Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday, March14, 2022

7:00 PM

The regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, March 14, 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 called indicated all was present except Councilman Jumper.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Connelly made a motion to accept the February 14, 2022 minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver 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 Dukes made the motion to approve the Municipal Court financial report. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Connelly made the motion to approve the Water and Sewer financial report. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Nothing to report, Councilman Jumper absent.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports we are doing pretty well right now, leaks have been repaired at this time. Mayor Dickson acknowledged that Councilman Connelly, Mayor Pro Tem Oliver and myself met with an Engineering Firm and we are applying for a no-match grant to help repair some water lines in our town.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Councilman Banks reports that the complex is hosting a softball tournament April 2nd and a baseball tournament March 20th and April 1st.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples reports us that Amy Ott is hosting her annual yard sale at the parking lot of Ott’s old grocery store. I am working on perhaps having an Easter egg hunt in April. Considering the date of April 16th, perhaps at the Junction. Mayor Dickson also suggested the old camp grounds.

 **5. Buildings/Grounds:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver says all is going well, nothing else to report.

Mayor Dickson reported that he hosted the open house at the Event Venue and it went well.

 **6. Police Department:** Councilman Dukes reports we had a good month. Chief Clark had no

 comments at this time other than he appreciated the council’s support.

**Old Business:** Mayor Dickson reports about the update on the water issues. We have had no success at this time on finding anyone to refinance our water/sewer debt. I have spoken with Senator Scott and he is looking also. Municipal Association is not aware of anything either. The bank won’t lower the interest rate per the Mayor. Kim Merritt says she is still looking and doesn’t have the answer at this time but will continue to look. Councilman Banks questions the Mayor have we ruled out trying to sell the water/sewer department? Mayor Dickson replies we have not ruled it out just waiting to see how things move forward. Councilman Banks also questions when is DOT going to replace the parking lines in the street as well as is when is the Railroad going to come back and repair the tracks, they are bad. Mayor Dickson says he will follow up with DOT. Councilman Connelly states that the Railroad will have to take care of their tracks.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment – Agenda:**  None at this time.

**Public Comments – Other:** None at this time.

**Items of Information:**  Mayor Dickson called upon Clerk Faye Connelly our outgoing clerk to come forward. The council and I want to acknowledge your services and thank you for your services to the town. He presented to her a bouquet of flowers along with a card.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Dickson says we need to go into Executive session per personnel issues. Councilman Dukes made a motion to go in Executive Session at 7:29. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver made a motion to return to regular council meeting at 8:10. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson explained that they can’t discuss the issues at this time.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Dukes seconded the motion, motion carried and meeting adjourned.

Town Clerk

Faye Connelly