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

**Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. CM Thomas 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 Thomas. The bills totaling $64,488.30. Unanimously approved.**

**New Business:**

**Atty. George Loy thinks the law doesn’t allow votes if not visible in person. CM Hasser made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2022, Establishing The Policy By Which Members Of The Brookston Town Council May Participate By Electronic Means Of Communication. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.**

**Pres. Butz announced Town did not get the award for the Fire Station grant. Will get a call tomorrow of what went wrong. Will email to Council once he hears from them. Can re- apply in July and will hear in August if award the grant.**

**Clerk-Treasurer announced received a check in the amount of $69.30 from Jackson Street Pub from when first approved to put the oil bin in Town alley and Mr. Jackson said when the bin gets pumped out will give Town the money. Council said to put it in General Fund.**

**Gary Higgins, resident in old bank building up Town was present after Dave Alm spoke to him regarding the dumpster that was moved in alley behind his (Gary) residence in front of his fence. He said he has talked to White County Area Plan in the past and he was told he owns 5 feet from his fence where the dumpsters are sitting and wanted to share with the Council of the information. Also it should be designated a prescription easement. Atty. George Loy said the oil bin and dumpsters were in the Town’s right of way, alley. Town has the right and obligation if they don’t want anything encroaching on the Town’s right of ways to require owners to move it. Now it’s no longer the Town’s issue. Council said any disputes would be between the businesses for the Town does not own alley behind him and the businesses.**

**1St reading of Encroachment Ordinance to be passed at next meeting. Need to have 5 members to vote. 1st reading for 2 ordinances to be passed at next meeting. 1st Ordinance to repeal Ordinance #9-2016 Net energy Metering and 2nd Ordinance replaces Establishing Electric Utility Interconnection Standards for the Town of Brookston. Atty. George told Council, Terry LaOrange and Supt. Josh need to read over the ordinances.**

**Terry LaOrange reports: some language needs changed on Ordinances. Atty. George Loy say’s he figured some changes and the drafts that have been given needs to be looked over and edited where suggested. When ready call him to go over the changes to be made on the ordinances. Terry LaOrange says residents who want solar energy will need to sign agreement with IMPA for IMPA to pay back to resident not Town and will also need to sign agreement with Town for Interconnection for Net Metering Facilities. Town can control who gets hooked up, where they are hooked up and what equipment is used.**

**Old Business:**

**None**

**Supt. Josh reports: None, absent**

**Supervisor Emmett reports many hours of plowing between 3 employees. VP North asked if equipment is ok. Emmett said yes. VP North asked what is used to plow sidewalk at Gazebo. Emmett says a snow blower is used. CM Girard mentioned Pizza King has not shoveled portion of their sidewalk up Town.**

 **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. Purchased a new printer. Deputy Spencer Kingery submitted his resignation. Will finish out February. CM Girard asked if have trouble hiring part-time. Marshal Yeoman says Deputy Tyyon has been covering shifts. CM Girard asked if possible hire full time. Marshal and Pres. Butz have discussed and will see what options there are.**

**Fire Chief said Clerk-Treasurer can now submit payment for the rescue jacks. They received them.**

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

**Pres. Clerk-Treasurer**