

Council Meeting Minutes
For
April 2, 2007
Branchville Town Hall
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Tim Cooner
Councilman Glenn Miller
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs
Councilwoman Georgianna Harmon
Councilman Chris Ott

OTHERS PRESENT

Rhonda Thompson Town Clerk

GUESTS

Beverly Berry Bessie Hardwick Raymond Hardwick Bill Silverthorne
Charles Bamberg Luther Folk Carolyn Campbell Debra Perugini
Betty Skolasky

Mayor Cooner asked that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Cooner welcomed everyone out and said it was a beautiful evening. Mayor Cooner then advised the Council he needed to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Cooner asked the pleasure of Council on the approval of minutes. Councilman Miller motioned and Councilman Ott seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS/NON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Cooner asked for public comments on items of agenda, hearing none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OF OTHER MATTERS

Ms. Skolasky said she would like to make the suggestion that after the ballgames if the captains or coaches would police the area and clean up the trash.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Cooner asked pleasure of approving the financial report and Councilman Ott motioned and Councilman Miller asked how much longer we would be using the former Clerk to assist. Mayor Cooner said training is a long process, and we could use her or our accounting firm out of Orangeburg. Councilman Miller seconded.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

Police Department

-Mayor Cooner stated that the Police Department was doing a good job and everything seemed to be running along smooth.

Administrative Office

-Mayor Cooner asked Councilman Miller if there was anything new to report and Councilman Miller responded by saying no.

Public Works

-Mayor Cooner doing a good job and has the Town looking good.

Mayors Report

Mayor Cooner said we had a Public Hearing the other night and met with the Department of Commerce and rode the sixty-six area where we are trying to get Grant Money to put in a water line. Mayor Cooner said this Grant is very competitive. Mayor Cooner said the Town has finally received comments from USDA regarding the contract agreement between the Town of Branchville and the Engineer, forwarded to Engineer and received back, send to USDA for approval before we sign off on them next week.

Beautification Committee

Mayor Cooner met with the ladies this afternoon and they have some suggestions and ideas they will bring to the table. Mr. Silverthorne withdrew his name from the Beautification Committee and said he enjoyed working the others on the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cooner said under the Town of Branchville Code of Health and Property Maintenance. Section 504. reads method of service to be sent by certified mail. violations have been rewritten, and now is a three-page document. Mayor Cooner said certified mail has gotten expensive and the Mayor asked for permission to amend section 504 of the ordinance to read be sent by certified mail or hand delivered by enforcement officer, signed by the recipient. Mayor Cooner said on the amendment one reading is sufficient, all in favor, motioned carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cooner said he met with Nora Sanders with CDBG last week, the Town received the \$450,000 for Street Scape and the environmental assessment has been done and construction should start in July.

PROGRESS ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

Mayor Cooner said this item has already been covered. Mayor Cooner asked Council if they had any questions regarding any of the projects.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Mayor Cooner mentioned the Municipal Association and said we would need to find out when the meeting is scheduled, so plans to attend could be made. Councilman Miller brought up the letter to the Highway Dept. and Mayor Cooner said the letter was sent but we have not heard any response. Councilman Miller recommended the Mayor to go look

at the ground at the Old High School, and to find out how much a load of topsoil would cost. Councilman Miller also mentioned that if the Council people missed more than three meetings it should be reported to the election commission.

Mayor Cooner said if no further business, we need a motion to adjourn, to go into executive session. Councilman Ott motioned and Councilwoman Harmon seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda Thompson".

Rhonda Thompson
Town Clerk