Town of Branchville

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding

Monday 12th, 2024

6:00 PM

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday, August 12th, 2024 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.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Oliver to accept the July 8th 2024 minutes; Councilwomen Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Mayor Pro Tem Connellymade the motion to approve the General Fund

Financial report. Councilman Baker seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Connelly made a motion to accept the Water & Sewer Financial report; Councilman Oliver seconded, motion carried. Councilman Jumper made a motion to accept the Municipal Court Financial report; Councilman Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Baker reports everything is going smoothly, nothing to report.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Mayor Pro Tem Connelly reports everything is going well.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Councilman Ott reports everything is in full swing as it was the first football practice. Tackle Football games start first or second week of September, games will be held at the high school football field on Tuesdays.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples reports the Branchville Bash is Saturday Sept 14th

Councilwoman Peeples said she had enough sponsors to cover the cost. There will be a float in the Raylrode Daze Parade to promote the Junc-a-Treat Halloween event coming up October 31st. Councilwoman Peeples also said they had a recipe swap on Friday August 16, 2024 at the Freight Depot.

1. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports everything is going good. AC at the Healthplex was repaired. Councilman Oliver stated that the Town has never officially opened and dedicated the walking track at Horton Field, would like have that done before the end of the year. Councilman Oliver suggested we have a community event with refreshments to do this. Mayor Dickson asked that he come up with a date and it would be planned for. Mayor Dickson did report the Eatery ac was leaking late Friday afternoon, but AAA Heating & Air came Saturday and fixed it. Mayor Dickson said all the drain pans might need to be replaced.
2. **Police Department:** Councilman Jumper reports we had a good month in July, no problems

**Old Business:**  Buckled floor was removed in the Community Center, original floor needs to be sealed and covered with epoxy; need to contract with a professional to get the floor finished.

**New Business:** No New Business

**Agenda Items/ Public Comments:** Mr. Al Lyons informed everyone that the Railroad Museum had taken in $106.00 for the month of July.Brandon Mckibbin said he had all of the Railroad Days books but for the year of 2022, Mayor Dickson told him he has one and would got it to him. He also said he found some old pictures he was going to get frames for. Chief Clark reported everything was going good.

**Items of Information:** None

**Executive Session**: Councilman Oliver made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Connelly seconded, the motion, motion carried. Council left for Executive Session at 6:18 pm. Council returned from executive session at 6:42 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Connelly made the motion to return to regular council meeting, Councilman Jumper seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson explained that it was time to choose our millage for next year for the Town. Council decided to keep the millage rate the current 2024 rate for 2025.

Bids were previously opened for the upcoming generator grant. The high bid was $499,900, the low bid was $302,874. Council voted to accept the lower bid, which was given by West Electric of Newberry. Mayor Pro Tem Connelly made the motion, Councilman Baker seconded, motion carried.

Council agreed to hold the Town Christmas Party on Monday, December 2nd, 2024 at the Eatery. The Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 21st, 2024 at 6pm.

Mayor Dickson mentioned that they were talking to someone to do the edging of the sidewalks before Raylrode Daze, will have this accomplished soon.

**Adjournment**: Councilwoman Peeples made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Council was adjourned at 6:54

Town Clerk

Theresa Polin