

**Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
June 14, 2022
Track #52**

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on June 14, 2022. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Botto, Ryan, Damm, Village Attorney Ring, Treasurer Mequia, and Village Clerk Cozine were present.

Mayor Delaney called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the May 2022 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously. Trustee Ryan was not here to vote, arrived late and Mayor Delaney abstained.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the June 2022 work session minutes and Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously. Trustee Ryan was not here to vote, arrived late and Mayor Delaney abstained.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- All tax bills are mailed, lots of residents coming in to pay their bill. Haven't tallied up a total yet.
- Sign permits will be going out next.
- Sent the engagement letter from the auditors to the mayor. They are the same as last year except the fee has increased.

Trustee Carro made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2185 totaling \$222,241.87. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Clerk Cozine explained to the Board about the building department grant that she has exceeded the 30 hours by 17.5 that are permitted in the grant to get paid and needs more time and help to finish the project and get boxes moved for Court.

Mayor Delaney is going to send letters to property owners about the fence and line of sight issues.

**** Trustee Ryan Arrived at 7:50 pm ****

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Landscape contract is completed
- Local Law #2 filed with NYS and given back to Clerk Cozine.
- Talked with Mayor Delaney about the unsafe building structure language in the new proposed Local Law #3 and had a conference with an outside attorney.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to advertise a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #3, Unsafe Building Structures. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Town of Smithtown getting ready to pave potholes, work is estimated at \$50-60,000, will let us know when going to do the job.
- Bid Box = drainage and other items would fall into the paving line item on budget, was an answer to question Clerk Cozine had regarding an invoice from work done by TOS.
- Village does not need another sweep.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Justice Court had 8 people on the agenda. Some no shows, 2 dismissals, 1 default.
- Group Home on 2 Dogwood Drive, asked Mayor to please call Senator Mattera and have NYS follow up with them. There have been some residents wandering around in their PJ's.

Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm reported that:

- Asked Mayor Delaney if he was able to ask for more money from politicians to get work done for Old Route 111
- Going to meet up with J Fuentes, the landscaper, and go over Old Route 111, wants to cleanup from fence to guardrail and mulch.
- Getting a bridge estimate from J Fuentes guy to fix the bridge.
- Getting estimate for chain link fence.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan reported that:

- The house on Dogwood has a lot of bushes at curb not tied and bundled.

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector was not present to report, but gave Clerk information that:

- Issued 8 new permits, 1 sign permit, issued 2 C/O, and 20 inspections
- Met with Gator shopping center and slats were installed in fence.
- Working on old outstanding permits
- Reviewed new plans for 202 E Main St for major interior alterations

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Town of Smithtown changed its outdoor dining permits to be permanent, do we want to follow suit? All Trustees agreed to no.
- Next year we will no longer do it.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:55pm. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Cozine
Village Clerk