

# December 11, 2024

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 CM Hasser. Motion carried.

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Girard moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by VP North. The bills totaling \$164,816.88. Unanimously approved.

## New/Old Business

Brayden Evans White County Area Plan Asst. Executive Director is present to present Amendment To The White County Indiana Zoning Control Ordinance to 79A to establish updated, more restrictive regulations and standards for Commercial Solar Energy Systems. If approved this will be Ordinance #4-2024. CM Hasser made a motion to accept the Ordinance #4-2024 79A amendment as presented. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

Clerk-Treasurer presented agreement between KIRPC and Town on the Water Improvement Project. Agreement is for KIRPC as consultant for administrative and management services. VP North made a motion to accept signage to agreement. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

Eng. Ken Smith presented the agreement between Town and Municipal Civil Corporation as consultant for water project. CM Thomas made a motion to accept Municipal Civil Corporation as presented. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

Eng. Ken reports; he and Terry LaOrange met about electric and water meters. Terry LaOrange would like to interview a number of companies that are compatible to Town's key billing program. Terry LaOrange would like the electric and water meters to talk to each other and the office can check water reads every day instead of 1 time a month. Pres. Butz is not in favor of the water reads everyday for Brookston is a small town and if there is a leak it is taken care in a timely manner.

Terry LaOrange reports: no report

Emmett reports: everything going pretty well. Sewer plant flow meter froze up due to cold weather. BL Anderson here tomorrow to work on it. Water is going good. Tim almost done with first semester of water class. State moderate samples done yesterday. Electric good. Having some issues with lights out on the Christmas decorations across the highways. REMC came in to fix the lights. Plugs had to be replaced for they are getting old. Supt. Emmett say's there's a possibility poles may still get done this year. Did 2 interviews last week and decision to hire Josh Myers and he will start next Monday at \$18.00 an hour. CM Girard asked about qualifications. Supt. Emmett say's he (Josh) plows with his uncle, has repaired his own sewer line and has a landscaping job. He would fit in. Town clock needs motor and computer board. Cost of parts is \$790.00. VP North asked if he (Emmett) can install them. Supt. Emmett said he and his employees can install them. CM Girard asked about purchasing new Christmas lights. The wrap a rounds you can't see the lights. Supt. Emmett said it's because they have few lights and doesn't light up as well. Pres. Butz say's the Christmas lights should be budgeted and could possibly purchase from electric fund. Pres. Butz asked Supt. Emmett to go ahead and get pricing for pole decorations.

Pres. Butz had spoke to Eng. Ken about getting with INDOT on the highway project to tell them Town will pay the \$30,000.00 as mentioned last meeting and be done with it. Any amount over \$30,000.00 is on INDOT. Council approved.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 298 miles; 1 case report; 1 traffic complaint; 1 criminal case follow-up; 1 criminal history invest; 11 other police services. Dealings with alarm at the Dollar General. VP North said he noticed side door light was blinking and is a sign it needs new batteries. Had 1 case of stolen items from an unlocked vehicle. CM Girard asked if he is off duty does White County come in to cover. Marshal Yeoman Say's yes. He will sometimes get a call if they are too busy to cover, but normally he shuts off his radio. CM Girard asked about Deputy Glover only working 1 Saturday per pay period. Marshal Yeoman said he usually works 2 Saturdays and does it out of loyalty. CM Girard asked if he is

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having trouble hiring part-time. He said yes. CM Girard mentioned the garage door at Waugh property was opened from Friday till Sunday. Pres. Butz spoke to Supt. Emmett and Supt. Emmett thinks somebody's remote is causing the door to go up. Now they lock it from inside the building. As of now no budget for full time police. Pres. Butz mentioned Town did budget for full time police in past and that fell through.

Fire Chief Jason reports: Jason was not in attendance. Deputy Chief JR said Fire Chief Jason wanted him to let Council know he given Monticello Fire Chief Cody Scheurich a key to Brookston Fire Station to look at what furniture will be needed for ambulance service and radios.

Clerk-Treasurer reminded Council the meeting is on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

CM Girard asked about changing Meetings from 7:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m. Council said would be ok and will need a motion. CM Girard made a motion to change meeting time from 7:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m. starting on the December 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

VP North asked Deputy Fire Chief if anything with the Contractor needs to be done. The only thing he and Treasurer Cindy Sanders is the stove exhaust vent. Cindy said it could probably just be removed with not much cooking being done.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

  
Pres.

  
Clerk-Treasurer