

# SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

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. Second was made by VP North. 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 178,074.60 unanimously approved.

2024 Budget adoption. CM Hasser made a motion to adopt the 2024 Budget, Ordinance #10-2023. Second by VP North. Motion unanimous.

Storm Water amendment to transfer \$2.00 to sewer minimum charge, leaving .20 in storm water. CM Girard made a motion to accept the amendment, Ordinance #11-2023 as presented. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous. Pres. Butz said this is for now until sewer revenue increases.

## New/Old Business

Josh Motzer, Director for Brightspeed was present introducing himself and changes they would like to add here in Brookston. They took over Centurylink. He has been speaking with Atty. George Loy and Supt. Emmett regarding their purpose. Atty. George Loy said Brightspeed is working on a permit and needs to submit an application. There is a bond requirement to be determined by the board not less than \$25,000.00 and in effect 1 year after project is done. Also there are fees to compensate occupancy of right of ways, and doesn't know those fees yet. Atty. George Loy recommends Brightspeed to meet with himself, Pres. Butz and Supt. Emmett to go over what is in details. Pres. Butz asked how long will it take for the project. Josh said around 2 months. Also will any poles be affected? Josh said yes. Pres. Butz would also like Terry LaOrange to be at meeting.

VP north asked if there will be any lights put up at pickleball court. Some discussion on how the lights will work. Need to see what options to operate lights for that way they are not on when no one is playing. Will discuss again. Also some people had asked maybe have a pickleball fundraiser tournament. How to reserve the court. Pres. Butz said same as someone wants to reserve shelter at the parks. Call Town Hall to reserve. Will come up with solutions and discuss again.

Clerk-Treasurer had a couple of calls 1. Rita Clark would like to put pink ribbons around poles for the month of October for Breast Cancer awareness month and she would take them down at end of October. Council approved. 2. Midwest Custom Audio asking to do a trunk or treat in front of their business on railroad street October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 p.m. Council said they could, would need to block street at 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> St for safety of children. VP North asked if that is where the tent is in back. Is it permanent? Supt. Emmett said that's where they work on vehicles. VP North asked if it passes building code. CM Hasser will ask Area Plan at the next meeting.

CM Hasser mentioned at Area Plan meeting discussion was on BP coming into areas for carbon sequestration and storage. Area Plan Commissions has a group who are working on putting an ordinance together on regulations what they can do and where they can do it. Some Towns are not allowing it.

Terry LaOrange reports: 1<sup>st</sup> presentation on electric rate was at last meeting and is moving forward putting all information together to be put in the paper. Discussing with the ladies in the office a window when to implement on what month. This will need to go in paper 2 times 10 days apart. Once all information ready for paper will bring to Council what month to start the rate. Then will need to be sent to Keystone to make the change in the software.

Eng. Ken reports: trusses are up on new fire station. Metal on roof to be done tomorrow. Hope to enclose building end of next week. Waiting to put in the water line feed and sewer feed. Will have a progress meeting with Construction Company next week. Meeting with Edwin Buswell of KIRPC and Gerald White of OCRA next Friday at 10:00 a.m. regarding the comprehensive grant.

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Pres. Butz said blacktopping at Wood St is done. Emmett working on getting basketball goals.

Fire Chief Jason reports: presented list of grants and donations he applied for. Atty. George Loy said fire department is responsible to keep records for grants and donations they receive. Pres. Butz asked Atty. George Loy if Town can receive all information on money received and spent. Atty. George Loy said yes.

Supt. Emmett reports: waiting to hear back about the motor for oxidation ditch. They are having trouble finding a 2 speed motor. If no luck then will have to purchase a single speed motor. CM Girard asked if there's a chance to rebuild motor. Supt. Emmett said they can, it wouldn't last more than ½ year. Next week will be hauling sludge. Fall hydrant flushing 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October. Will be putting in new pole behind pizza king. This pole will replace 2 poles that are being taken down for one pole, oil leaking from transformer and the other is leaning really badly. To complete this process it will be in 2 days 4-5 hours each day. Businesses to be affected from this have been notified. Supt. Emmett off next Friday. Would like to know where to put the plaques. One to the right side front entrance of Gazebo in plant area. The other next to the Kiosk at Brookston Pocket Park facing Railroad St.

Pres. Butz said Ken to get with Terry once meter box is set at the fire station to schedule new electric service.

Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 568 miles; 3 case reports; 1 crash report; 3 domestic disputes; 2 disturbances; 3 traffic complaints; 1 criminal arrest; 3 traffic citations; 3 traffic warnings; 3 traffic stops; 1 vehicle towed; 1 criminal case follow-up; 3 ordinance violations; 16 other police services. Checked on Yoder property. He spoke to Mr. Yoder and there are no open areas except the door and since then he put in a new door and noticed they are there working on house again. He hasn't seen any raccoons coming from the house but did notice from a shed. 2 weeks ago taser started having issues. Took in to be repaired and was told they cannot fix it for it is obsolete, not repairable. Will purchase a new one if money left in fund this year or wait until next year. Would like to raise golf cart permit to 20.00. CM North made a motion to raise golf cart permit to \$20.00. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. Will need an ordinance drawn up.

Clerk-Treasurer asked Atty. George Loy if it is ok to sign the new Waste disposal agreement contract for 2024-2028. Atty. George Loy said yes. Pres. Butz asked if anyone spoke to new company regarding delivering new trash totes. Clerk-Treasurer spoke to them and Pres. Butz wants Supt. Emmett to know also what will be happening and need to find out when old current company picking up their totes and new company delivering new totes.

CM Thomas asked if Troy checked into person suppose to be living in camper on Bartlett's property. He did check and was told when the brothers have a disagreement then one of them goes to the camper. No proof of someone actually living there.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer