BRANCHVILLE BOROUGH
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Branchville Borough Council was held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Branchville Municipal Office, 34 Wantage Ave, Branchville, New Jersey.

Mayor Frato opened the meeting with the flag salute and the reading of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Branchville Borough Council has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof sent to the New Jersey Herald.

The roll was called. Those present were Mayor Frato, Council Members Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone and Whitesell. Also present were Attorney Valenti, Christine Rolef, William Bathgate, Mike Clune, Claudia Olivio, Debbie Anderson, Jeff Lewis, SCUMA representatives, Sussex County representatives and HPRHS representatives.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitesell, seconded by Councilman Doremus to approve regular minutes from March 3, 2021. Roll Call Vote: Aye – Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitesell, seconded by Councilman Shechner to open the public comment portion of the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Aye - Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Dr. Scott Ripley gave a presentation on the upcoming budget for HPRHS. A printed packet was reviewed and discussed showing enrollment, distribution of revenue and discussed how tax rates have affected the Borough. No action taken.

Claudia Olivio expressed her concern with water run off on her property located on Prospect . A Frankford Township property owner is subdividing his land behind Ms. Olivio's property. She is concerned that this subdivision and development will present a bigger water issue. She provided the mayor and council with a letter and cd showing the water issue. Motion was made by Councilman Howell, seconded by Councilman Shechner to authorize Mayor Frato to prepare a letter to forward to Frankford Township concerning water run off issues. Roll Call Vote: Aye- Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

William Bathgate expressed great concern over the current state of the roof at the municipal office. He listed the various areas that are leaking during rain and is extremely concerned about the contents of the building, especially the borough records and history items. Councilman Van Stone will look into roof quotes on same.

Representatives from SCMUA and the County of Sussex discussed the need and desire to hook into the Branchville Borough sewer system. The area of need is by the Homestead Nursing Home, EOC, Fire Academy, Sussex County Library and other buildings in the surrounding area. Preliminary flow direction was discussed. These representatives were asked to contact our sewer committee and discuss details with them.

Christine Rolef, CFO, presented the Branchville Mayor and Council with the proposed 2021 budget. Discussion took place on the minor changes. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bathgate, seconded by Councilman Shechner to approve the 2021 budget on first reading. Roll Call Vote: Aye - Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitesell, seconded by Councilman Van Stone to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Aye - Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bathgate, seconded by Councilman Howell to approve Resolution # 16-21, Municipal Alliance Grant. Roll Call

Vote: Aye- Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

(Resolution follows minutes)

Motion was made by Councilman Shechner, seconded by Councilman Van Stone to approve a facility use form for the use of the ball field. Insurance was received and days-time of use need to be confirmed. Roll Call Vote: Aye- Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Motion was made by Councilman Doremus, seconded by Councilwoman Whitesell to approve an Elizabethtown Gas request for install at 15 Prospect. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Motion was made by Councilman Doremus, seconded by Councilman Van Stone to approve a request from the Branchville Borough Historical Society to make changes to their museum door. Roll Call Vote: Aye- Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – Bathgate.

Motion was made by Councilman Van Stone, seconded by Councilwoman Whitesell to approve items needed for the Roslyn Road pipe job. The amount to be spent may not exceed $4,000. Roll Call Vote: Aye- Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Motion was made by Councilman Doremus, seconded by Councilman Shechner to approve the garage pipe job. The amount to be spent may not exceed $2,000. Roll Call Vote: Aye- Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bathgate, seconded by Councilwoman Whitesell to approve the purchase of playground mulch in the amount of $432.00. Roll Call Vote: Aye- Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Motion was made by Councilman Shechner, seconded by Councilman Howell to approve the expenditure of $5,000 for the upcoming Branchville Borough 200th celebration. This amount will cover the fireworks display. Roll Call Vote: Aye- Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – Bathgate.

Councilman Doremus stated that he has asked Darren Haggerty to get a quote to replace all of the old piping fixtures in the arsenic treatment plant.

Motion was made by Councilman Shechner, seconded by Councilwoman Whitesell to approve a Foley contract for two years in the amount of $3,100 for emergency generator maintenance at the pump station. Roll Call Vote: Aye- Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Motion was made by Councilman Shechner, seconded by Councilwoman Whitesell, to ban retail marijuana sale in the Borough of Branchville pending clearance that the State of New Jersey has not given further direction on this. Roll Call Vote: Aye- Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Discussion took place about the creation of an ordinance dealing with dog feces cleanup. Mike Clune was asked to add this concern to his current list of ordinance issues.

Councilman Doremus stated that a dog canvas of the borough should be done. Michelle Shelton will be asked to complete this task in 2022.

The State of New Jersey is still expressing interest in the purchase of the Mattison Reservoir property. No action taken.

The following bills were presented for payment. On motion of Councilwoman Whitesell, seconded by Councilman Shechner they were ordered paid after being properly audited, subject to the availability of funds. Roll Call Vote: Aye –Bathgate, Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

(List of bills follows minutes)

On motion of Councilwoman Whitesell, seconded by Councilman Doremus the meeting was adjourned. Roll Call Vote: Aye –Bathgate,Doremus, Howell, Shechner, Van Stone, Whitesell. Nay – None. Absent – None. Abstain – None.

Kathryn Leissler-CMR CTC RMC

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle FY2022

Resolution # 16-21

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Branchville, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Sussex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Branchville, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Central Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2022 in the amount of:

DEDR	$ 3,028.00
Cash Match	$ 757.00
In-Kind	$ 2,271.00

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: _____
Anthony Frato Sr., Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathryn L. Leissler, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Branchville, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Borough Council on this 7 day of April, 2021.

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Kathryn L. Leissler, Municipal Clerk

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2021-June 2022

FOR COUNTY USE ONLY
Approved:
____ YES _____ NO
Date:

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FUNDING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCES

Grant Year: FY2022 Alliance Tier 1

APPLICANT MUNICIPALITY/IES: Branchville, Frankford, Lafayette	COUNTY: Sussex
ALLIANCE NAME: Central	ALLIANCE WEBSITE: N/A
ALLIANCE STREET ADDRESS: 151 State Highway 206 TOWN: Augusta STATE:NJ ZIP: 07822	
TELEPHONE: (908) 246-0553 Ext.	FAX: (973) 948-2612
ALLIANCE CHAIRPERSON: Marion Bitler STREET ADDRESS: 299 Pidgeon Hill Road TOWN: Sussex STATE: NJ ZIP: 07461 EMAIL: edwardblevins@gmail.com	ALLIANCE COORDINATOR: Edward Blevins STREET ADDRESS: 9 Lakeside Ave TOWN: Sandyston STATE: NJ ZIP: 07826 EMAIL: edwardblevins@gmail.com
DATE OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STRATEGIC PLAN (MM/DD/YYYY): / /	

A) Alliance DEDR Allocation	$ 3,028.00
B) Cash Match (must be 25% of DEDR Allocation)	$ 757.00
C) In-Kind Match (must be 75% of the DEDR Allocation)	$ 2,271.00
TOTAL ALLIANCE BUDGET (add A+ B+C)	$ 6,056.00

Branchville *MUNICIPALITY	Anthony Frato Sr. NAME/ MAYOR	Anthony Frato SIGNATURE
Frankford *MUNICIPALITY	NAME/TITLE OF GOVERNING BODY REPRESENTATIVE	SIGNATURE
Lafayette *MUNICIPALITY	NAME/TITLE OF GOVERNING BODY REPRESENTATIVE	SIGNATURE
Marion Bitler ALLIANCE CHAIRPERSON	SIGNATURE	DATE

*** If a municipality is part of a consortium, a signature and resolution is required from all participating municipalities entering into the agreement. Signatures hereby accept all components of this grant including membership terms, Statement of Assurances and Fiscal Requirements.**

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Check Register - (0110101001000) Cash Checking

