

January 8, 2025

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

Election of officers for President and Vice President. VP North made a motion to elect Pres. Butz to remain President. Second by CM Hasser. Motion approved. CM Thomas made a motion to elect VP North to remain Vice President. Second by CM Hasser. Motion approved.

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

Bills were examined on the 2 Payable Voucher Forms. CM Hasser moved to pay bills listed on the 2 Accounts Payable Voucher Registers. Second was made by VP North. The bills totaling \$88,892.79. Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business

CM Thomas asked laborer Tim who is also on the volunteer fire department to ask Fire Chief Jason for monthly run reports. Supt. Emmett mentioned there was a fire run to house fire on 3rd St.

Clerk-Treasurer is asking for quotes for live streaming again since price probably went up from last year's quote for budget. Council felt cost from last year is little much for what the Town needs and also had questions on if need to set up for interaction with those watching the meeting. After some discussion, Clerk-Treasurer will email SBOA on guidelines for the interaction.

VP North asked about the Christmas lights at the corner park up Town. Not much put up and only half way up the trees. Supt. Emmett said the lights from previous people in charge of decorating they gave the lights to the Town and most of them didn't work and didn't want to damage trees by putting a ladder on them to add lights to the top of the trees. Will check next week on purchasing lights for this year and see about getting the lights to the top of trees.

Eng Ken announced had a meeting today with Utility Supply Company on new water meters. The system is limited where water and electric will not work together but the system for water will be good for Town. Can do a drive around or put a separate module with antenna on the tower and get reads every 15 minutes instead of 1 reading a month. Town has some new meters installed earlier and Pres. Butz suggests replacing them to put back on shelf as back-up since already into their warranty and to start with all new meters to be in the same warranty. Terry LaOrange added in even though the water and electric meters will not be able to talk with each other he recommends Utility Supply Company for the meters for if any issues they are only 1 hour away and shows up and does call office to work out any software issues. They have been really good with the Town. Will have to read water and electric reads separate but for the Town this is the way to go.

Eng. Ken presented the 2024 Town of Brookston Comprehensive Plan Book. There will be a public hearing next meeting on the comprehensive plan and resolution to pass if approved. The SR 43 project sent back comments and the Town will need to pay the \$30,000.00 regardless. Town added other stuff needed to be done and they replied the Town needs to sign the agreement. The agreement is Town to pay \$30,000.00 and RQAW to do the drawing and plans for the waterline, for if any issues it's all on them. Also the proposed F&K to do the construction which INDOT pays. His recommendation is to authorize Pres. Butz to sign the agreement for RQAW and proposed agreement with F&K to do the construction. INDOT pays for everything but the Towns pay of \$30,000.00. Scott Robinson would like to meet with Eng. Ken at end of January for the wastewater project to come. Baker Tilly would like the agreements to be signed between them and Town tonight or next week's meeting. Pres. Butz would like Attorney Rebecca to look it over before signing. Eng. Ken, Pres. Butz and Supt. Emmett sat down to go over scope for the wastewater project and needs to be bidded out within 30-60 days. Have sign inventory next week. Not a lot of streets that need paved. 1st paving grant is due January 31st and 2nd round in July. Council to see what streets need done soon to get it in by January 31st. Eng. Ken will get with Clerk-Treasurer on budget for the paving.

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Fire Chief Jason reports: none, no fire department present.

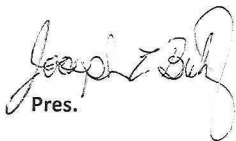
Tim said he texted Fire Chief Jason on the monthly run sheet and Fire Chief Jason replied having 21 runs last year and will start presenting monthly run sheet.

Supt. Emmett reports: sewer and water going good. REMC finished moving poles on SR 43 for the project and put in 3 phase pole by the gazebo. They moved 1st St, 9th St, and 10th St and south of that. REMC also took the Christmas Lights down across the highways. New hire Josh is doing really good. Been working on getting the new plow and trailer. CM Thomas asked if need the extra totes at the parks. Supt. Emmett said they were already on the schedule to take them out.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 202 miles; 1 case report; 1 disturbance; 1 traffic complaint; 1 traffic warning; 1 traffic stop; 4 other police services. Hired a crossing guard, Cathy Clevenger, who has done crossing guard previously for Town. Will purchase shoulder lights for the crossing guards for its really dark and feels they need more safety. Supt. Emmett will look into more lighting at the school intersection also. Getting all his year training together to send to the academy. Will be at the IDEA Conference next month. CM Girard asked if he had anyone interested in the Deputy Marshal position. Had a couple which one was from Brownsburg and was too far and the other decided he didn't want to work it. Did receive message from person today out of Lafayette will call them back. Will keep announcing it.

Terry LaOrange asked Council if any questions on the email he sent regarding IMPA rates. He explained the rate going down.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.


Pres.


Clerk-Treasurer