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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 Thomas 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 Eldridge moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Hasser. The bills totaling \$274,887.89 Unanimously approved.

Cody Scheurich-Monticello Fire Chief was present to discuss an ambulance they are willing to give to the Town for free. Town tabled it needing more information. Cody said the ambulance is year 2015. Had a new engine put in 4 years ago, and has 35,000 miles on it. It's all in the binder and has a binder of maintenance record and title. CM Hasser asked any idea on usage in Township and Brookston. Cody said no idea. CM Hasser asked why not have Prairie Township take ownership. Cody said he talked to Fire Chief Jason last week and was told that idea was dead. Fire Chief Jason said Trustee doesn't want to deal with it. CM Hasser wonders if Township uses it more why not take it and provide all cost to maintain and Brookston could pitch in a percentage of cost. Fire Chief Jason presented the I. C. code abling Towns to transfer title of surplus property to fire department. Pres. North asked Fire Chief Jason if the Town is able to transfer to the fire department, then the fire department is responsible for all cost to maintain the ambulance, insurance and equipment through fire department and Prairie Township funds and no cost to Town. Fire Chief Jason said yes. Pres. North asked if the ambulance comes stocked. Cody said yes and if taken on a run and what supplies is used Monticello will replace them. Chief Jason already has a radio that can be installed into the ambulance. Clerk-Treasurer will forward the I.C. code to Atty. Rebecca to check out and will discuss at the next Town Board Meeting on November 12, 2025 and vote on a decision then.

New/Old Business:

Pres. North has spreadsheet on quotes for jobs to be done out of the building and structure fund. CM Hasser asked about heater for the bathrooms at the ballpark. Supt. Emmett doesn't have a quote for that yet and if purchased they will be out of electric utility. CM Thomas asked about the 2 overhead doors on the sheet. Supt. Emmett explained they are the doors at the old fire station building. They are falling apart and too much air coming through. Also, on the list Pres. North has Jack Tatman quotes for windows, fascia, heater. Creative Flooring quote for concrete floors for the Fire Station. Total comes to 29,348.05. CM Thomas made a motion to accept all quotes on the spreadsheet. Second by VP Girard. Motion unanimous. Jack Tatman asked Supt. Emmett where to start first. Supt. Emmett said Town Hall first.

Pres. North asked if the stop signs had been ordered yet. Supt. Emmett said yes. Also has the Christmas garland been ordered, VP Girard said yes Clerk-Treasurer ordered the next day after meeting. Pres. North asked if County can fill in the cracks on the walk park walkway. Supt. Emmett said they don't have the equipment anymore and he is in the process of checking with other companies. CM Thomas questions when filling the cracks if have to wait on a certain time to seal it.

Eng. Ken reports: need to sign change order #1 for Dashiell for \$38,613.70 on large diameter meters which had already been approved. There were 16 meters that did not have shut offs. CM Eldridge asked so there are 16 meters that can't shut the valve off. Supt. Emmett said 16 were freeze kit to residential. CM Eldridge said if any water running the freeze kit will not work. Supt. Emmett said they already did some. CM Eldridge said then must have had no water running and not a leak.

Pres. North asked if any streets to be added to paving list for 2026. Council said no. Eng. Ken said he will turn the list in tomorrow.

Terry LaOrange reports: last thing on the project is putting an air brake by the bank on 4th St. This will come out of project money and the pole to put it on will come out of maintenance agreement. IMPA rate to increase almost 3%. Prior cost service study already had the increase embedded so shouldn't affect the rate. End of 2026 should have another electric cost of study. Pres. North asked when to start the study. Terry said start end of 2026

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to have it for 2027. Pres. North asked if tree trimming this year. Terry said yes. Terry would like to purchase the air brake now before increase of 8%-10% in 2026. Council said yes. Also need to change out electric meters and have someone to install them. This will be on different software than what water is on. Could not put both on same software to be compatible.

Fire Chief Jason reports: Just what was brought up with Cody Scheurich on ambulance. CM Thomas asked about their run record. Jason said this is a record high of 104 runs. Ryan Maxson had a total of EMS runs of 246. CM Thomas asked if they install smoke alarms. Jason said no. Monticello used to give them some as needed basis, but if someone tells them they don't have one they would get them one.

Supt. Emmett reports: sewer going good. Water good. Tim at water fall conference in Fort Wayne for hours needed for his apprenticeship. Tim took the DSS test missed passing it by 2 points. Took his WT-3 and did not pass. Resubmitted his application and once he hears back, he will re-take the 2 tests. On the 13th, had a 12" main break. Called in ACCU-Dig. Reported at 9:00 a.m. and ACCU-Dig had it fixed by 5:00 p.m. Town did a 24-hour boil. CM Thomas asked if there were other holes in the line that could possibly have another leak. Supt. Emmett said yes. CM Eldridge said that line is not all that old. Put in when the new wells were put in and it was tied in up here and goes in a loop. If line breaks now Emmett will not be able to run the plant and will need to get water from the tower for residents. He and Eng. Ken spoke and need to tie it together by the water plant and valve it off to bypass. Have to tie in to water line to keep water flowing to residents. Supt. Emmett said had a service line break on 8th St, it was small and fixed right away. Waiting on Mint City to give him dates to come in and trim trees. Starting leave pick-up next week on a day-to-day basis on how much is out. CM Thomas asked about new fence replaced. Yes, it is all done. Pres. North asked about quotes on posts for signs. McConnell was \$3,997.35 and Michael Todd was \$3,266.19. Pres. North asked if have enough budget. Clerk-Treasurer said have \$3,072.00 in signs. We can go ahead and purchase now will need to borrow from electric utility for both signs and post and repay back from 2026 sign budget which is budgeted \$5,000.00 in 2026. CM Hasser made a motion to accept Michael Todd quote. Second by CM Eldridge. Motion unanimous.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 401 miles; 3 case reports; 2 animal complaints; 2 disturbances; 8 traffic warnings; 8 traffic stops; 2 criminal history invest; 2 gun permits; 1 ordinance violation; 1 follow up ordinance violation; 14 other police services. Things going pretty well but busy. Had a Golf Cart incident hitting a parked vehicle. Had a vehicle stuck on the tracks between post office and fire station. His mailbox was hit and damaged. The bush by subway had been taken down. VP Girard mentioned she liked his new written out report.

Clerk-Treasurer announced she and her Deputy Clerk-Treasurer went through old documents to be shredded and will call company to come in to shred them. Will have the basic restroom to be removed before Halloween. Presented a print out of the plaque of pickleball in Joe Butz's name. Council approved and Eng. Ken will now order it. Pres. North suggested inviting the Butz's family to join for a dedication when putting it up on the building next to pickleball court. Council said yes.

CM Eldridge asked about informing Paul Forman on fireworks. Clerk-Treasurer and Council said he already knows and payment has already been paid for next year's fireworks.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres. *T. North*

Reynal K. Kuyman
Clerk-Treasurer