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO		AMOUNT	VOID AMOUNT	VOID DATE	REASON
4/07/2021	3256	83	Abcode SECURITY	50.00			
4/07/2021	3257	11	Allied OIL, LLC	432.28			
4/07/2021	3258	177	Bassani POWER EQUIPMENT	2.00			
4/07/2021	3259	15	Century LINK	3,117.87			
4/07/2021	3260	428	CEUnion	55.00			
4/07/2021	3261	293	Christine Rolef	26.35			
4/07/2021	3262	468	Cintas	284.56			
4/07/2021	3263	18	Cooper ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	175.20			
4/07/2021	3264	59	DOLAN & DOLAN P.A.	1,220.25			
4/07/2021	3265	425	Elizabethtown Gas	977.62			
4/07/2021	3266	101	FRANKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION	90,615.59			
4/07/2021	3267	32	GENERAL CODE, LLC	1,195.00			
4/07/2021	3268	502	HBCBS of NJ	132.84			
4/07/2021	3269	62	HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	79,879.50			
4/07/2021	3270	51	JCP&L	2,189.47			
4/07/2021	3271	400	JPMonzo Municipal Consulting	50.00			
4/07/2021	3272	234	KELLER WELDING LLC	425.00			
4/07/2021	3273	116	LAFAYETTE AUTO PARTS SUPPLY	237.89			
4/07/2021	3274	191	LOU'S GLASS	159.95			
4/07/2021	3275	534	McNeil & Company, Inc	4,858.96			
4/07/2021	3276	196	MIDHURST TREE CARE	400.00			
4/07/2021	3277	64	MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY CO.	100.01			
4/07/2021	3278	297	Morton Salt	2,573.01			
4/07/2021	3279	506	North Church Gravel, Inc.	348.41			
4/07/2021	3280	200	Optimum	9.90			
4/07/2021	3281	123	PROFESSIONAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATORS	260.00			
4/07/2021	3282	320	R&L Data Centers Inc	737.00			
4/07/2021	3283	69	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	321.22			
4/07/2021	3284	149	STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND	14,900.50			
4/07/2021	3285	86	SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL	2,733.23			
4/07/2021	3286	91	SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER	176,699.92			
4/07/2021	3287	91	SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER	12,682.89			
4/07/2021	3288	91	SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER	727.66			
4/07/2021	3289	344	Tire King	182.00			
4/07/2021	3290	334	Tony Sanchez Ltd.	2.80			
4/07/2021	3291	73	Treasurer, State of NJ	25.00			
4/07/2021	3292	75	VERIZON WIRELESS	61.13			
4/07/2021	3293	76	VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	30.00			
4/07/2021	3294	156	WANTAGE TOWNSHIP	10,820.00			
4/07/2021	3295	156	WANTAGE TOWNSHIP	717.75			
4/07/2021	3296	6	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ, INC.	9,442.92			
4/07/2021	3297	193	J. BATTISTA PLUMBING & HEATING, LLC	312.50			
4/09/2021	3298	418	Viking Termite & Pest Control, Inc	43.85			
4/19/2021	3299	67	PETTY CASH	318.25			

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Check Register - (0710101001000) Cash Checking

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	VOID AMOUNT	VOID DATE	REASON
4/07/2021	1203	51 JCP&L	219.88			
4/07/2021	1204	67 PETTY CASH	55.00			
			274.88			
			274.88			

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Check Register - (0910101001000) CASH CHECKING

DATE	CHECK #	PAID TO	AMOUNT	VOID AMOUNT	VOID DATE	REASON
4/07/2021	1832	226 FOLEY, INC.	484.01			
4/07/2021	1833	31 GARDEN STATE LABS INC.	450.00			
4/07/2021	1834	51 JCP&L	1,721.30			
4/07/2021	1835	66 ONE CALL CONCEPTS	88.66			
4/07/2021	1836	107 STATE OF NEW JERSEY-PWT	53.45			
4/07/2021	1837	72 SUSSEX RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP	66.79			
4/07/2021	1838	98 WILLIAM STOTHOFF CO.	17,432.00			
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