

## FEBRUARY 28, 2024

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with CM Hasser absent and Pres. Butz by phone.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Not approved at this time due to 2 members in house and 1 member on phone. To be approved at next meeting.

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. There were no questions on bills presented on the accounts payable voucher to be approved next meeting. The bills totaling \$43,064.79.

### New/Old Business

Chad Reynolds and Kelly Coordin of Alliance of Indiana Rural Water regarding apprenticeship on how it works. This is a grant to pay for training and wages. Mandatory wage increase every six months and is a 2 year course doing the class every other week for one day from 9-3 and is a recorded class. If Town has an emergency employee is allowed to go help with it and come back and be re-entered to the class. If interested need to send all paperwork in a month in advance. Training starts in July. Town appointed employee Tim Reifel to do the apprenticeship to get his water license. There is a 5,000.00 employer training grant available separate from the apprenticeship to use towards training if Council approves to apply for it. CM Girard made a motion to move forward to apply for the 5000.00 grant. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. Clerk-Treasurer to call Kelly tomorrow morning to give her information for the \$5,000.00 grant. Kelly will help with all documents needed for the apprenticeship also. Kelly did explain if employee backs out during the training then Town will not be able to apply for anymore grants. She stressed Town is investing in him do this and he should reciprocate back. If not approved for this grant there are other grants coming available.

Lee McReynolds was present regarding the Victor house next to Family Express being torn down. Mr. McReynolds asked if Town should have had notice before the house was to be torn down. VP North said no, everything through White County Area Plan. CM Girard asked Mr. McReynolds if he called White County Area Plan, he replied no he did not. Mr. McReynolds did thank the Council for the good job they do along with the Police and Fire Department. Spoke about the history of the Victor House. He is saddened by the house and trees being torn down and hopes this was a learning experience. Again he thanked everyone for all they do.

Ken reports: Fire Station has been seeded. He and Pres. Butz have been working on items including IDEM required reports and submissions for 2024. Items include Consumer Confidence report for 2024, Water Audit Validation for 2024, IDNR report for water pumped by month for the year 2023 due June, Lead service Line Inventory for entire town Due Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 2024. Have applied for Grant. Closeout fire Station, CCMG 2023-2 paving to start April early May, CCMG 2024-1 paving to be awarded late April, bid May pave over summer, Income Survey for grant eligibility, Water Utility Improvements Scope of work costs and where money will come from, Payoff Wastewater and Water Bonds, Comprehensive Plan Study, Grant applied for lead service line requirements. Revamp wastewater plant 1 year from July, grant application due this June. Pres. Butz is still talking to Commissioners and hopes to have an answer before Budget time. CM Thomas made a motion for Eng. Ken to move forward with the SRF loan and grant. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

Terry LaOrange reports: Carroll White REMC is doing some of the work on the work plan in Town.

CM Girard announced she posted on face book for last brick order due by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Clerk-Treasurer also sent out an alert for this.

Supt. Emmett reports: asked for 3 quotes for pavilion at Ball Park. Received 2 quotes. Rigo, \$17,900.00 and Tatman, \$5,000.00. This is to replace sheeting, fascia board replaced and wrap all fascias, brown metal roof. CM Girard asked if ice and water shield was going to be laid down answer was no, tar paper. CM Girard made a motion to accept Tatman's quote as presented. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. Asked for quotes to remove walnut trees and take out stumps at Ball Park. Received a quote from Johnathon

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Batt for \$1,500.00, then canceled the quote for he went to work for Wildcat Creek who sent a quote for \$6,250.00. Emmett will ask for more quotes.

Fire Chief Jason reports: none, JR was present for Fire Department announcing moved Fire trucks and gear to new station. Furniture was moved into the new station.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 593 miles; 1 case report; 1 crash report; 1 disturbance; 2 criminal arrests; 2 traffic citations; 1 traffic stop; 1 criminal history invest; 12 other police services. Work has been done on the Jacobs property. Radios donated from Fire Department have been sent away to get re-programmed.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Vice-Pres. *JS*

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Clerk-Treasurer