

# July 9, 2025

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

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 Hasser moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Girard. The bills totaling \$95,271.02. Unanimously approved.

## New/Old Business

Joey Lamson director of summer recreational baseball was present per Pres. Butz asking him to attend to discuss bathroom issues at Ball Park. CM Girard announced how dirty the bathrooms are. He said they have a board of 10 people. He will discuss at their meeting on solutions to help keep the bathrooms clean and will attend another Council meeting to discuss working together on keeping them clean. Joey said the recreational ball is on Mon-Wed, Fri, travel ball is Tues & Thurs, public is Sat & Sun. CM Hasser said teams playing should check bathrooms before leaving. Joey tells teams they need to come to Town Hall to sign agreements and provide insurance. Clerk-Treasurer has not seen anyone come in to sign the agreement.

Ashley Rosenbarger was present asking to use the ball fields. They do not have a travel team yet and is asking to use the field for tryouts to see if they will have enough players to form a team. Clerk-Treasurer asked Atty. Rebecca if they would still need to provide insurance. Atty. Rebecca said no since its just mainly considered visitors. Just get with Joey Lamson for availability. If they put a team together then they would need to provide insurance to the Town.

Clerk-Treasurer asked the Council if they would like to go ahead and pay 2026 fireworks for, they may go up due to tariffs. The pay can come out of electric fund and when receive 2026 budget will write a check out of promotional fund from the General budget to pay back the electric. CM Girard made a motion to pay 2026 fireworks out of electric to be paid back from the 2026 budget. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

Sarah Griffin was present to give update on pavilion. Since delay in the permit, the contractor has taken on another job and they will start in August. Two weeks before they start the project, they will stake it out with paint so the Council will know it was them who was painting the ground. Council said thanks for the information.

Megan Percy was present asking what is going on with the water. Last 2 years they have been having brown water and scaley film. VP North asked Supt. Emmett has anything changed. He said there had been a water main leak but nothing else. He also tested the chlorine and was well below the limits. Will be taking a Bac-T sample. All tests so far came back good. He flushed the hydrant near her and water was very brown coming out of the hydrant. VP North said Town is getting ready to do the water project putting in new filters and meters. Hopefully that will eliminate the issues she is having.

Eng. Ken reports: none

Terry LaOrange reports: IMPA will be paying some money back in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter due to little over collection. Will see a decrease in their rate. He will be meeting with IMPA next week to see what the over collection is.

Supt. Emmett reports: Sewer running good. Water plant had a chlorine pump go out. 2 separate electric outages on June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> affecting houses on 1<sup>st</sup> St and Railroad St. Replaced a blown fuse. After 30 minutes went back out and replaced transformer and it went out again and had to upsize the transformer for there was too much on the load. Outage on July 5<sup>th</sup> affecting 5 houses on SR 18. Week of the 4<sup>th</sup> had issues with the John Deere mower and the grasshopper mower. John Deere mower is down and John Deere Company will be here to pick it up to see what's going on with it. Grasshopper is also down and only have one mower which is pull behind and can only use on bigger areas. He ordered a new mower on Monday. VP North asked if Lowery could loan us mower until the new one

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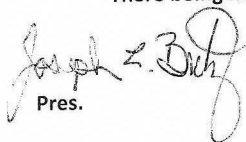
comes in. Supt. Emmett will call them tomorrow to see if any idea when the new mower will arrive and see if they have any loaners available. Interviewed and hired a part-time person to do weeds, paint curbs. He'll be in Friday to fill out papers and hope to start on Monday. CM Girard asked if he'll take care of the parks. Supt. Emmett said yes. Brush pick-up will be daily as needed.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 337 miles 2 vin checks; 1 case report; 3 disturbances; 1 traffic citation; 3 traffic warnings; 1 traffic stops; 16 other police services. Fireworks there were a few incidences. One being someone trying to run over people. VP North asked if he had 2 other officers helping out. He did and they helped out a lot. Vehicle was put into shop twice and billed twice. Runs good now. Deputy Marshal Brennan Fesler started working and Marshal Yeoman is still training him. Marshal Yeoman will be on vacation July 19-27. He is getting ready to start working on grass abatements again. VP North asked about the old liquor store. Nothing has been done to it since they came to meeting giving an update. CM Girard asked Clerk-Treasurer if she could see when the last time the letter was sent. Atty. Rebecca said the structure has to be dangerous and/or hazardous to consider it to be demolished. Council will ask Eng. Ken to evaluate the building. CM Hasser asked if another letter can be sent. Atty. Rebecca said yes.

Fire Chief reports: none, Cindy was present and VP North said parade was good and noticed more jeeps were in it.

Atty. Rebecca said Council needs to vote on Contractor for the water project. Council said it will be voted at next meeting when Eng. Ken is here.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

  
Pres.

  
Clerk-Treasurer