

Brook Town Council  
Brook Town Hall  
September 10, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.  
Minutes

**Attendees:**

Town Council: Rex Chapman, Jeff Laffoon, Brad Wilson

Attorney:

Superintendent: Nick Snodgrass

Asst. superintendent: Jonathan Laffoon

Clerk/Treasurer: Kathy Babcock

Deputy Clerk: Nichole Massey

Marshal: Dan Baird

Fire Chief:

Building Commissioner: Jeff Snodgrass

Iroquois Township Trustee: Jane Risley

Guest: Gary & Regina Sanders, Jerry & Susie Johnson, Marianne Weishaar, Deb Daniels, & Bart Woodward

Jeff Laffoon called the meeting to order.

Pledge to flag

A few moments of silence were held in honor of Corporal Brandon Schreiber

**Minutes**

Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 13, 2024 meeting with the correction of the quote from Jason Standish was \$2800.00 not \$28,000.00 and the quote from Elite Concrete was #1300.00 not #13,000.00 for the Howard Street sidewalk repair.. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed. Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 19, 2024 Executive Session Meeting. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed. Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 4, 2024 Executive session Meeting. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

**Financials**

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the Financials. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

**Building Commissioner**

A meeting is set with the Flood Plan Administrator on October 2, 2024 @ 1p.m. Jeff Snodgrass asked if there had been and progress on the house at 108 E Harrison. Jeff Laffoon will contact the attorney about this.

**Conservation Club**

The roof on the pavilion at the Conservation Club is finished. Brad Wilson suggested getting brackets from Harris Building and Supply for \$260.00 to keep the corner posts from sinking.

### **Marshal**

Dan Baird turned in the Monthly Report.

### **Parks**

Rex Chapman stated we will be advertising for a Park Board Coordinator.

### **Superintendent**

Nick Snodgrass turned in the monthly water and sewer reports. He is still waiting on parts from W. W. Williams for Well #3. NIPSCO said that there was nothing that they could do prevent lightning strikes and recommended better grounding.

### **Asst. Superintendent**

Jonathan Laffoon presented a bill from Yoder-Hall Drainage for \$15,000.00 for the work done so far on the Storm Drain north of Main Project. Rex Chapman made a motion to pay this from ARPA funds. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed. Jonathan presented two quotes for Yoder-Hall Drainage for the Storm Water Tile south of Main to the Ditch. One quote for \$72,793.05 with Tee's and gravel for hook-ups and restoration. And a second quote for \$68,793.05 without Tee's or gravel for hook-ups or restoration. Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the Yoder-Hall Drainage quote for \$72,793.05 to come from the ARPA Fund. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved. Motion passed. Jonathan presented a quote from Town & Country Paving for \$63,462.00 to pave Broadway, Highway, intersection of Jefferson and Washington, Clark and Howard Patch, 150 Hess Street Patch, Cummings and Canal Patch, Maple to Highway, and Highway to Railroad. Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the bid from Town and Country Paving for the paving. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

### **Community Center**

Denny Ritchie will return to give a more accurate quote.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **420 W Howard**

There has been no progress on the clean-up, the next step is to go back to court for another ruling.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Community Services**

Kathy presented a letter from Newton County Community Services explaining their organization and asking for help. Brad Wilson made a motion to send them a donation of \$500.00 from Board Promotion. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

### **Hometown Christmas**

Rex Chapman made a motion to donate \$2000.00 plus the cost of books to the Hometown Christmas Project from Board Promotion. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

**Library**

Kristy Wright presented a report on the Library Programs from their summer projects and what they have planned for the fall and school year.

**Clerk Notes**

Kathy reported that we received a letter with fliers from Autumn Trace about upcoming events they have planned.

There was also a notice from the State of Indiana about their START Deferred Compensation Plan (a State sponsored voluntary retirement savings plan).

**Claims**

Brad Wilson made a motion to pay claims. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Jeff Laffoon made motion to adjourn the meeting, Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

X Kathy Babcock  
Kathy Babcock  
Clerk/Treasurer

X Jeff Laffoon  
Jeff Laffoon  
Town Council President

X Rex L. Chapman  
Rex Chapman  
Town Council Member

X *Brad Wilson*

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Town Council Member