

Town of Branchville  
Special Council Meeting  
December 30, 2015

A special Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on December 30, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. A notice was placed on the door of the Town Hall with the time, date, and place of the meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Jennings. Council, along with all those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer.

Roll Call indicated that Mayor Miller, Councilman Chris Ott and Councilman Michael Blankenship were absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Jennings welcomed the guests.

**Public Hearing:** Phyllis Overstreet asked if the budget was the same as last year. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said a few changes had been made but it was mostly the same.

**Approval of 2016 Budget:** Councilman Sam Whisenhunt made the motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the 2016 budget. Councilwoman Amy Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Council Pay Ordinance:** Councilwoman Bryant made the motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the Council Pay Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Christmas Club:** Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said that most of the employees of the Town are interested in having a Christmas Club. He said this is a payroll deduction and each employee decides how much they want deducted. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said employees can withdraw early but it does have a small fee. He said F&M Bank will mail the checks to the employees in late October. Councilman Whisenhunt asked if there was a mandatory minimum. Mayor Pro Tem said it was not. Councilman Gregory Oliver asked if the employees could make extra deposits. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said they could. Councilman Whisenhunt made the motion to approve the Christmas Club for the Town's employees. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion. The motion carried.

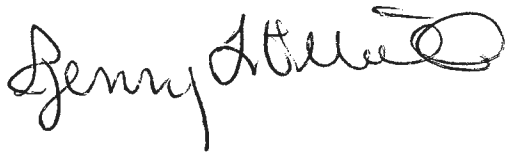
Frank Dickson said he saw in the paper that the Town was taking resumes for a clerk; he asked what the process was and how many had applied. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said he didn't have an exact number but he has a folder full. He said Council asked him to go through the resumes. He said out of the folder he only felt that 3 were qualified.

**Executive Session:** Councilman Whisenhunt made the motion to go into executive session. Councilwoman Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilman Oliver made the motion to return to regular session. Councilman Whisenhunt seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Jennings said council had discussed a personnel matter that did not require a vote.

**Adjournment:** Councilman Oliver made the motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Bryant seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenny Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

Jenny Elliott  
Town Clerk