

Town of Branchville  
Regular Council Meeting  
Mayor Franklin Dickson Presiding  
Monday February 12, 2024  
6:00 PM

The Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Branchville was held on Monday February 12 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 except Councilwoman Peebles.

**Welcome of Guest:** Mayor Dickson welcomed those present along with Councilman Kenneth McCaster.

Councilman Kenneth McCaster of Orangeburg made an appearance. With him he brought a check for ten thousand dollars, a donation towards any use of Technology or installation of Broadband throughout town. Stated two more checks are underway and will be distributed in the following months for the same use. The Town of Branchville would like to thank him for his honorable donation.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Connelly to accept the January 8 2024 minutes; Councilman Baker seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Councilman Baker made the motion to approve the January 2024 General Fund Financial report; Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Connelly made a motion to accept the January 2024 Water & Sewer Financial report; Councilman Jumper seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Jumper made a motion to accept the January 2024 Municipal Court Financial Reports; Mayor Pro Tem Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

1. **City Hall/License/Insurance:** Councilman Baker reports everything is going good at this time.
2. **Water/Sewer/Streets:** Mayor Pro Tem Connelly reports things are going alright. Had a minor leak but has been repaired accordingly. Maintenance has been installing new Neptune Meters, software has not yet been installed but will keep updated. Mayor Dickson stated the grant for the installation of new water lines has been accepted and is now underway to accept bids. Bidding will be held February 15, 2024 at 2pm.
3. **Parks/Recreation:** Mayor Dickson reports elections will be held on March 26, 2024 for new council seat. Baseball and Softball has started up at the complex.

4. **Projects/Events:** Councilwoman Peeples reports the upcoming Christian Concert “God is Good” will be March 16 from 6pm-10pm so bring a chair and blanket. Concessions and Food trucks will be present.
5. **Buildings/Grounds:** Councilman Oliver reports everything has been going good this month.
6. **Police Department:** Councilman Jumper reports nothing at this time. Did not have court in the month of January due to inclement weather. Preceding’s will resume back to normal next month.

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

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

**Comments Agenda/Other Items:** Museum operator, Al Lyons, brought donations for the month.

Townsperson, Glenn Miller, had a question concerning the flags and where they have gone. Mayor Dickson addressed him by explaining the renovation of moving them to the Eatery. Councilman Baker then explained in detail how they will be arranged and placed.

Townsperson, Betty Glover, wanted to know how far the Towns water and sewer lines ran throughout town down 21 & 78. Mayor Dickson stated the areas in which town water was available. He also explained our sewer system was only accessible for town people inside city limits.

Councilman Oliver received an email where the Town of Branchville could apply for receiving an Achievement Award. Mayor Dickson stated he has given the information to Tiffany Platt who will be doing the needed paperwork in submitting our application.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Dickson called the Council into executive session at 6:33PM. Mayor Pro Tem Connelly made a motion to go into session. Councilman Baker seconded the motion, motion carried.

Mayor Dickson called the meeting back to order at 7:10pm. Councilman Oliver made the motion to return back to a regular Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Connelly seconded the motion, motion carried. In Executive Session, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Connelly to accept the proposal for new signage in front of the Town Hall and entrance into town. Councilman Jumper seconded the motion; motion carried.

It’s time for our contract with waste management to be renewed. This year, waste management is asking the town to raise the contract by 4% and asked if the town is going to raise the given trash rate around town. Mayor along with Council made a motion to not increase the towns waste/ sewage rates.

Townsperson, Rebecca Spires, brought new business card proposals to Mayor and Council to be able to hand out to the public.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Connelly to adjourn the meeting.  
Councilman Baker seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Town Clerk  
Madison Jackson