

Brook Town Council  
Brook Town Hall  
March 12, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.  
Minutes

**Attendees:**

Town Council: Rex Chapman, Brad Wilson, Jeff Laffoon  
Attorney: Rebecca Goddard  
Superintendent: Nick Snodgrass  
Clerk/Treasurer: Kathy Babcock  
Deputy Clerk: Nichole Massey  
Marshal: Dan Baird  
Fire Chief:  
Building Commissioner: Jeff Snodgrass  
Iroquois Township Trustee: Jane Risley  
Guest: Angie Laffoon, Krissy Wright, Bob Gonczy, Dave Riegle, & Bart Woodward

Jeff Laffoon called the meeting to order.

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**Minutes**

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting. Rex Chapman seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed

**Financials**

Rex Chapman made a motion to approve the Financials. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

**Community Club**

There was a letter from the Community Club explaining that the current members will be stepping back, and resigning for the year 2025. They will carry out the remaining events for 2024.

**Conservation Club**

Rex Chapman has contacted 3 contractors and they are going to submit bids for the Pavilion Project. The Boy Scout Troop is going to work on the Bridge. Newton County Soil & Water Conservation is going to work on getting the Rain Garden restored.

**Marshal**

Dan Baird was here and presented the monthly reports.

**Parks**

Jane Risley is working on getting a new handicap assessable Merri-go-Round and Swing for the play area by the PeeWee Field.

### **Superintendent**

Nick Snodgrass turned in the monthly reports.

NIPSCO is coming to trim trees below power lines along the creek.

The Hand held is becoming obsolete. A tablet will work for downloading the information from the meters. We will contact Mike Osowski for pricing on a tablet that will work for reading meters and the GIS.

Nick reported he has the trade-in value of the old mowers at \$8000 and \$6000.

Rex Chapman made a motion to purchase a 60" mower and a 52" mower from Superior, to be paid for from Water, Sewer and General and MVH Funds. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

### **Brook Economic Development**

Becky Goddard presented the Ordinance Establishing the Brook Economic Development Fund.

Rex Chapman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-3. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Storm Water Drainage**

Yoder's will be here this week to install 2 catch basins on Maple Street and repair the unmarked tile that was hit by a boring machine at the corner of Washington and Highway. The tile at the Post Office is next in line for repair.

#### **420 W Howard**

Jeff will contact Larry Henry this week about continuing to clean the property. The court date for this issue is March 26, 2024.

**Community Center Project** – We will be researching the doors at the Community Center to see if new seals will help or if the doors need to be replaced.

#### **Brush Pile**

There was discussion on the brush pile and what should be done. Still thinking about it. Tabled until later.

#### **Landfill Checking Account Ordinance**

Becky Goddard presented the Ordinance to Establish the Landfill Tipping Fee Account. Brad Wilson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-4. Rex Chapman seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

#### **Community Center & Conservation Club Rental Contracts**

Rex Chapman made a motion to go with the new Deposit and Rates for the Community Center and the Conservation Club as discussed on the January 12, 2024 meeting. See Attached. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bob Gonczy**

Bob Gonczy from Morocco was here to announce he is running for the Newton County Council.

**Brandy Cornwell Leak**

Kathy presented a letter from Brandy Cornwell of 200 W Howard requesting credit for a water leak. Rex Chapman made a motion to give Brandy Cornwell a Sewer Adjustment for the leak. Bran Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed,

**Clerk Notes**

Kathy reported the Newton County Park Board donated \$250.00 for the Easter Egg Hunt. Kathy posed the money to the Unappreciated Park Fund and forwarded a check to the Community Club.

Kathy reported that we have received the Statement of Engagement cost from State Board of Accounts. Amounts as follows: General is \$14,760.17

Water is 7,969.87

Sewer is 4,485.07

**Library Report**

Krissy Wright was here to present a report on the Library usages and the varies programs the Library is current offering.

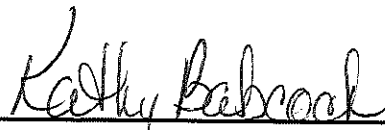
**Claims**

Rex Chapman made a motion to pay claims. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

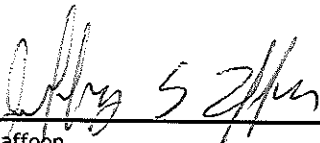
Rex Chapman made motion to adjourn the meeting, Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathy Babcock  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Jeff Laffoon  
Town Council President

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*Rex G. Chapman*

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Rex Chapman  
Town Council Member

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*Brad Wilson*

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Town Council Member