

## December 23, 2024

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 CM Girard. Motion carried.

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. VP North moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Thomas. The bills totaling \$274,594.73. Unanimously approved.

### New/Old Business

CM Hasser reported been contacting Jennilynne Area Plan Director on zonings. The Commissioners are proposing new commercial projects would no longer be allowed in A1 but rather be allowed in A2 districts. Also Jennilynne intends to amend zoning ordinance first part 2025 to permit zoning for battery storage so that would restrict them and may cause a rezoning to the property. Pres. Butz heard Brookston was cancelled for the battery storage. Fire Secretary Cindy said it is held off for 6 months waiting on tax abatement being passed on to Commissioners.

Salary Ordinance #5, 2024 for 2025 was presented. CM Girard made the motion to approve salary Ordinance #5-2024 for 2025. Second by VP North. Motion unanimous.

CM Hasser made a motion to nominate CM Dawn Girard for Brookston's representative to Kankakee Iroquois Regional Planning Commission Board of Commissioners for 2025. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

VP North made a motion to appoint Rhonda Morgan to the Board of Trustees of the Brookston Prairie Township Public Library. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

CM Thomas made a motion to appoint CM Ralph Hasser as Brookston representative for Area Plan Commission Board. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

Terry LaOrange reports: presented a time line going into 2025. Working with Eng. Ken Smith on water meters and electric meters. There are no electric grants available. He and Eng. Ken are working on what is the best deal. Will be bidding out to vendors 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Electric is 6-8 months minimum out to receive. CM Hasser asked if the utility people will install the meters. Terry said no will need to hire someone to put them in. Set 3 poles for the SR 43 project, one at 10<sup>th</sup> St, 9<sup>th</sup> St, cannot do 10<sup>th</sup> St. until the tree in front of Amicks is cut down. Pres. Butz said on the same note he is working with Eng. Ken on water project for he (Butz) had questions.

Pres. Butz working with Eng. Ken on sewer grant.

Pres. Butz has questions on the fire protection services agreement between Brookston and Prairie Township Fire Department. Does the Town need this agreement? Will wait to talk to Attorney Rebecca.

Eng. Ken reports: working on water main prices for Prairie Street water relocation. INDOT will give Town \$45,000.00. With \$30,000.00 Town has to already pay becomes total \$75,000.00. Total cost for mains is 133,000.00 plus additional costs total cost is \$152,000.00 minus Town's already 30,000.00 leaves balance of \$122,000.00. Would like to send documents to the State to revise the payment for cost of 122,000.00. VP North made a motion for Eng. Ken to submit documents to the State. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. Need to meet next week with Pres. Butz, Supt. Emmett and anyone else on board to discuss scope for the water project on meters and what hydrants to include in project. Next round for Wastewater project grant is June, for \$700,000.00 then December. Will need to meet to discuss scope and grant timeline. CM Thomas asked about signs. Eng. Ken said this will be included in the Community Crossings grant which 1<sup>st</sup> round is next month and 2<sup>nd</sup> round is in July. VP North asked about the sewers across highway. They will tie new storm sewers to Town.

Fire Chief Jason reports: none

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Emmett reports: none, on vacation. Tim filled in for him saying new employee Josh Myers is doing good. CM Girard asked if the signs on Clawil been removed. Tim said they were removing them on Thursday.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 358 miles; 1 accident report; 3 crash reports; 1 vin check; 1 traffic warning; 1 traffic stop; 1 juvenile complaint; 13 other police services. Sunday was shop with a cop. Assist County on several crashes and on a suicide. Put a feeler out for deputy marshal position and crossing guard, had 2 interests for deputy marshal position and received back 1 message for crossing guard.

Council elections for President and Vice President. CM Thomas made a motion to extend elections for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in January. Would like to have more information on roles for the President and Vice President. Also if both are absent at same time who will take over in their absences. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

  
Pres.

  
Clerk-Treasurer