**The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with CM Girard absent.**

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

**Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Thomas moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Hasser. The bills totaling $291,278.17 unanimously approved.**

**New Business:**

**Eng. Ken Smith presented the drawings for the new fire station for review. Fire Chief Jason asked if the high flow water line will be metered or not metered. Fire Chief Jason would like the water line to be put in at the west side entrance of building between bays 1&2 and 3&4 and keep line low. Eng. Ken said bids to go out January 25th. Pre-bid hearing on January 13th.**

**Pres. Butz reports: Reached out to Commissioners and one got back to him and will meet with them January 26th to discuss if they will give money to cover if any shortfall of funds for new fire station. Monon invited Pres. Butz and he asked Fire Chief Jason to go with him check out their ambulance service which will be up and running January 1st.**

**Randy Jeffries of Brookston Jeffries Insurance was present explaining the policy for coverage on Town electric. Town policy is all under blanket coverage for 10,500,000.00. It covers all poles, buildings, transformers etc. In the future Town may want to up the coverage cost on the buildings. Terry LaOrange said since Town has improved electric, he will figure all cost on the electrical equipment and give to Randy for next year to make sure there is enough coverage.**

**Pres. Butz mentioned Superintendent Emmett and his employee did a good job during the cold and windy storm. Superintendent Emmett said had a transformer go out on Brackney St. They had a transformer on hand for replacement and had power back on quicker. Had minor issues on equipment at the wastewater plant from the cold and now that it has warmed up a little they are bouncing back to normal.**

**Eng. Ken Smith reports: none**

**Terry LaOrange reports: If something happens to Nipsco power line will open up the transformer by R&M and close the one at Hunter Nutrition’s parking lot.**

**Pres. Butz mentioned this year was a little tough with previous Superintendent leaving and spending a lot of time bringing Emmett on board to fill in the position. Glad to have Scott Robinson to help at Wastewater Plant and sign forms for there and Max Eldridge signing for the water. Can’t thank Eng. Ken and Terry LaOrange enough for all they do. He and Eng. Ken will be looking at water and sewer plans. Still have loans on water building to expire in 2027 and Wastewater building to expire in 2025. Found out that the loans cannot be rolled over to refinance. Eng. Ken said they can be a wrap around on finance loans. When doing projects, once approved cannot add on afterwards. Can only do what was budgeted for. Need to watch funds already have. Clerk-Treasurer agreed and will inform them on spending.**

**Elections for President and Vice President. VP North made a motion to appoint Joe Butz for 2023 President. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. CM Thomas made a motion to appoint Terry North for 2023 Vice President. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.**

**CM Hasser asked Pres. Butz if he brought the Treatment Plant reports on findings. He did not he forgot to bring them. CM Hasser asked if Scott Robinson could come to board meeting to give updates on treatment plant. Pres. Butz said yes he will ask him to come.**

**CM Hasser asked if trailer park owners signed agreements yet. Clerk-Treasurer said yes. Atty. George said they need to be recorded at the White County Recorder’s Office.**

**Clerk-Treasurer presented the Nepotism forms to be signed by her and Council members that they are following the adopted Nepotism Ordinance #9-2012 of hiring no family members. Council signed the forms.**

**Emmett Reports: electric service for the Dollar General is complete and on line. Hired Josh Kelly for full-time laborer, he will start January 3rd. Emmett taking his WT-3 test January 10th.**

**Fire Chief Jason reports: none**

**Marshal Yeoman reports: Patrolled 474 miles; 3 case reports; 1 crash report; 1 vin check; 2 traffic complains; 2 traffic warnings; 2 traffic stops; 1 abatement served; 1 juvenile complaint; 1 criminal history invest; 1 gun permit; 19 other police services.**

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

**Pres. Clerk-Treasurer**