

Brook Town Council
Brook Town Hall
April 12, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.
Minutes

Attendees:

Town Council: Jeff Laffoon, Rex Chapman
Attorney: Jacob Ahler
Superintendent: Nick Snodgrass
Clerk/Treasurer: Kathy Babcock
Deputy Clerk: Nichole Massey
Deputy Marshal: Dan Baird
Fire Chief:
Building Commissioner: Jeff Snodgrass
Iroquois Township Trustee: Jane Risley
Guest: Edwin Buswell, Bob Rawlins, Chuck Richards

Jeff Laffoon called the meeting to order.

Pledge to flag

Minutes

Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the minutes for the March 8, 2022 Meeting. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Financials

Rex Chapman made a motion to approve the Financials. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Public Hearing for Wastewater Grant

Edwin Buswell opened the Public Hearing for the Wastewater Grant. The Town is applying for a grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The total project cost will be \$483,956.00 of which the town has a local match amount of \$96,791.20 leaving a Grant amount of \$387,164.80. Rex Chapman made a motion to close the hearing. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed. Edwin stated that the Grant Proposal is due April 29, 2022, the Application is due July 1, 2022 and the Award will be Late August or early September 2022.

Community Club

The Community Club was a few events scheduled and would like to request the use of the Community Center. April 16, 2022 is the Easter Egg Hunt/Bake Sale. Rose Acre Farms is sponsoring the Egg Hunt this year. May 7, 2022 Community Club is holding a Wine & Canvas, and the Fish Fry will be September 10, 2022. The proceeds from each of these events will go to the 4th of July fireworks.

Conservation Club

Jeff Laffoon reported that there is concern about the gutters on the Cabin. Nick Snodgrass will get quotes for this project

Superintendent

Nick turned in the reports. The gas line for the generator at the lift station will be installed in 3 to 4 months. Nick reported that Peerless Midwest was here for the Annual well Testing. Yoder Drainage will be here in about a month to do the Maple Street Project and at the same time they will check into the problem on Hanley Street. Nick stated he will be on vacation from /April 20 – 22.

Marshal

Dan Baird handed in the Monthly report.

Parks

Jeff Laffoon presented a list of people interested in serving on the Park Board. The list includes Julie Claussen, Kim Nevitt, Dana Lawrence, and Jeff Laffoon. Rex Chapman made a motion to accent these people as members of the Park Board. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Jane Risley will replace the Lion drinking fountain in Railroad Park with a new drinking fountain.

Veterans Memorial

Deno Landscaping will replace the mulch in the Veterans Memorial.

OLD BUSINESS

Storm Water Drainage

Chuck Richards was here with questions about drainage on his property.

Splash Pad

Nick reported that water and sewer lines are installed at the Splash Pad. Weather permitting installation will begin on Thursday. Newton County Economic Development donated \$20,000 for the project out of which a pavilion with picnic tables will be built. Wilson Industrial and Wilson Fertilizer have each donated \$1000 for the project.

Progress at 420 W Howard

No progress, nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Healing Ukraine

Bob Rawlins from the 1st Baptist Church on Goodland was here with information about Healing Ukraine a program they are sponsoring on April 24, 2022 to raise funds for Samaritan's Purse Field Hospital in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Brook, Indiana Web Site

Newton County Economic Development has donated \$2500 to help with a new web site for the Town of Brook.

Credit Card Payments

Jeff presented information about Credit Card payments. Rex Chapman made a motion to start the process to accept credit card payments. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Newton County Fair

This year at the Newton County Fair the Newton County Economic Development will paying \$15 of the ride fee per child. Rex Chapman made a motion as part of Support Town of Brook to pay the remaining \$10 for each child's ticket for Friday night at the fair. Jane Risley said she would split the fee if we opened it up to include Iroquois Township. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Rex Chapman made a motion to donate \$500 for the Free stage at the Newton County Fair to come from Rainy Day Allocation in Landfill Checking. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Clerk's Notes

Kathy presented Thank you notes from Carpet Barn thanking us for choosing them to install our carpet, and the Norman Ekstrom Family for the planter. Kathy presented bills for the Splash Pad from Superior Sales & Circle Supply. Rex Chapman made a motion to pay these from the Community Center Allocation in the Landfill Checking. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved motion passed. Bills for Splash Pad from Yoder Drainage and EJP were also presented. Rex Chapman made a motion to pay these from the ARP fund. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Claims

Rex Chapman made a motion to pay claims. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

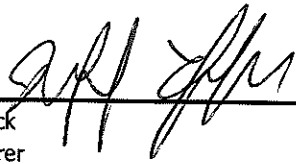
Jeff Laffoon made motion to adjourn the meeting, Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Babcock
Clerk/Treasurer

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Kathy Babcock
Clerk/Treasurer

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Jeff Laffoon
Town Council President

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Rex Chapman
Town Council Member