

Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
August 13, 2024
Track #92 & #93

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on August 13, 2024. Deputy Mayor Carro, Botto, Damm, Village Attorney Ring, Treasurer Mequia, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Deputy Mayor Carro called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to approve the May 14th, 2024, Board of Trustees minutes. Trustee Damm seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to approve the June 11th, 2024, Board of Trustees minutes. Trustee Damm seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to approve the July 9th, 2024, Board of Trustees minutes. Trustee Damm seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Boto made a **motion** to approve the August 6th, 2024 Board of Trustees work session minutes. Trustee Damm seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Taxes went well, as of July 31st there were 17 outstanding taxes, but a few came in this last week, and I haven't updated.
- Getting ready for the auditors.
- Getting sign permits out this Thursday August 15th.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2211 totaling \$88,331.38. 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.

Robert Sikora – President of Forest Wood Civic Association. Wanted to bring up the issue of the double poles on Main Street in Smithtown, of which some belong to the Village. From RR Trestle by the Bull to St. Patrick's Church he counted 45 of them. Mr. Sikora was able to get rid of 50 double poles in his area by contacting John and Leslie Kennedy. The utilities hate doing this because it costs them money to take them down. Because of union contracts, PSEG are not allowed to touch Verizon or cablevision lines.

Francis Macchia – 9 Cambridge Drive resident mentioned he currently has 2 poles on his property (PSEG just put up a new pole) but that's not why he was there. The fire hydrant in front of his house is out of order. Mr. Macchia has called SCWA and there is a work order in to repair the hydrant, but they don't know when it will be done. Attorney Ring took his information and said he would follow up

with the Smithtown Fire Department. The hydrant was fixed the next day as Mr Macchia called up Village to thank us.

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:

- Brothers Leaf and Brush contract was executed.
- Gave Clerk Cozine the TOS IMA for road repairs and Maintenance to give to Mayor to sign

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to approve the NY Trenchless contract. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to resubmit the snowplow bid to advertise in two local papers. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney Report

Mayor Delaney was not present to report:

Building Inspector Arico's Report

Building Inspector was not present to report, but left notes:

- Took in \$\$8,035.00 in income.
- Went on 20 inspections.
- Issued 1 permit and 2 CO's.

Deputy Mayor Carro's Report

Trustee Carro had reported that:

- No Justice Court for month of July 2024
- Fixing signs with TOS

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Supervised the paving of the North side of the bridge
- Ready to spread the mulch.
- Trustee Damm just needs to meet with the Fence Guy.

Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm reported that:

- Nothing to report was out on vacation for 2 weeks.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan reported that:

- Had resident inquire with him regarding a path over by the Clearbrook area that is getting overgrown by the Greenbelt. Per Trustee Damm we don't cover that area.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to go into executive session at 8:33pm. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to close the executive session at 8:47. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

No action was taken.

Special Use Permits

SHS- Spooky Trail – Approved

St. Pat's School – Movie Night – 9/13/24 Approved

SHS- 1st Bday Party – 10/26/24 Approved

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