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The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with all members present.

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

The Bills were examined. CM Putt moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Girard. The bills totaling \$651,768.76 were unanimously approved.

CM Putt asked about CSX crossing arms from closing 1st St. to be transferred to 8th. Supt. Cory said they are to be put in late summer, early fall.

New Business:

Karl Stokes, fire chief was present announced 2 openings on fire dept. They have received 1 application and do they have to accept it. The application was not filled out correct. Atty. Loy said they do not if it regards safety and not discrimination. Also the Town fire truck was towed to Weirs it needs new fuel pump and gages fixed. Will also need for Insurance a Pre Survey Information Request and Water Supply for Fire Suppression filled out while Tower is empty.

Nicole Jenkinson with United Way was present. She and CM Girard have been working together on design for landscape around gazebo. Have \$150.00 for plants. Project will take place on September 8th at 8:00 a.m. Will advertise for volunteers to help with the planting. Supt. Cory will get the mulch and will need 8 yards. Rotary, FFA and possibly the National Honor Society will also help with the planting.

Pres. Butz and Eng. Ken Smith working on water and sewer rates. After discussion CM Putt made a motion to raise water 5% and wastewater 10%. CM Hasser seconds the motion. Motion passed with a 3-2 vote. CM Putt, CM Hasser and Pres. Butz voted yes. CM Girard and CM North voted no.

Town received 3 quotes for new trees to be planted at Wood St. Park. Koehler for small trees was \$1816.22 and large trees were \$2960.80. Bellinger's was \$2542.00 and J. Christopher was \$2420.00. Council approved Koehler for it had more to offer. Council told Supt. Cory to call them letting them know they have it as long as they give a warranty in writing.

CM Hasser asked who is responsible for the fixing the new sidewalks up Town for they are chipping. Council said it will probably be on Town.

Old Business:

Town received 2 quotes for asphalt patching. Xtreme was \$24085.00 for 4533 sq. feet and Fox Paving was \$27270.00 for 5000 sq ft. Council told Supt. Cory to call Xtreme to see if can have it done by festival, if not then call Fox Paving.

Pres. Butz said waiting too long for the contractor to start the work on the curb across from Casey's. Supt. Cory said the guy said he would be here tomorrow to start the work. Council said we need to start giving time limits on all projects that need to be done from now on. Also the striping on parking lot. Supt. Cory said Aaron with Jackson Striping said it will take them 2 weeks to get it done. Atty. Loy said need a van accessible space and handicap space if have between 20-30. Council said they would like this all done by September 7th.

Atty. George Loy has contract between Brookston and Advanced Disposal ready to be signed at the next board meeting. It is similar to last contract and has fuel increase if gas exceeds to \$3.50 per gallon.

CM Girard asked Supt. Cory if he reviewed the WT-3 test he did not pass. Yes he did and re answered questions and will hear in 2-3 weeks if passed. If he doesn't there is a written test on November 1st. CM Girard also asked about the drainage on Kolb St. Supt. Cory said a company approached him asking if they can demo their new sewer vac there and

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no cost to the Town. CM North asked Supt. Cory to call Nipsco to ask them to fix the intersection they dug up for lines or pay the bill if Town has to fix it.

Supt. Cory reports: moved a couple things around on schedule due to rain. Have 26 curbs left to paint, 35 Hydrants to paint and 5 alleys left to grate. Seeding will get started next week at gazebo. Like to request 8 unpaid working days off October 22-31. Council approved only 5 unpaid days off as long as someone is here to cover.

CM Putt asked about putting stucco up on west outside wall. Eng. Ken will get cost to put up Dryvit.

Eng. Ken reports: will look over contract Atty. George Loy presented to him for Marshals office to be signed by Rigo's and Brookston. He has been approached about the standing water in a couple of places on resident's property they claim of not draining on streets properly. Council said this is first they heard of this and the residents need to come to Council Meeting with their concerns. Have completed information for the Community Crossings grant and need approval from Council to submit. CM North made a motion for Eng. Ken Smith to submit on behalf of Brookston. Second made by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.

Marshal Yeoman gave police report: Patrolled 622 miles; 1 case report; 1 animal complaint; 1 domestic dispute; 1 criminal arrest; 2 traffic warnings; 1 abatement citation; 2 criminal case follow-up; 20 other police services. On top of yards not mowed and cars not registered. He and Deputy Thomas will be at the Law Enforcement Conference on September 5th, 6th and 7th.

Clerk-Treasurer announced next meeting for budget hearing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Pres.

Clerk-Treasurer