

TOWN OF BRANCHVILLE  
COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2011

PRESIDING: Mayor Timothy Cooner

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Miller  
Councilman Tom Jennings  
Councilman Chris Ott  
Councilwoman Benita Gibbs

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Councilman Dukes  
Councilwoman Bryant

Mayor Cooner called the meeting to order and ask that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

Mayor Cooner gave Roll Call for Council with 2 Council members absent

Mayor Cooner welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the pleasure of Council for the Approval of the Minutes  
Councilman Chris Ott made the Motion to Approve the Minutes for March 7, 2011  
Mayor Pro Tem Miller seconded the Motion  
Motion Carried

Mayor Pro Tem Miller then requested that Council go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting

Other Matters

Mr. Tripp Mitchum told Council about his water being turned off this past month

Mayor Pro Tem Miller welcomed the Ott Branch residence to our Council Meeting, there were several residence that voiced their opinion on how unfriendly the Town of Branchville has been to

them and there was much discussion concerning George Street being difficult for those residence to walk on and concerns about the wooded area and ditch on that street

Mayor Cooner stated that he is sorry they are unhappy and we will find out who owns the woods and see if there is something we can do

There was much discussion on the Old Gym being unsafe and in need of many repairs

Mayor Cooner stated that the Town had been promised monies to repair the gym but that we haven't seen any of that money yet, hopefully something can be done with it by summer

Mayor Pro Tem Miller stated that No Trespassing signs should be posted and that trespassers should be arrested

Mayor Cooner said that we have come together as a Community, we need to give the children in that area something to do, the County put in new sidewalks last year on a few streets and then they stopped

Mayor Cooner then asked for a 5 minute recess

Mayor Cooner called the meeting back to order and asked the pleasure of Council for the approval of the Financial Report

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the Motion to approve the Financial Report

Councilman Chris Ott seconded the Motion

Motion Carried

Administrative Office

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the statement that in our last meeting Mr. Michael Blankenship said that the new bathrooms at Horton Field would be kept locked, Mayor Pro Tem Miller said that he will not stand for that and that Town Hall needs an itinerary and also a set of keys

Mayor Cooner said that Mr. Blankenship or Mr. Metts send the Town their by-laws, keys and itinerary

Mayor Cooner then said he would like to skip over a few things on the agenda

Mayor Cooner asked the pleasure of Council for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading on the Animal Control Ordinance with Orangeburg County Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the Motion to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Councilwoman Benita Gibbs seconded the Motion Motion Carried

Mayor Cooner stated that the Welcome Signs look awful coming into Branchville and that we have a quote from Sign O Rama in Orangeburg , they will refurbish the signs for 550.00 each and for a annual fee of 75.00 each they will maintain the signs Mayor Cooner asked the pleasure of Council Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the Motion to refurbish the signs at this price Councilman Chris Ott seconded the Motion Motion Carried

Mayor Cooner said that the Town has 527,612.00 in the Insurance fund for the rebuild of Town Hall and that we were told we would receive some help with this project but that hasn't happened yet He also said that he has had 2 meetings with the architect this month Mayor Cooner then discussed with Council the new plans for Town Hall and said that if we get moving on this the building could be finished by September of this year he said he would like to see us break ground as soon as possible

Mayor Cooner then asked Council if there is a Motion for the new plans to be accepted Councilwoman Benita Gibbs made the Motion to move forward with these plans Councilman Chris Ott seconded the Motion Motion Carried

Mayor Cooner said that he knows we have concerns about the Library and that we need to decide which building we want to use Mayor Pro Tem Miller said that the old district building would be the best one to use for the library because it used to be an office at one time

Mayor Cooner said that everything would have to be gutted and removed and he also said that we need to put up a for sale sign on the piece of property beside the Churn

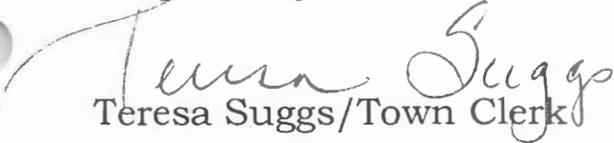
Mayor Cooner asked if all Council was happy?  
Can you believe this is finally going to happen?

Mayor Cooner said if there is no further business we will go into Executive Session

After Executive Session Councilman Chris Ott made the Motion to adjourn

Councilman Tom Jennings seconded the Motion  
Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Teresa Suggs/Town Clerk