

# MAY 8, 2024

The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with CM Hasser absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Before a motion was made Kelly Meeker asked if she could have a copy of the minutes from last meeting. Clerk-Treasurer said after the motion is made for approval then yes. CM Girard made a motion to approve minutes as read. Second was made by VP North. Motion carried.

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Thomas moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Girard. The bills totaling \$114,887.54. Unanimously approved.

#### New/Old Business

Lois High and Becky Alexander of Helping Paws in Monticello, IN was present with a presentation on what their business does for feral cats. There were also several people in attendance regarding feral cats. They started their business 2 years ago for TNR, (trap, neuter, release). Started an adoption program 1 year ago also. Candy asked if they could explain what colony cats are. Lois explained what colony cats are per request. Helping Paws will be having a meeting at the library for anyone to attend and hopes to get volunteers, funding for the spaying and neutering along with donations. Marshal Yeoman did speak to Dr. Sam of Monon Vet Clinic. For the TNR program the resident can bring a cat in to be spayed or neuter and pay 20.00 for males and 60.00 for females as long as it is in the Brookston trap and Brookston has a contract with Monon Vet Clinic. This will be residents responsibility to take the cat, pay for the procedure, and bring back to release it in the same location it was trapped.

Candy Sheagley spoke saying she has done the TNR for 30 years. She wants a little compassion and empathy for the cats. She has colony of 7 cats and they don't wonder around. CM Girard did see a big black cat around the recycling area. Candy said that is Amigo. Did file a formal complaint with Town. Pres. Butz said the Town is not doing the trapping, just has traps for residents to sign out for nuisance cats. Candy has 2 issues, one being not everyone gets Town alerts. There are elderly that don't know how to get them for they don't have computers, or cell phones. Clerk-Treasurer said they can also receive alerts on landline phones. Clerk-Treasurer then asked what else is there to do. No response. The other issue is when she spoke to Marshal Yeoman about chip scan he looked like a deer with headlights. Pres. Butz said the Council doesn't want to take the next step of having ordinances for people having feral cats. Also question on agenda. Clerk-Treasurer said it's on the window as of today. They feel it should also be on posted ahead of time and on website. CM Thomas said agenda always changes and Clerk-Treasurer said we might get calls up to end of work day on meeting night. Another resident said Town website is not great. Clerk-Treasurer said she is going to check out other websites.

Ken reports: met with Monticello on the new changes for the ambulance service at the fire station. He presented Council the new design. Will take bids now and will have at next meeting. Pres. Butz announced the White County Commissioners will pay all expenses for the new changes. There is to be a meeting next Monday at 11:00 with Gerry White going over what is needed for the water project grant. Will be testing water at a couple of homes and water plant for hardness of water. Pre-bid meeting for paving project 2024-1 May 16<sup>th</sup> and open bids on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to get this project going the same time the 2023-2 paving is being done.

Terry LaOrange reports: There are a couple of things on the work plan to be done yet on electric. Now that temperatures are rising will be doing another electric load balance on the poles. He announced to the public audience he Thanks the Brookston Council for what they have done to upgrade the electric system keeping residents power on and not going out like it was in the past.

Kelly Meeker, resident of Brookston thanked the fire department and EMT for their service. Pres. Butz mentioned there is a full time ambulance service coming to Brookston.

Clerk-Treasurer presented list of void stale outstanding checks totaling \$589.43 to be approved by Council. VP North made a motion to void stale outstanding checks presented. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous

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Supt Emmett reports: Wood St leak needs repaired. Sewer lateral. VP North asked what considers lateral. It means line from house to main on Town right of way. Cost to Town not resident. Will be doing water line inventory for lead service lines. Electric going good. Fence to be put in at fire station. County requires the sidewalk on the south side of the fire station building needs to extend to 5 feet instead on 1 foot and will be done in all concrete.

CM Girard had a few questions for Supt. Emmett. Spraying and pulling weeds at Corner Park on Railroad St. Supt. Emmett will get it done. Also get some mulch. The bathroom at Ball Park needs pressure wash. Supt. Emmett will get done. The no smoking and alcohol signs at the ball park are bent. Will take care of them. Could the banners be put up at Wood St. Park before Memorial Day and a bench at the Wood St Park needs painted. Supt. Emmett will take care of all requests.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 475 miles; 2 case reports; 1 crash report; 1 disturbance; 1 traffic complaint; 2 criminal arrests; 3 traffic warnings; 3 traffic stop; 1 criminal history invest; 1 gun permit; 1 ordinance violations; 11 other police services. Sent certified abatement letter to R&M and will try to find contact person of the old Coffee shop regarding tall weeds and grass. Did receive the sign certified card back from R&M. Will see if something will get done. Cathy French a resident who lives on 4<sup>th</sup> St and back yard is next to Town parking lot. A vehicle with hitch put a hole in her shed and is asking Town if they could move the parking cement blocks further in parking lot away from her back yard to help keep vehicles away. Council said yes a stake them down so they don't move.

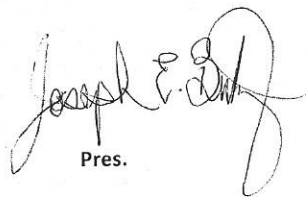
CM Girard said there is a blue food truck that sits on Davis St. has no license plate and has been like that for 2-3 months. Cindy Sanders said she mentioned it 6 months ago to a Town deputy. Marshal Yeoman will check it out.

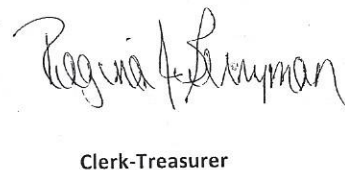
Fire Chief Jason reports: door latches not fixed. Air leak on the compressor. Eng. Ken was told it had been fixed. JR Halsema check the front, back and gear doors before coming to Town meeting and they are all not fixed. CM Girard asked when the doors were supposed to be fixed by. Eng. Ken said Monday. He will make a call to the contractor. Supt. Emmett will check the compressor for the leak.

CM Girard announced the last shipment of bricks came in and will get with Krintz's to lay them in at Waugh/Town Park on Railroad St.

Clerk-Treasurer announced a resident called and asked about putting in a 15X25 pond. She has information on what is needed for a pond and there are permits needed may take awhile for this and then there comes nuisance ordinances. This is really too big for in Town and will call the resident to let him know of this. Wanted to let Council know of this.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

  
Pres.

  
Clerk-Treasurer