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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 Girard made a motion to approve minutes. Second was made by CM Hasser. Motion carried.

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Hasser moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Girard. The bills totaling \$88,365.96 unanimously approved.

New Business/Old Business:

Clerk-Treasurer announced CD rates are up. Town is getting 2.75% on 300,000.00 and 2.00% on 100,000.00. If cancel there will be a penalty and will get that back quick getting a rate of 4.75%. CM Girard made a motion to cancel the 2 amount CD's have now for higher interest rate. Second by VP North. Motion unanimous.

Fire Chief Jason reports: would like approval for a safe haven baby box to be put in the new fire station building if they get approve for a 10,000.00 grant. This will be no cost to Town. The box installation is 15,000.00 and if they are approved for grant they will have a fundraiser for the rest of funds. There will be a 50.00 a month monitoring fee and \$200.00 year inspection fee which fire department will pay out of their funds. CM Hasser asked if Lafayette has the baby box. Fire Chief Jason said yes and so does Monticello. Council approves the box. Pump tested on both trucks. Town truck passed. Prairie Township truck did not. They purchased a new fire truck and asked to use Town truck till the new truck comes in. Council said yes and noted the new fire truck to be used for Town also. Jason said he hasn't received invoice yet for Town truck pump test certification. When he does he will give to Clerk-Treasurer.

Eng. Ken reports: Called Shawn with KIRPC on release of funds. Shawn said cannot move forward until she receives the Interlocal Agreement between the Town and County Commissioners. Council unanimously in favor of the Interlocal Agreement. Clerk-Treasurer will email signed agreement tomorrow to Shawn. CM Girard asked if the recycling trailers will need to be moved. Council thought maybe move to the abandoned street and if that doesn't work will find a place for them.

Terry LaOrange reports: agreement contract for cost of study has not been signed yet. Working on it getting done. Total not to exceed \$18,000.00 as listed on contract. Contract will not be available for summer, looks to be available in September.

Pres. Butz mentioned had audit exit.

Pres. Butz asked if Council ok about letter to residents on what has been done and what's to be done. Council said yes.

Atty. George provided the summer sewer rates to be advertised in both papers for public hearing on May 10th and to be adopted. Also provided the sample garbage collection bids to be put in both papers 2 times. Bids to be opened at May 10th board meeting. Make sure form #96 is filled out. Clerk-Treasurer mentioned a couple of trash companies gave her a card to call when ready to solicit for bids if she could go ahead and call them prior to putting in the newspaper. Atty. George Loy said yes.

Atty. George Loy asked Clerk-Treasurer about a message regarding summer ball. Clerk-Treasurer said a vehicle windshield was damaged by foul ball and owner of damaged vehicle approached coach of ball team and asked for insurance information the coach wouldn't give it to them and owner asked if Town could give them the insurance information since they had a copy. Atty. George Loy said no for the Town that it was between owner and ball team.

Emmett Reports: sewer plant going good. Will get with Scott on testing. Had a problem with flow meter not reading, had to purchase new one for \$3256.75. Water plant going good. Will take his WT-3 test at end of month. Monday meter at water plant was

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making a loud noise. REMC will be here next week to check it out. Electric going good. Had no issues in the storm. Ron Newkirk will start mowing next Monday. Sent out for 3 quotes

for the new sidewalk from corner 3rd st and Railroad Street down to lot next to Jeffries insurance. Received back 2 quotes. Bunch-\$9,185.00, Heartland-\$31,540.00. CM Hasser made a motion to accept Bunch quote for \$9,185.00. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. While Bunch is doing sidewalk he will have him put concrete in section where the tree fell over on Davis St. Would like to have Lopp Lawn Service back again for treatment. The price did not change. Cost is \$1104.00. Council said yes. Checking on golf carts. Called Stans in Monticello, hadn't heard back yet. Tractor increased since last year to another \$10,000.00. Will check around, if cannot find one within the budget then will use the tractor budget to fix current tractor. Meeting Reith Riley tomorrow on the sidewalk and fill dirt at the walk park.

CM Thomas asked about the hydrant flushing. Supt. Emmett said started flushing yesterday and hopes to be done Thursday. Didn't have as much rust.

CM Girard asked about the industrial cover. Supt. Emmett contacted Utility Supply. Also, patching off SR 18. Are baseball signs getting done? Emmett said he will get them done tomorrow.

Pres. Butz said they have put in the pipes for the nets at the existing courts.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 545 miles; 3 case reports; 1 crash report; 1 animal complaint; 1 domestic dispute; 1 vin check; 1 traffic complaint; 1 traffic citation; 4 traffic warnings; 4 traffic stops; 1 vehicle towed; 15 other police services. Police vehicle having evac issues, will be taking it in for repair. Marshal training Friday and Saturday. Did an interview for Deputy Marshal, and he failed his background check. Had a complaint of people not having their dogs on a leash at Walk Park and if the Town could put up signs saying the dogs have to be on a leash. Maybe 2 at the Walk Park and 1 at the Ball Park. Emmet will order the signs. Kids put walnuts, sticks in toilet at Ball Park. He would have not known who had done it, if it weren't for a good parent of the 2 children brought them to him. Marshal asked about putting cameras outside of building. Council said yes.

Supt. Emmett said a guy would cut and grind out the stumps of 9 walnut trees for \$1500.00. Waiting to hear back from him.

Marshal Yeoman asked once Town gets new golf cart if he could have the old golf cart for police. He would have a new motor put in along with new batteries from the police fund. Council said yes.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer