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The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with VP North absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. CM Hasser made a motion to approve minutes. Second was made by CM Thomas. Motion carried.

Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Girard moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Hasser. The bills totaling \$147,378.50 unanimously approved.

New Business/Old Business

Trash bids to be voted on. Received 3 bids and 1 bid did what Town is asking for. CM Girard made a motion to accept trash bid from APEX. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. CM Hasser asked Supt. Emmett if he asked other Towns who have APEX how they like their service. He did talk to Reynolds and they are satisfied with APEX. Clerk-Treasurer spoke to Chalmers and they are happy with them.

Eng. Ken met with contractor building the fire station. They will send a package on colors to choose for the building. They are aware project to be done by December 15, 2023. Property already been staked. Will be ready to start digging. Contractor to provide the bond and insurance within 2-3 days. If not provided then Ken will get a hold of them. Pres. Butz asked if they will put a schedule together. Eng. Ken said yes.

Pres. Butz asked Supt. Emmett if heard from Reith Riley on walk park. Emmett said he has not. He called numerous times and no response. Eng. Ken will be talking to them on another project and will ask when they will be back to correct the issues at the walk park.

Pres. Butz asked Supt. Emmett update on water test. He is waiting for letter to take the water test.

CM Thomas asked if town could purchase flags for the shelter at the Wood St. Park for the 4th of July. CM Girard will check into it.

Clerk-Treasurer asked Supt. Emmett if he put in the new meter at the coffee shop. Pres. Butz asked what was wrong with old meter. Clerk-Treasurer said they took out the water meter and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer has not been able to get a read and has been estimating since December 2022. Pres. Butz asked why was the meter removed and owner should have not removed it and why hasn't the meter been put in. Why so long. Supt. Emmett said he couldn't ever get a hold of the owners. Pres. Butz said make it a priority. Then after some discussion possibly put all apartment meters as one and coffee shop as one. Emmett to check cost to do this.

Elections coming up. Council members said residence should know about elections and on website.

Pres. Butz announced need to have list of any items for budget next year by the end of June. Will see what can be added to the budget.

Eng. Ken reports: working on getting plaques for the Brookston Gazebo and the Waugh Corner Park. Will draw up a draft to be check over before ordering. Chalmers voted to get the radio meters and will be able to see how it works for them.

Terry LaOrange reports: cost of service study coming along. They had a couple of questions and received the answers. Having trouble getting prices for transformers and wire. Met with Carroll White REMC going over poles that are located within the project.

Emmett Reports: Clarifier down at the moment at sewer Plant. He and Terry met with Carroll White REMC to go over what poles need to be replaced and of them what is covered in scope and project funds. Took mosquito fogger yesterday to be tested. He also took the mosquito test and passed. Will start fogging next month. CM Thomas asked if put any larvicide down and Emmett said he did earlier this year.

CM Girard had a few questions for Emmett. Q-have the grass and weeds been sprayed in the alleys? A- Yes, after the alleys have been grated. Q-Weeds at Waugh corner

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park flower beds. Is it Lopp or Town? A-Town will spray the weeds. Q- Did the weeds get sprayed on sidewalk along Railroad St from Waugh Corner Park to Jeffries Insurance? A-yes. Cm Girard said they still look alive. Also between asphalt and curb down by school on Railroad St. and along by Lickity Split has tall grass and weeds that need to be sprayed. Supt. Emmett will get it done.

CM Hasser asked Supt. Emmett when will Bunch replace the sidewalk from Waugh Corner Park to Jeffries Insurance. Emmett said Bunch is running behind on projects, once he gets caught up then he will do the sidewalk.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 502 miles; 1 animal complaint; 1 domestic dispute; 1 disturbance; 1 vin check; 1 traffic warning; 1 traffic stop; 2 criminal history investigation; 2 gun permits; 2 ordinance violations; 17 other police services. Windshield for the police vehicle came in and was the wrong one and the right one will be in tomorrow or Friday. Cost is \$370.00. He will bring JR Northcutt on as part-time deputy. Will be on vacation in June. Also thank you's to Jason donating time installing light siren module on new golf cart. Sheriff Department donated light and Brookston EMS for siren speaker. Would like to put police decal on eventually. CM Girard asked if there was money in the police fund to go ahead and do it. Clerk-Treasurer said yes.

Fire Department reports: Town fire engine getting service tomorrow to fix AC and the ABS.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer