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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. CM Hasser made a motion to approve minutes as read. Second was made by VP Girard. 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 CM Thomas the bills totaling \$135,810.85 Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business:

CM Eldridge and Clerk-Treasurer had a phone conference with Jeff Rowe of Baker Tilly regarding the Sewer Asset Management Plan. CM Eldridge gave a summary of what was discussed that an asset management plan has to be done every 4 years and what rates could be from \$34.00-\$50.00. Do not have to do asset management plan for electric. Clerk-Treasurer received an invoice from Baker Tilly for the Sewer Asset Management Plan for \$18,950.00 after claims already sent to Council and she will pay the invoice tomorrow and send out.

Pres. North announced Eng. Ken would not be here tonight and he (Ken) asked Pres. North if the St Rd 43 project be closed for Town portion. Pres. North said yes.

Eng. Ken reports: none

Terry LaOrange reports: received a quote from IMPA. Had not had a chance to look it over. Once he gets it broke down, he will meet with a couple council members to go over it before presenting it to all Council Members at a Council Meeting. He will do the preliminary and then have someone come to meeting to give presentation. Pres. North asked if meters are available. Terry L said yes residential single phase generally 60 days from ordering date.

Fire Chief reports: None, VP Girard asked Supt. Emmett how the fundraiser was going. He said last he heard received around \$10,000.00 in donations. VP Girard asked what they expected. Supt. Emmett said not really expected. VP Girard asked if asked businesses or White County Round Up. Yes, asked businesses.

Supt. Emmett reports: sewer lateral was plugged up on Wood St. Accu Dig could not work on it soon so Supt. Emmett called in another Company to work on it. Water plant going well. Tim took the WT-3 and did not pass. He's already done the process to schedule an appointment to go to Indy to review his test and hope to get it changed to passing it since he was close to passing it from the start. The new generators and control panel came in. Water leak on Ripley St north of 5th St. Electric going well. Terry LaOrange got with Travis of REMC to do the final poles by the Walk Park. CM Eldridge asked if he (Emmett) knew when Comcast going to take down their lines on the old poles. Supt. Emmett did not know when. Prés. North asked if power went out. Supt. Emmett said yes for some residents. A limb fell on line and blew a fuse. CM Girard asked when will leaf pick-up start. Will start the week of April 6th and 13th. Will put on the bills and an alert will go out. CM Girard said the storm drains need cleaned off and when buying filters for trucks and equipment from NAPA why are they not getting extra during Napa's March sale of half price they have every year. Supt. Emmett wasn't aware of the sale. He will put on his calendar for next year. Supt. Emmett announced will need to do an agreement for the Fire Station generator maintenance. Cost is \$650.00 a year. Will be putting the Bobcat in for maintenance and tires. He will see about a rental if it's in the shop. for long period of time, State project to start soon. CM Thomas asked if he (Emmett) talked to Reith Riley about the Heart Park sidewalk. He had not yet. Will talk to them when they start the project. Pres. North asked about the barricades on ST Rd 43. Full box on highway and partial barricades for temporary use on the side streets closed while working in the area. CM Girard asked about purchasing more banners for the new pavilion at Wood St. Park. She will check it out for she had purchased the last ones. Supt. Emmett has a part-time person to do the mowing. CM Thomas mentioned he saw where someone used a magic marker and knife under the roof of the playground equipment at the Wood St. Park. CM Eldridge said he spoke to a person at the Alliance Conference on

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maintenance and inspection of the water tower that needs done every 5 years for est cost of \$3,300.00. Supt. Emmett said the Tower is good for now. CM Hasser asked if any estimate cost on sidewalks. Supt. Emmett said not yet, he's waiting to see what crew will be doing our stuff. Supt. Emmett has the list of sidewalks to be done.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 384 miles; 5 traffic stops; Talk to Officers; suspicious activity; domestic; Crash report; Assist County with crash; disabled vehicle; assist medical call Clawil apt; 2-Vin checks; check neighborhood call; Traffic stop with 2 drug possession arrests. Activity was mainly crash reports and slide offs due to storm. 1 traffic stop that included drugs. Called Johnathon Gutwein update on new police vehicle. Production date is in April. He asked about the 3 trucks on line in the lot if they are comparable to the one he ordered. They are not. He borrowed a special charger from GT carts and charged it at first and the batteries ran back down. New golf cart is around \$6,300.00 and trade in value is \$2500.00-\$2800.00. CM Thomas suggested lithium batteries. Marshal Yeoman will check into it. CM Thomas has heard complaints from people who purchase a golf permit and see a lot of people driving their golf carts with no new permit. Not fair for those who have paid for the yearly permit to those who haven't. Clerk-Treasurer will send out an alert to renew golf cart permit. Also scooters in Town should have a permit. It's illegal to drive them around. He (Mark) will get more information and will present it and have Town Attorney to work on it.

CM Hasser asked about detour during Apple Popcorn Festival. Clerk-Treasurer to send email asking the best detour route during the festival.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer