

**Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 10, 2024  
Track #94**

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on September 10, 2024. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Botto and Damm, Village Attorney Ring, Treasurer Mequia, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to approve the September 3rd, 2024, Board of Trustees work session minutes. Trustee Botto seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Busy but a quiet month.
- 10 Outstanding property tax bills.
- The auditors will be sending out via email the letter you need to sign and send back via email, then they will schedule the audit for the end of October or early November.
- Trustee Botto asked if 9 Branch is receiving a tax bill.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted and direct the Treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2212 totaling \$15,107.89. Trustee Botto 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.

Steve Heilbrun- resident of 6 Woodhollow Drive – brought it to our attention that the resident of the house at 15 Woodhollow was speeding down the street and hit a dog of another homeowner on the street. We need a speed bump as people are constantly racing down the block. Some of them are the workers at the Head Trauma on Cresthill Place. The Mayor mentioned the only issue with speed bumps are they make it difficult for the snowplows. Mayor Delaney said they make and sell removable ones and will investigate it. They aren't expensive and maybe we can get grant money for it. Mr. Heilbrun even asked if we could put a stop sign in front of his house, to slow down the speeders. Also mentioned possibly cutting down the shrubbery in front of Mr. Dagnellis house on the corner as it causes a blind spot. Mayor Delaney asked for some patience as we work on getting this done.

\*\*Attorney Ring arrived 7:49pm

Adam Ronkowski – 4<sup>th</sup> precinct liaison with VOB, suggested a friendly walkway with flashing lights by the greenbelt trail to help.

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

### **Attorney Ring's Report**

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Mentioned that Lake Avenue in St. James has those friendly walkways with flashing lights.
- Mentioned can't have entire speed limit under 30 mph.
- Snow bid expires September 30, 2024.

### **Building Inspector Arico's Report**

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

- Took in \$14,253.00 in income.
- Went on 18 inspections.
- Issued 3 permits and 4 CO's.

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

Trustee Carro had reported that:

- Justice Court update.
- Double Pole issue.
- Asked about the stop sign being replaced and "sink" holes on Daisy Lane being fixed and Trustee Botto replied yes.

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

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Woodchips being delivered on the walking path at Old Route 111 tomorrow on the South side and North side received them today.
- 2 Bollards to be placed on each the North and South side, spoke to Jim from TOS yesterday.
- Garbage receptacle by Uncle G's path.... Who will maintain it?
- Asked for the Scout who is doing Eagle Projects information so he can contact him.
- Rough numbers for the project so far are \$60-75,000., still need to do fence and bollards.
- Singer Lane approximate costs is \$51,000 and the breakdown is as follows: curb \$13,000, and concrete and sidewalk is \$20,000, asphalt is \$6,500 and seed \$532.00, \$7,000 excavation and \$300 sprinkler.
- TOS is monitoring our water levels in Miller's Pond.

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

Trustee Damm reported that:

- J Fuentes going to fill in areas that were eroded by the August 18-19 rainstorm.

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

Trustee Ryan was not present to report:

### **Mayor Delaney Report**

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Read into record the Proclamation of Local and State Emergency for August rainstorm.

\*\*\*\*\*insert file with proclamation\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to accept the local state of emergency. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

- Leaf and Brush Dates – Week of October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 16<sup>th</sup> and January 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Tree pickup.
- The snowplow bidder is from Westbury and didn't not furnish any snowplowing referrals it was all other type of work.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to reject the snowplowing bid by Stasi based on proximity. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to advertise for the snowplowing bid in the local paper with the modification to the spec to be opened on October 8th. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

### Special Use Permits

SHS- 10/19/24 Retirement Party – Approved.

SHS- 11/2/24 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party – Approved.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:42pm. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Cozine  
Village Clerk