

**Village of The Branch – Board of Trustees Meeting
January 11, 2022
Track #43**

The monthly meeting of the Village of The Branch was held at 40 Route 111, Smithtown, NY, seven thirty p.m. on January 11, 2022. Mayor Delaney, Trustees Carro, Botto, Damm, Ryan 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 Carrro made a **motion** to accept the December 2021 Board of Trustees minutes and Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Trustee Carrro made a **motion** to accept the January 2022 Board of Trustees work session minutes and Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mequia reported that:

- Auditors done here and sent bill
- Dogwood had a double arrears tax payment. Sending back check.
- Received some delinquent taxes
- Contacted Smithtown for Assessment roll
- Starting budget process.

Trustee Damm made a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report as submitted and direct treasurer to pay all the bills on Abstract #2180 totaling \$212,549.61. Trustee Carro seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Attorney Ring's Report

Attorney Ring reported that:

- Need a motion to advertise for Local Law #1 of 2022
- Local law # 4 &5 have been filed by the State.
- Gave retainer paperwork and conflict of interest letter to the Clerk for the Mayors signature.
- Justice Court does not have jurisdiction for certain things. So, looking to go to Riverhead to inquire about the liens we have on 9 Branch Drive.
- Need to call or write a letter to the insurance company regarding the apron crack for resident Mr. Gordon on Daisy Lane.

Trustee Botto made a **motion** to open meeting to the public. Trustee Damm seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

No one present from public.

Trustee Damm made a **motion** to close meeting to the public. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion**. All are in favor, approved unanimously.

Trustee Botto's Report

Trustee Botto reported that:

- Snow plowing went smooth
- Street signs are ready to be installed, just waiting to put up.

Trustee Carro's Report

Trustee Carro reported that:

- Talked to Fred at 3 Spruce Court about the underground break on his property that the Village was billed \$1600. Will have Attorney Ring send letter to the landscapers. They did not call 811 before they dug so there were no mark outs.

Trustee Damm's Report

Trustee Damm reported that:

- J Fuentes is done for the season and went down by the bridges.
- J Fuentes is set to pick up the Christmas Trees week of Jan 17 or 18.

Trustee Ryan's Report

Trustee Ryan had nothing to report:

Building Inspector's Report

Building Inspector was not present, but reported:

- Issued 2 new permits, issued 1 C/O, and 23 inspections
- Investigated fence complaint behind Uncle Giuseppe's with Gator representative from Village Center
- Met with Vision works multiple times
- Met with James from Uncle G's regarding plans
- Met with Pele regarding projects at 50 Rte. 111

Mayor Delaney's Report

Mayor Delaney reported that:

- Resident Al Cafora posted something on Smithtown Dads website and received a lot of heat and negative feedback trying to put together a neighborhood watch.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to advertise for local law #1 tax cap override. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to hire Election Inspectors Elanore Rowe and Eileen Bisel at \$150 per day. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Delaney made a **motion** to close the meeting at 8:28pm. Trustee Botto seconded the **motion** which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Cozine

