**The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with all members present including Pres. Butz by Zoom.**

**Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. CM Girard made a motion to approve minutes as read. Second was made by CM North. 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 Thomas. The bills totaling $166,730.44. Unanimously approved.**

**New Business:**

**Second reading for Repealing Ordinance #9-2016 Net Energy Metering to be passed. This ordinance will be #2-2022. Pres. Butz asked if $100.00 fee is normal. Terry LaOrange said decided with Supt. Josh to put the expense over on the interconnection for labor and materials with Council approval. CM Thomas made a motion for Ordinance #2-2022 Repealing Ordinance #9-2016 Net Energy Metering. Second was made by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous. Second reading for Establishing Electric Utility Interconnection Standards to be passed. This ordinance will be #3-2022. CM North made a motion for Ordinance #3-2022 Establishing Electric Utility Interconnection Standards. Second was made by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.**

**Atty. George Loy announces Indiana Legislature are considering House Bill 1002 to propose change to eliminate business personal property tax. Cities, Towns count on businesses personal property tax for revenue and if passed Town of Brookston will lose $60,576.00 a year. Brookston Town Council can pass Resolution Opposing Legislation Regarding the Business Personal Property Tax. This would be resolution #2-2022. CM Hasser moved to adopt Resolution #2-2022, Opposing Legislation Regarding the Business Personal Property Tax. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous. Atty. George Loy will forward the resoulution to White County Gail Rogers.**

**Atty. George Loy received email from Supt. Josh an Ordinance Protecting The Town of Brookston’s Public Water System From Contamination due to Backflow. Atty. George said this is first reading. Will present next meeting for vote. Supt. Josh will check businesses who have not installed a backflow preventer.**

**Second reading for Amending Chapter 91 of The Brookston Code of Ordinances Concerning Occupation of Certain Right-of-Way to be voted on. This would be Ordinance #4-2022. CM Hasser made a motion to accept Ordinance #4-2022 The Brookston Code of Ordinances Concerning Occupation of Certain Right-of-Way. Pres. Butz seconds the motion. The motion passes with a 3-2 vote.**

**Clerk-Treasurer announced accident with man hole cover and vehicle back in 2020 the person’s insurance company Indiana Farm Bureau has sent a notice of claim to appear in court to get the Town to pay back $3,388.57 that the person’s insurance company paid. The claim has been forwarded to Jeffries Insurance. Town’s insurance Hudson will try to negociate with Indiana Farm Bureau if this doesn’t work then Hudson will pay full claim and not go to court for it will cost more than the claim itself getting Attorney’s involved.**

**Clerk-Treasurer asked Council if they would like her to order new Christmas Decorations. CM Girard asked on December 22, 2021 meeting if Council would approve to order, Council said yes. Council would like to Clerk-Treasurer to check to see what the cost would be to refurbish the wreaths and cost of new decorations. Will discuss again to see what option to go with and if budget for next year or will need to take out of utilities.**

**Pres. Butz announced Joe Rogers will come to Town meeting sometime in March April on zoning regarding a Dollar General Store possibly coming to Brookston by J&J’s and across from old liquor store. Atty. George Loy asked if the Company has gone through for variance. Pres. Butz said no.**

**Old Business:**

**CM Hasser announced has talked to White County Area Plan Director Joe Rogers about the State House Bill to oppose selecting Area Plan Executive Director. Joe Rogers said the bill has been dropped, so the letter to be sent has been canceled.**

**Supt. Josh reports: None**

**Supervisor Emmett reports: None**

 **Yeoman gave police report: Patrolled 806 miles; 1 case report; 1 crash report; 1 animal complaint; 1 domestic dispute; 1 disturbance; 2 traffic complaints;, 5 traffic warnings; 5 traffic stops; 3 ordinance violations; 1 criminal case follow-up; 35 other police services. Antenna on vehicle has shorted out and had Racomm fix it.**

**Pres. Butz announced VP. North and Eng. Ken will meet with Emily of KIRPC and Gerry White on Friday on score card of why Brookston didn’t receive the Fire Station grant. Can re-apply in July.**

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

**Pres. Clerk-Treasurer**