

# April 9, 2025

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with all members present including Pres. Butz by phone call in.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. CM Girard made a motion to approve minutes as read. Second was made by CM Hasser. Motion carried.

Bills were examined on the Accounts Payable Voucher Form. CM Girard moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Hasser. The bills totaling \$67,890.72. Unanimously approved.

## New/Old Business

Chris Gagnon and Kelly Rhodes were present. Chris was announcing she would like to get ideas of ways to provide for a Community Center for Senior Citizens in Brookston. She had talked to Lucy Dold and she presented what they are doing in Wolcott, IN. Chris volunteers in Delphi's Community Senior Center. Kelly Rhodes said it would be good to do a Community Center where it can be used for Senior Citizens, Farmers Market, Children, and meals. CM Thomas asked if she was wanting to know if any expansion in Town. She replied yes. She done some research and the Town of Zionsville used to be our size and now they are bigger due to expansion. CM Thomas asked Pres. Butz if he would like to explain the situation of growth here. Pres. Butz explained there is no land to expand for growth. No one wants to sell. He will be meeting with County Commissioners to see if they can help get property. Chris also asked if one does happen if they could blanket off Town with 501C from Town. Atty. Rebecca Trent said no for Town is government and it's not allowed. They could create a private organization. After much discussion CM Girard told her to reach out to Town Trustee Jill Mears and Teresa Puterbaugh of White County Council of Aging. Eng. Ken asked if they spoke to Area IV on Aging. She tried reaching out and no success. Kelly Rhodes asked if any plans to move forward on the Comprehensive Survey. VP North said had not talked about any future plans listed on the survey.

Sarah Griffin and Danny Brown were present to give update on funds for new pavilion for the Wood St. Park from Jackson Memorial and they are ready to move forward with the project. They have around \$30,000.00 and no cost to Town. They are speaking to several contractors for free labor and maybe most concrete donated. VP will also talk to Brian Jackson. Sarah said Brian Jackson put her in charge of the project. She asked if they can move forward with the project, Council said yes. Sarah will provide plans and she will meet with Pres. Butz and Eng. Ken to go over the plans. Once done then will be presented to Council Members for approval. Eng. Ken will also apply for the permit.

Atty. Rebecca Trent gave TIF report for no activities for 2024. There is not enough money in the funds for any major projects so at this point is to hold the money. Clerk-Treasurer will send copies of report to Council by email.

Fire Chief: no report was absent. CM Thomas asked Tim Reifel who was present for fire department if Fire Chief Jason was no longer attending meetings. He hasn't been to the last few meetings. Tim said he had surgery and reason he wasn't here tonight he had an appointment to be released. He will be at next meeting and will come into the office tomorrow to sign the fire agreement. Tim provided the quarterly in town runs.

Eng. Ken reports: paving bids to be opened tomorrow 4/10/25 at 9:00 A.M. if anyone would like to attend. Will drop off street inventory tomorrow also. Bids for the water project to be opened May 29<sup>th</sup>. Receive funds in July.

Terry LaOrange reports: none

Supt. Emmett reports: electric outage on March 30<sup>th</sup> for West side of Town due to line down from the storm. Power out for 5 hours. There were a lot of poles down. He, Terry LaOrange and Travis from REMC working on the last 3 major pole replacements to be done next to field on Holden St, behind Pres. Butz and Max's house and south end of park. Can do some from left over poles from last year's REMC maintenance agreement and when this year's agreement takes affect will finish the other poles and transformer. VP north asked if there's an easement along field east of Holden St. Eng. Ken said he thinks there's an alley or easement there. Storm damaged 4 posts on the pickleball court. Called company who put up

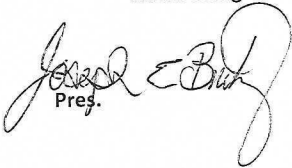
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the fence to give quote of cost to repair. Cost is \$990.00 and Town will pay cost instead of putting a claim to Insurance for the deductible is higher. CM Hasser asked if need to only fasten top of the sound barrier to prevent less stress on fence. Supt. Emmett is checking to see what will work better to prevent future damage. Supt. Emmett announces receiving 3 applications for part-time mowing and labor. Will be interviewing this Friday. Called Leslie Coatings on getting a price to put in post and nets for pickleball court. Cost is \$5600.00. CM Girard made a motion to accept cost to put in posts and nets. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. CM Girard asked about slides being faded at Wood St. Park. Supt. Emmett will check to see what can be put on slides to make look better. If cannot make it look better then may have to look into purchasing new slide. He has not heard from the person from White County on the street signs CM Girard mentioned. She will reach out to him again.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 515 miles; 1 disturbance; 1 traffic complaint; 2 traffic warnings; 2 traffic stops; 8 other police services. Went to the Indiana Marshal Conference, so he is done with his hours and will still do firearms training. Will be getting tires for the police car on Monday. He hired Freddy Martinez as Deputy Marshal. Since he hasn't worked in White county there is a process he has to go through and Marshal Yeoman is working with him to get it done. CM Girard asked how many hours is Freddy able to work and will he be working during the week also. Marshal Yeoman said mostly on weekends and maybe sometime during the week. Freddy has a job flipping homes with his parents.

Clerk-Treasurer announced receiving email from Gerald on using the tennis court from 3:00-4:00 and he doesn't charge for the lessons unless he has to hire a teacher to fill in his absence. Council approved to let him use the tennis court. He has used it in the past. Also Auditors are on site doing audit for water project.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

  
Pres.

  
Clerk-Treasurer