Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday November 13, 2023

6:00 PM

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday October 9th 2023 at 6 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 except for Councilman Jumper.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Oliver to accept the October 9th 2023 minutes; Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Budget Minutes:**  A motion was made by Councilman Baker to accept the October 16th 2023 Budget Minutes: Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Banks made the motion to approve the October 2023 General Fund Financial report; Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Connelly made a motion to accept the October 2023 Water & Sewer Financial report; Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Dickson made a motion to accept the October 2023 Municipal Court Financial Reports; Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Baker reports everything is going good this month.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports things are going alright. Had a pipe bust which cause no issue and has been repaired. Has been hearing positive feedback about the grass cutting contractors.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Councilman Banks reported things are going good. Complex is closed for the season.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples reported the Halloween Junk-a-Treat was a success. The upcoming Christmas Parade will be on December 16th at 6PM with Arts & Crafts and Community Yard sale will take place that morning-afternoon.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver reports everything has been going well. Getting quotes on repairing the back door at the Community Center Venue.
6. **Police Department:** In Councilman Jumpers absence, Mayor Dickson reported things are going good this month.

**Old Business:** The first read of the 2024 Budget was approved on October 16th 2023. A Final Read will be scheduled once the Budget has been posted in the paper.

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

**Comments Agenda Items**: Mayor Pro Tem Oliver shared that if anyone wanted to be a part of the Christmas Parade to be at Horton Field at 5pm to line up and register.

**Public Comments:** Museum Operator, Al Lyons, brought donations that have been collected for the month. Also, he would like to thank the town for their contributions.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Dickson called the Council into executive session at 6:20PM to discuss Contractual Matters. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson called the meeting back to order at 7:04PM. In Executive Session, a new copier for the front office was discussed and agreed upon. Councilman Baker proposed the idea of having our security updated around the building by wanting employees to have keycards. Asked if Clerk could get something together to look further into the proposal. Mayor Dickson asked for paperwork to be gathered of the insurance the town has to possibly raise our policy if needed. Councilman Banks proposed the idea of having our Council Meetings livestreamed so people can stay up to date. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver made a motion to accept the bid from Power Move to install emergency lights at Town Hall and the Museum. Councilman Banks seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Adjournment**: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Oliver to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12PM.

Town Clerk

Madison Jackson