

Town of Branchville
Regular Council Meeting
Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding
Monday January 8, 2024
6:00 PM

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday January 8 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 Councilman Connelly to accept the December 11 2023 minutes; Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of Budget Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Jumper to accept the December 28 2023 Budget Minutes; Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report: Councilman Baker made the motion to approve the December 2023 General Fund Financial report; Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Connelly made a motion to accept the December 2023 Water & Sewer Financial report; Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Jumper made a motion to accept the December 2023 Municipal Court Financial Reports; Councilwoman Peeples seconded the motion, motion carried.

Council Reports:

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Baker reports spoke with Clerk of Court, Emily Maynard, who reported things are going good. Parts for the Flag Pole renovation have been ordered to be set up at the Museum/ Eatery.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Councilman Connelly reports things are going alright. Maintenance has been installing new Neptune Meters, we now have 24 in the ground and have ordered 24 more. The software has not yet been installed but will keep updated.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Dickson reports nothing at this time. Baseball will start up at the end of January.
4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples reports nothing at this time.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Mayor Pro Tem Oliver reports everything has been going good. Lights have been replaced at the museum. Would like to schedule a date early in the year for the 2024 Annual Christmas Parade. A date will be chosen in the upcoming weeks.

6. **Police Department:** Councilman Jumper reports nothing at this time. Did not have court in the month of December.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

Comments Agenda/Other Items: None at this time.

Items of Information: Mayor Pro Tem Oliver stated he would like to attend the Annual MASC Legislative meeting for 2 days in Columbia for Mayors and Councilman if any additional would like to attend as well.

Executive Session: Mayor Dickson called the Council into executive session at 6:16PM. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver made a motion to go into session. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson called the meeting back to order at 6:58PM. Councilman Connelly made the motion to return back to a regular Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Oliver seconded the motion, motion carried. In Executive Session, Greg Oliver shared the Playground Equipment Council has agreed upon, would like for clerks to see if they are available for purchase.

Mayor Dickson stated a Legal Matter has been discussed and when the Town has more information to provide, they will do so accordingly.

Mayor and Council also discussed the Town's Victim Assistance Fund and where the money shall be given to for the 2023 year. A decision was made by the board to give the money to Orangeburg County as we have done in the years prior.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Connelly to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Baker seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.

Town Clerk
Madison Jackson