Fuentes approved the landscaping contract.
- Snow and Underground Lighting Bids are out there now.
- Waiting for the TOS to sign the pavement markings and signs contract.

Mayor Delaney Report

Mayor Delaney was not present to report:

Building Inspector Arico's Report

Building Inspector reported that:

- Took in \$590 in income.
- Went on 23 inspections.
- Issued 2 permits and 4 CO's.
- Met with new pizzeria taking over Bueno Sera, starting construction on Saturday.

Deputy Mayor Carro's Report

Trustee Carro had reported that:

- Justice Court – 9 tickets on agenda. 1 reschedule due to being in hospital, 1 no show first timer, 3 guilty with reduced fines, 2 second timers guilty by default, 2 rescheduled
- Asked Inspector Arico about bollards in the parking lot of Acadia with front facing parking.
- 29 Hemlock Lane has a trailer on the front lawn and a commercial truck. Karen from PS will investigate it.
- 41 Branchbrook is a vacant house, and the car is gone. Called Karen at PS.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Working on getting bollards for the new bridge.
- Received proposal on drain at Terrace, there is a rough price of \$11,000 for 6 hours for 2 drains. But we need 4 drains so the price will increase. TOS will be doing the work off the IMA.
- Spoke to Jim Deutche at TOS about paving from the bridge to Mt. Pleasant. Will be 13 feet wide and will fill in the rest with mulch. Then we will work on the gate.

Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm reported that:

- Met with J Fuentes Monday and the guys who will install the bollards and will remove trees and branches.
- Going to redo the concrete by Uncle G's.
- Roger said we are going to redo the sidewalk and curb over there.
- Told TOS crew to cut 3-4ft into the greenbelt area.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan was not present to report:

Special Use Permits – SHS 7/19/24 Graduation Party – Approved

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:03pm. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine
Village Clerk