Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday, May 10, 2021

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, May 10, 2021 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 called indicated that Mayor Pro Tem Blankenship and Councilman Dukes were absent. Remaining council was present.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcomed those present and thanked them for coming. Mayor introduced Blaine Heffelfinger, who is the President of the Raylrode Daze Committee and turned the meeting over to him. Mr. Heffelfinger thanked the council for this time. He also says RR Daze is being planned for Thursday, Friday & Saturday of the last full weekend in September, starting on the 23rd. He would also like the blessing of the council to have beer back on a side street or wherever they would permit. The town would not be responsible for anything, the committee just wants the council’s blessing. Please think on this and let us know. Mayor Dickson said that beer had been sold in the past and that the RR Daze festival has gone down without it, and he would rather see a non-profit organization like this to have it and that he didn’t have any problems. Councilman Oliver wanted to know about the safety of the general public and Mr. Heffelfinger informed him they had staff that would monitor the people and by all means would inform the law if necessary.

Mayor Dickson explained that he was having the golf tournament again this year and asked the council would the town would be a sponsor. Councilman Banks made a motion to sponsor $100.00. Councilman Jumper seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Connellymade the motion to approve the April 12, 2021 minutes. Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Banks made the motion to approve the General Fund

Financial report. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Banks

made the motion to approve the Municipal Court financial report. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Oliver made the motion to approve the Water and Sewer financial report. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Banks reports that he has a quote on a camera system. The system has 8 cameras and could be placed on the phones, monitor etc. Easy to install, would have WIFI for them. Councilman Banks made a motion to purchase the 8 camera system for 380.00. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Oliver reports: We have a few leaks, one we can’t start on until next week when Shawn Sauls will look at. We also had to have the brakes and starter replaced on the F250, cost was 730.00. Mayor Dickson said he had spoken with Matt on the F150 and maybe we will have by middle of this week. Also on the vehicle from Dominion, they did not have their April or May meeting but we are next on the list, maybe we will hear from them soon.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Dickson said they are having ball games every night.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilman Jumper reports: I spoke with a representative with Family Dollar during his was his final inspection and he said they should be starting in a couple of weeks with construction. Mayor Dickson explained that the blocks and bricks are now at the depot and things are going good. Mayor Dickson also said the community center would be used this Wednesday for Covid Vaccines from 8:30-4PM.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports: We will open the water park Memorial Day Weekend.
6. **Police Department:** Mayor Dickson discussed the officer’s tickets due to Councilman Dukes’ absence. Clerk Connelly requested approval for window tinting for the three police cars. This was approved last year in the budget but was not done. Mayor Dickson said go ahead it was already approved last year.

**Old Business:**

1. None

**New Business:**

1. None

**Public Comments Agenda:** None

**Public Comments Other:** Lori Miller wanted to know if council could speak with CenturyLink and perhaps get the speed of the internet faster. Discussion was with the issue if CenturyLink was the only company that was allowed in the town was there a contract that nobody else could come in? Mayor Dickson will check into this and let Lori know.

**Items for Information:** None

**Executive Session:** Councilman Jumper made a motion to go to Executive Session. Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried. Council left at 7:30PM. Councilman Connelly made the motion to return to the regular Council Meeting at7:55pm. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

Councilman Jumper made a motion that we use Stark Exterminators for the termites at the Old EMS Building that is rented. Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Oliver made a motion to place an ad with Tri County. Councilman Connelly seconded, motion carried.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Councilman Banks to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Town Clerk

Faye Connelly