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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 as read. Second was made by VP North. Motion carried.

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. VP North noticed some ARPA money still being spent. Clerk-Treasurer said this was the last of the ARPA money to be spent. All ARPA money now has been spent. CM Hasser moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Thomas. The bills totaling \$44,150.89. Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business

CM Hasser reported speaking to Jennilyn of Area Plan regarding ordinances. Town has 2 options. Can approve ordinances locally and will be in the books through County or if want a specific ordinance related to animal ordinance where county ordinance is for 5 total animals and Town wants 3 total animals then County will only enforce the 5 animals and Town will enforce locally the 3 animals.

CM Thomas asked about getting someone to check the walk path at the Heart to Heart Park. It had been seal coated and it is cracking in spots. Eng. Ken will ask Milestone to check it out and give quote to repair it.

CM Girard announced Krintz's put in the last of the bricks. They also put sealant sand on it.

CM Thomas is checking into the veteran banners.

Jack Tatman was present and asked if the fence he put around the generator at the fire station was satisfactory. Council said yes. Clerk-Treasurer will print out a check for his payment tomorrow and will call him when it's ready for pick-up.

Pres. Butz said the fire station open house went well. Fire Department did an excellent job getting it ready. Would like the council to do a walk through for there are several things needed repair. Damaged gutter, not enough paint on doors, there's an open vent in kitchen which fire department needs finished. Need to give contractor a 2 week deadline to get done. Eng. Ken recommends a certified letter of list of things needing repaired. If contractor doesn't meet the deadline will provide cost towards performance bond. CM Girard mentioned the cut out entering the parking lot. That will get paved in.

Ken reports: bids for paving to be opened tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Will have plans for bathroom addition at fire station tomorrow or Friday. Will solicit for 3 quotes from contractors. Asked Supt. Emmett if he talked to Milestone on paving. Supt. Emmett said majority of paving is done. Brackney St is left to do along with road cutouts at 11th and Wood St., 6th and Wood St, and spot VP North noticed at 4th and Mills St. Cost to add softener to the water project is 1.6 million. Cost for the salt for water softener is 1,000.00 a month. Council said no to water softener. There were 15 comments to get done for the water project grant before submitting for the grant. There is a change to aerator. Eng. Ken asked Supt. Emmett if customers water testing came back. Supt. Emmett said no. Eng. Ken asked Terry LaOrange if he (Terry) could go over the map of work plan of any underground electric wires. Terry said yes. VP North saw chunks of blacktop by Ball Park and resident yard. There is to be a clean up after all is finished.

CM Girard asked Supt. Emmett if he heard back from Family Express on repairing Ripley St. He has called and sent pictures and will contact them again.

CM Thomas asked Supt. Emmett if he talked to INDOT regarding SR 43 south bound lane between 1st and 3rd Streets. Someone had blown a tire for the road is bad. He has not spoken to them yet.

Clerk-Treasurer would like to change website for the one now is not user friendly and not working right. Cost to get started with new website is around 2,000.00. This will include alerts. Will need to keep reach alert for now to let those who are signed on it that

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Town will no longer be using it and they can sign up on website. CM Girard asked about viewing bills on site. Clerk-Treasurer will ask company. Also if the agreement with Cintas's can be terminated, would like to buy mats and save money. Council approved both website and buy mats. Mr. Dole, pastor of Federated Church sent an email and would like to do an open play for pickleball. Council would like him to come in for they have some questions. The Antique store has a stone with Nagel garage on it, which was the person who owned the building that burnt down next to Town Hall and wanted to know if the Council would like to put it in the pickleball court. Vote was 3-2 in favor of not putting it in the pickleball court.

Terry LaOrange reports: none, everything going good at this time.

CM Girard asked about getting the letters that was carved in the picnic tables removed. Supt. Emmett said they will look into what can be done.

Supt Emmett reports: CCR reports being passed out now. Getting caught up on the weeds in Town. CM Girard asked about getting some mulch. Don't need a lot. Supt. Emmett said yes he was going to get some.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 509 miles; 1 case report; 1 crash report; 1 disturbance; 1 vin check; 1 traffic complaint; 2 criminal arrests; 1 warrant service; 1 criminal history invest; 2 ordinance violations; 3 follow-up ordinance violations; 10 other police services. Golf cart is down for it has 2 batteries not working. To purchase 4 batteries, cost will be \$1,050.00 this also includes installing them. Council said yes to purchase.

Fire Chief Jason reports: none

CM Hasser would also like what the Town has done, posted on the new website. All agreed.

Jack Tatman said when SR 43 construction starts can Town stagger barricades up to keep Semi's from driving down 8th St. tearing up Town road. Council said yes.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer