Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday August 8th, 2022

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday August 8, 2022 at 7 PM at the Town Hall. A notice with the time, date and place of the meeting was posted on the exterior bulletin board of the Town Hall at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Mayor Dickson called the meeting to order. Council, along with all those present, stood for the

Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer.

Roll call indicated all were present.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcomed those present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Dukesmade a motion to accept the July 11, 2022 minutes. Councilman Pauley Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Connelly made a motion to approve the General Fund Financial Report; Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Connelly made a motion to approve the Water and Sewer Financial Report; Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Dukes made the motion to approve the Municipal Court Financial Report; Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Jumper reports everything is going good. Madison is still out sick.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports everything is going pretty well, we do have a couple of leaks and we are working on them.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Councilman Banks reports nothing going on at the complex right now. We will be having only flag football at this time. Also on the walking track at Horton Field I contacted 3 different local companies to give an estimate. No one has responded. I am going to have to look beyond local companies. Mayor Dickson suggested that he speak with Parks and Rec in Orangeburg perhaps they could help.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples reports I did have the yard sale, with water slides and bouncy house, still did not get any turn out. I am going to rest and back off a while. Maybe try something for Halloween. Mayor suggested she plan events around holidays. Place the dates and type of events on the flyer at the first of year giving plenty of notice so people can plan.

**5. Buildings/Grounds:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver reports that there is an electrical issue with the

 exterior lights at the Railroad Museum and that it was being repaired.

**6. Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports it was a good month, busy month for our

 police department. Councilman Banks said he received a complaint about a message on

 Tik-Tok from Officer Platt. I personally didn’t see anything wrong with it, Chief Clark will

 look into this for now.

**Old Business:** None at this time.

**New Business:** Red Cross is actively recruiting and training new disaster volunteers to increase their capacity to respond throughout hurricane season. This letter is a form of contact if we would need to contact anyone.

**Public Comments Agenda:** Corey with the newspaper had a question in reference to the walking track, where is that location. Council Banks answered Horton Field here in Branchville. Also when is Raylrode

Daze? Date of Raylrode Daze will be September 23 & 24, Friday and Saturday.

**Public Comments Other:** Mr. Miller said he requested to be put on the agenda. Mayor Dickson said he

Was scheduled under the Exec. Session.

**Executive Session:** Councilman Banks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:20pm. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion. Councilman Jumper made the motion to return to a regular council meeting at 9:02pm and Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried.

During Executive session, Mayor Dickson stated we had a lot to discuss. The first was the Lease with The Eatery. Councilman Banks made a motion to increase the rent from $600. 00 to $650.00. Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion. Councilman Dukes against. The next discussion was the Millage Rate. Councilman Dukes made a motion to increase the millage rate by 3%. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. The next item was the Spectrum Southeast, LLC Franchise. Councilman Jumper made a motion to allow the Franchise with a 5% Franchise Fee. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. The next item was the Railroad Museum. Mayor Dickson explained according to the By-Laws the Museum must have a board. Three members must be three of the Town Council. The three council members are Tommy Connelly, Rhonda Peeples and Mayor Pro Tem Oliver.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Councilman Dukes to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Clerk Assistant

Faye Connelly