**The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with all members present. Clerk-Treasurer absent due to covid. Minutes recorded.**

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

**Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Hasser moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM North. The bills totaling $188,328.32. Unanimously approved.**

**New Business:**

**CM Hasser announced Indiana Senate changed one of bills regarding mobile homes and only applies to mobile home parks. Will give Regina letter of the other bill to re-type on Town letterhead to send to State House elimate the other bill.**

**Mary Hasser was present, saying the Popcorn Festival Committee talked about maybe a 16X20 stage on lot next to Town Hall. Last year it cost the popcorn festival $4000.00 to rent stage, putting it up and taking it down. The stage could also be used for open mike, movies, etc. This could stay all year round along with picnic tables and bleachers. Council said as of now cannot do anything until EPA checks it out. Also she would like to have a mural painted on west side of Town Hall. Council said right now the wall is bleeding and usually takes 5 years. Still have at least 2 years left. Pres. Butz said one option is Town may vote to sell the lot to a business and they could put a building up and will not see the mural. Eng. Ken Smith will get update of when EPA will be checking the lot out.**

**Pres. Butz announced the grant has moved up to this Friday for the 3 for 1. Will put $100,000.00 towns share and have $33,000.00 left for other work that needs done. Eng. Ken Smith says if apply this Friday will receive for this spring. If apply next round will not receive till next year. Discussion about widening streets. CM Hasser asked about corner of 8th St & Brackney next to stop sign. It’s sunken down. Supt. Josh will check it out. After discussion Pres. Butz said clean up 5th, 6th, 7th St, repair N. Prairie next to J & J’s restaurant and hopefully go around north of J&J’s will need to talk to Margie Maxwell for she owns half street north of restaurant. Street to sewer plant needs repaired and possibly add 8th St corner next to stop sign.**

**IMPA contract for extension needs to be signed. Pres. Butz will sign and Clerk-Treasurer will come up later to sign.**

**Old Business:**

**Pres. Butz talked to Commissioner Steve Burton on loan for new fire station. Town asked for $150,000.00 loan for 5 years interest free and donation of $100,000.00. If not then $200,000.00 loan for 10 years interest free. Pres. Butz should hear by February 11th if approved for grant for fire station. Eng. Ken Smith announced Town received the donation of $10,000.00 from ADM.**

**Pres. Butz mentioned mowing for Town. What would be more efficient? Asked Supt. Josh and Supervisor Emmett to get quotes from lawn businesses what they would charge to mow and will go from there.**

**CM Girard asked if Clerk-Treasurer mailed letter to the businesses on the oil bin and dumpsters, she hadn’t heard anything. Pres. Butz said yes, the letters were sent and they received them. Marshal Yeoman followed up with them and they plan on having them moved by February 1st.**

**CM Thomas asked Fire Chief Jason if he noticed any problems or issues while driving through Town for fire truck to go through. Fire Chief Jason said Wood St. is narrow and Railroad St. There is a resident who put concrete up on 6th Wood and Davis St making it a little tight to turn down alley. Marshal Yeoman will speak to the resident to remove it for it is on town right of way.**

**Terry LaOrange reports: met with Carroll White REMC and hammered over the numbers. Expect material bill next week. What we were getting billed for was exactly what was installed. Breaker for 18 has been ordered. Should be here in February.**

**Supt. Josh reports: John Deere called needs serial number on mower. Will give $2000.00 for trade in making new mower around $15250.00. Budgeted $15000.00. Told Emmett and Tyler when plowing get close to edge any sod plowed up will go over and fix the sod.**

 **Supervisor Emmett reports: none**

**CM Girard asked Supervisor Emmett if ordered the signs yet. And if materials for the picnic tables been purchased. Signs have not been purchased and the materials for picnic tables have. Also pricing on tires for the F350. Supervisor Emmett cannot find the size tires needed. CM Girard said Pomps have them. CM Girard mentioned any work listed on weekly schedule gets pushed back add on next meeting’s list so it doesn’t get lost. Signs were supposed to get done a year ago.**

**Fire Chief Jason Sanders asked when gets lot of snow if Town employees could plow out in front of fire station.**

**Yeoman gave police report: Patrolled 792 miles; 2 disturbances; 1 warrant service; 3 crash reports; 2 domestic disputes; 2 traffic complaints;, 1 criminal case follow-up; 1 ordinance violation; 20 other police services. Asked for a resident on burning wood in fireplace and chimney smoke being bad. Council said not to do anything.**

 **There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.**

**Pres. Clerk-Treasurer**