

# AUGUST 9, 2023

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. VP North made a motion to approve minutes. Second was made by CM Girard. 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 76,369.81 unanimously approved.

Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Grant. Town of Brookston is sending application to Indiana Office Community Rural Affairs. Sign in sheet was passed around given by Edwin Buswell of KIRPC. The grant is for 50,000.00 the share amount is 5,560.00. There is a resolution of The Town of Brookston Authorizing the Submittal of the CDBG Planning Grant Application. This will be submitted a week from this Friday and hear something in September. If approved to move forward this will be Resolution #4-2023. CM Girard made a motion to accept resolution #4-2023 as presented. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous. There has been no luck on surveys. If possible would like 2-3 letters from residents stating what they would like to see in Town. Proposals for consultants are due Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> by noon.

## New/Old Business

VP North asked Troy about the weeds at the Dollar General Store. Marshal Yeoman has sent abatement and they mowed once and now tall again. VP North said it looks terrible. Marshal Yeoman said the town employees will be mowing it with a bill sent to Dollar General. Council said we are not going to keep mowing it after 1<sup>st</sup> time. This is not Town's responsibility and taking up time for Town duties.

Pres. Butz announced Atty. George told him the Commissioners will be sending the agreed payment of 420,825.00 for the new fire station on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Pres. Butz presented a proposed 3 year agreement between Town of Brookston and Prairie Township Fire Department. Expenses will be higher than anticipated to be. Possible in 1-2 years add a fire depreciation fund to receive 100.00 a month. CM Hasser thought we already did a 5 year agreement. Fire Chief Jason said they get paid twice a year.

Pres. Butz mentioned Superintendent Emmett did a good job during the heavy rain. Supt. Emmett said there were no problems at the wastewater plant from heavy rain.

Pres. Butz said Terry LaOrange will not be attending meeting tonight and will give his report at next meeting on the cost of service study.

Eng. Ken reports: Been talking to Contractor working on new fire station of responsibilities. Underground electric and plumbing are done. Pressure test passed. They will be putting beams up Friday. Recycling trailers need to be moved over a little for the delivery of the beams. Fire Chief Jason asked if they were on schedule. Eng. Ken said no they are a little behind schedule.

Pres. Butz announced there will be no Town Election this year.

Fire Chief Jason reports: had no report. He did ask with White County commissioners providing ambulance service what rough ends are needed. Eng. Ken said all that is needed will be provided.

Supt. Emmett reports: trying to get ahead of the weeds. Sprayed at the parks today. Using round-up & 24-D together to make it work better. Ras pumped locked up, it's now working. Minor issue with the chlorine feed, been fixed. Resister pole had to be rescheduled. Waiting to hear back on when it will be done. Today, he and Pres. Joe met with Alternative Edge for a border at the Wood St. Park and baseball park. They recommend a slip curb 4" by 6". Cost for both parks is \$9,100.00. Also cost for the basketball court is \$23,000.00. Will look into basketball goals. The money will be taken out of the ARPA fund. CM Girard asked if he sprayed the poison ivy at the Waugh Park. Supt. Emmett said not yet. Need to trim a bush grown around the Wood St Park sign. Have the weeds along Railroad St. tracks been

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sprayed? Supt. Emmett said Tim sprayed along there. Both CM Girard and VP North said it doesn't look like it. The weeds are so tall. Need to cut down and then spray them.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 327 miles; 1 case report; 1 animal complaint; 1 disturbance; 1 vin check; 1 traffic complaint; 2 warrant services; 1 follow up ordinance violation; 4 other police services. Like to hire Wayne Winkler for part-time Deputy-Marshal. CM Thomas asked about the house with all the junk at corner of Vine St. and 8<sup>th</sup> St. Marshal Yeoman sent a notice already. Also house on Davis St has a lot a junk. Marshal Yeoman will check it out.

Clerk-Treasurer said she just received the invoice from BARCO for the new trash cans already received and needs to be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup>. She will go ahead and pay the invoice and will be listed on the accounts payable register at the next meeting.

CM Girard asked if the new heavier nets been ordered. Supt. Emmett read site wrong. It said they will be making heavier nets not have them. Pres. Butz suggests putting sand bags at bottom of wheels to hold in place until the heavier nets are available.

Supt. Emmett asked if resident needs new service put up can Town help with cost. VP North said it's always been where Town provides all materials from pole to the weather head on house. Residents are responsible for putting the weather head on house and electric from home to the weather head.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer