

# APRIL 26, 2023

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with CM Thomas absent.

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

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. VP North moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Girard. The bills totaling \$184,942.98 unanimously approved.

## New Business/Old Business:

Pres. Butz mentioned discussed on February 8<sup>th</sup> Brightspeed coming into Town. They came in and started boring and going on our poles and they were stopped due to no signed agreement. Supt. Emmett met with Atty. George Loy and realizes Brightspeed did not have a permit. Waiting on the permit. Once receive will set up meeting to go over everything. Supt. Emmett is to send copies of their boring plans to Eng. Ken to review to make sure no interference with any future plans Town may chose.

Pres. Butz looking at utilities, will meet with Ken on Friday. Have 2 more payments on the water tower and told Supt. Emmett to watch their spending. Will present information to Council at next meeting. Eng. Ken mentioned the company was supposed to paint tower 2 years ago and asked if it was done. Supt. Emmett said yes. Also power wash is to be done this year. Clerk-Treasurer said when she spoke to the lady at Utility Service, the lady said since the Town cancelled the contract there will be no service. Eng. Ken will call them regarding this.

Pres. Butz mentioned mowing issues. Supt. Emmett said a PTO clutch broke on mower and is getting repair. Pres. Butz said to make sure clippings are cleaned up after mowing. Pres. Butz asked Council to look at what streets in Town are in need of paving. CM Girard mentioned she sent her list to him back in January. Pres. Butz said he did receive it. CM Hasser remembers Eng. Ken was to present a map of what streets were already done. Eng. Ken will get the Councils a map.

Eng. Ken reports: KIRPC waiting on his signed agreements. Atty. George Loy approved the agreements. Will submit the agreements to Shawn of KIRPC and once the State gives the ok to start building the fire station will set up meeting with 1 Source Construction to go over everything and get their schedule which says the fire station is to be done by December 15, 2023.

Pres. Butz announced Randy Mitchell is retiring. Will find out date of retiring for the Town to send a card wishing him well.

Terry LaOrange reports: He, Regina, Linda had a pre kick off call with Jeff Wernert of Prime Group to discuss what all is needed for the service cost study. Hope to have gathered all materials within a month and study done by end of June.

Pres. Butz mentioned Economic Development Luncheon is May 18<sup>th</sup> if anyone would like to go. Need to RSVP now.

VP North asked Supt. Emmett when pickleball construction will start. Supt. Emmett said Leslie Coatings coming in on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to prep both courts for pickleball and tennis courts. Pres. Butz asked if they are going to fix the 2 low spots. Emmett said yes. CM Girard asked if people need to stay off the 2 courts till it's done. Emmett said yes, they can lock the gates at tennis courts and if no fence up yet next to Town Hall they can put tape up to stay off. Fence is to come after preparation.

Clerk-Treasurer reports: asked Council to approve and sign the Resolution #3-2023 of stale checks 2 years old and older to receipt back in funds they were taken out of. CM Hasser made a motion to approve Resolution #3-2023. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous. Rocket launch will be June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Walk Park. A resident would like to plant a tree between sidewalk and street located on Wood St. Council said yes as long as they know they are responsible of maintaining the tree and need to call in locates before digging. Water tower payment of 18,277.71 needs to be paid. Would like to pay tomorrow (Thursday).

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Council said hold off until Eng. Ken checks with company on maintenance per contract. Clerk-Treasurer said she was told since the contract had been cancelled they will not do anymore maintenance.

Jack Brown just arrived to find out information on when new fire station to start. Eng. Ken said once all documents signed with KIRPC to release the funds and fire station to be completed by December 15<sup>th</sup> this year. Jack Brown would like to get contractors phone number or will talk to them when they are here to see about getting some of the dirt they dig up. Also what can be done about the cardboard at the recycling site? The dumpsters are so full and the cardboard is blowing all over and in his yard. CM Girard will have another dumpster brought in.

Emmett Reports: 2 weeks ago did a walk through at the walk park with Reith Riley. They will get back with him to set up a meeting to go over the options. New benches are in and put some of them together. Christmas lights are in. Would like to know where all the benches are to go. Council said as of right now put one up at the corner park and throw the broken bench away. Will distribute the others later. A resident on N. Wood St would like the autistic sign removed. There are no autistic children living down there anymore. Council said yes to go ahead and remove the sign. The ballpark signs, speed limit signs for Ripley St. and sign to have dogs on leash have been ordered. Worked on 8 catch basins. After jetting them out still having drainage issues. Need to put a camera down inside them to see what is blocking them.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 872 miles; 2 animal complaints; 1 domestic dispute; 1 disturbance; 1 civil complaint; 1 traffic complaint; 1 traffic warning; 1 traffic stop; 1 ordinance violation; 1 follow-up ordinance violation; 6 other police services. He had received the quote on fixing up the old golf cart and it will cost around \$7,400.00. CM Girard said maybe they would give a deal on purchasing 2 golf carts. CM Hasser said to ask if they would take the old golf cart as trade-in. Troy and Supt. Emmett will check into it. Marshal Yeoman asked if they find a deal if they could go ahead and purchase them. Council said yes. CM Hasser asked if need extra patrol by the school when INDOT starts working on the bridge. Since down to one lane traffic maybe backed up and when school lets out. Troy said there is to be a stop light put up. He will check to see if how it looks and if need extra patrol.

Fire Chief Jason reports: Town engine repairs are done. Will bring in invoice when he receives it. Township engine still out of service and will be for another 2 weeks for the parts to come in. Will use Town engine if need to. They haven't had to yet. He had questions on the sub-recipient agreement. Wonder if they need to turn in their finances to Town or is it asking for Town finances. Eng. Ken will call Shawn at KIRPC to set up a meeting to go over the agreement.

Terry LaOrange announced after 1 ½ years, Leona Amick's solar was approved. Next they have to get with IMPA to schedule inspection.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer