

# DECEMBER 10, 2025

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with all members present

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

Bills were examined on the Accounts Payable Register Form. CM Hasser moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by VP Girard. The bills totaling \$149732.40 Unanimously approved.

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing for the Wastewater Drinking Water Program. Had a few attendees. Emily Albaugh with KIRPC explained sending the application to Indiana Office of Rural Affairs for Wastewater Drinking Water grant. Town is applying for a \$750,000.00 grant. Total of project is a 2.9 million project. Working with a SRF loan for 2 different amounts local match. \$2,152,250.00. eligible and \$1,892,250.00 ineligible. \$260,000 of it is ineligible for the truck and vac. Some repairs for the grant are new rollers for oxidation ditch, upgrading pumps, sludge removal, sludge tank, uv system and upgrade electric. Would like as much public input. Had an educational session prior to last council meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing past Friday at the plant. CM Thomas asked if still need letters of support. Emily said yes.

Emily Albaugh presented resolution to be approved Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment. This will be Resolution #2-2025. CM Thomas made a motion to approve Resolution #2-2025. Second by CM Eldridge. Motion unanimous. Clerk-Treasurer asked if there is another meeting tomorrow. Emily said yes, this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Hearing at 12:00.

Brianna assistant director with White County Area Plan presenting 2 ordinance amendments, A85 and A86. A85 is a proposal to amend the standard for electronic messaging signs in regard to the orientation of the sign if within close proximity to a residential district or property used for residential uses. If approved this will be Ordinance #10-2025. VP Girard made a motion to approve Ordinance #10-2025 A85. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous. A86 is a proposal to amend current standards for Data Center Development. Changes include but are not limited to, increased setbacks to property lines, screening & fencing requirements, lighting requirements, educational safety training and property value guarantees. If approved this is Ordinance #11-2025. After some discussion CM Eldridge asked if this ordinance is for inside town limits. Brianna said yes. If Town rejects the vote, then the Town will follow under previous ordinance of the lesser restrictions. VP Girard made a motion to approve Ordinance #11-2025 A86. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

Mr. Erickson and Mr. Roth was present. Mr. Erickson asked about who provides permits and planning work. Council said White County oversees permits, plan ordinances. Town does have say on zoning changes in Town to be approved through County.

## New/Old Business:

VP Girard announced it was brought to her attention that there has been smoking in the fire station. There is to be no smoking in the fire station, near and around the building. There is a state law of no smoking on any government properties.

Pres. North mentioned he, CM Eldridge, and CM Thomas went to Delphi City Council Chambers to receive a grant check in the amount of \$468,936.00 for road improvements. Governor Mike Braun was in attendance distributing the checks.

Eng. Ken reports: a year ago met with INDOT on ST RD 43 project moving electric lines and water lines. Terry LaOrange got the electric lines done. Now working on getting the water lines done. CM Eldridge asked why lower at 18 W and St RD 43. It's because of storm drains going all down St Rd 43. CM Eldridge asked if 10<sup>th</sup> St main ok. Supt. Emmett said yes it doesn't interfere with the project. Eng. Ken said he had 2 payments \$7,306.00 for extension for the boring and \$27,790 for part to connect 18 W and ST RD 43 at 1st.

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Will need to approve the \$7,306.00 now to do the work and would like Council approval. VP Girard made a motion to pay the \$7,306.00. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. INDOT meeting is January 8, 2025 at 5:30 at the school gym. Town will let businesses know about the meeting. Engineer Ken recommended to INDOT to use 8<sup>th</sup> St as the detour. CM Eldridge asked Supt. Emmett about putting up no truck signs. Supt. Emmett has some no through truck signs he can put up. Clerk-Treasurer received an invoice from RQAW for \$10,503.50. Eng. Ken said that amount was held back from the first presentation of \$14,900.00 until plans were down correctly, and Town can approve to pay the balance of the \$10,503.50. VP Girard made a motion to pay the balance of \$10,503.50. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. Will submit a copy of payment to INDOT for reimbursement. VP Girard mentioned town website agendas and minutes not updated since May. Clerk-Treasurer is working on it.

Terry LaOrange reports: going smooth. Not much going on.

Fire Chief Jason reports: floors are being done. Should be completed by Friday.

Supt. Emmett reports: sewer going good. Had high ammonia on testing, working on it. Had water main break on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Working with F&K next week on water main relocations. Dave Star to do the boring. Artesian here next week to start on the water plant. No report on electric. Working on street lights for decorations. Have to put in new sockets. Employee Tim did not pass his DSS test missed by 1 to pass. Will call to see if Tim can go to Indy to look over the test he took on the wrong answers. Tim is to also schedule his WT3 test, the Clerk-Treasurer said he already scheduled it for next Tuesday. Batman has 2 corners and above Town Hall door to finish. It is too cold to put the mortar in and will come back once it warms up. Pres. North asked about the roof. Supt. Emmett said once it warms up, he and his employees will get the roof done. Working on snow cleanup. VP Girard said the sidewalk around the gazebo had not been cleared off at all. VP Girard asked about the heaters for bathroom. Supt. Emmett had to get space heaters and will remove them when it warms up. Asked Eng. Ken, will he do drawings to upgrade bathrooms at the ballpark. Eng. Ken said yes. Also asked Supt. Emmett what is hanging storage for acoustiblok. It's to hold the extra block tarp on the pickleball fence. Pres. North asked about brown water. Supt. Emmett said once the new filters are in that should help keep everything from going through causing colored water.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 500 miles; 1 animal complaints; 6 traffic stops; 1 civil issue; 6 other police services. Nothing much going on. Shop with a cop. Assist with lot of slide offs from snow storm. Had a resident having issues of neighbor parking in front of their mailbox and isn't receiving their mail. Can something be done. Would like to update the old ordinance 6-A 1979. Will ask Atty. Rebecca to draw up new ordinance from the old ordinance 6-A 1979.

Clerk-Treasurer asked if ok to pay Batman invoice she held back until work completed and have him sign; he will be back to finish the corners and above door. Council approved to go ahead and pay. Also received invoice from Scheurich Plumbing, Heating & Cooling for a frozen water line at the fire station. Council approved to pay bill and to let Monticello Fire Chief Cody Scheurich know anything that is in need at the fire station, he and his employees are to contact Town Hall and Supt. Emmett before hiring anyone to do a job.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.




Clerk-Treasurer