

Brook Town Council
Brook Town Hall
July 15, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.
Minutes

Attendees:

Town Council: Rex Chapman, Jeff Laffoon, Brad Wilson
Attorney: Rebecca Goddard
Superintendent: Nick Snodgrass
Asst. superintendent: Jonathan Laffoon
Clerk/Treasurer: Kathy Babcock
Deputy Clerk: Nichole Massey
Marshal: Chip Flahive
Fire Chief:
Building Commissioner: Jeff Snodgrass
Iroquois Township Trustee:
Park Director: Kim Nevitt
Guest: David Hamilton,

Jeff Laffoon called the meeting to order.

Pledge to flag

Minutes

Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2025 meeting. Jeff Laffoon seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

Financials

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

Budget Meeting

It was decided to schedule a meeting to go over the line items for the 2026 Budget.

Building Commissioner

Jeff Snodgrass asked about the status of the properties at 513 W Sell Street and 416 W Cummings. Rebecca Goddard reported that she has gotten the Title Search back and will start proceedings with the Nuisance Ordinance.

Community Events Committee

Jonathan Laffoon reported the 4th of July Celebration was a success. Rebecca Goddard reported there was a complaint from Vernon Noel about the noise from a Food Truck Generator. The Food Trucks will be moved to another area next year,
Jonathan Laffoon reported that plans are underway for the Fish Fry on September 6, 2025.

Conservation Club

Rex Chapman reported that Bee Window representative would be here tomorrow to look at the North door on the cabin. The door knob is loose and requires tightening. It is under warranty. Jonathan Laffoon reported the Newton County Soil and Water is ready to proceed with the Rain Garden. Jonathan Laffoon reported that they didn't get all of the funding they thought they were getting and will be asking The Town for assistance.

Fire Department

Rose Acre Farms is making a donation to the Fire Department of \$36,000.00 for a new Medical Command Truck. Washington Township is donating \$14,000.00, and Jackson Township will also be donating. The Fire Department is sponsoring a photo opportunity with Superior Portraits. With a \$35.00 donation you will receive an 8 X10 portrait. They are hoping to raise \$20,000 for new equipment and to update existing equipment

Marshal

Chip turned in the monthly report. Chip reported that there is still 1 resident that is not compliant with the nuisance ordinance. He will proceed with the next step by turning it over to the Town Attorney.

Parks

Kim Nevitt reported that the check from Rose Acres for the mulch has arrived and the mulch is ordered. She reported the windows for the equipment at the back playground by the Pee Wee field has been ordered. She reported that Smart Roofing is yet to come to fix the Gazebo.

Superintendent

Nick Snodgrass turned in the monthly Water and Sewer MRO reports.

Nick reported that the engine in the generator in at Well#3 is not working. He contacted Risley and he can rebuild it for \$5500.00 for parts. The Board wants to look into other options.

Well #1 is back in service.

The CCR Reports were sent out on June 24th.

Yoder & Hall were here to fix the culvert at the Sewer Plant out flow, and to disconnect the sewer line at 451 S Highway Street and to do a water tap at 410 Hobart Street.

Nick reported Ryan Whybrew was here to look at temporary disinfection at the sewer plant. He could not recommend anything that would be cost effective. He is looking for something more long term.

Culy will return to fix 25 more sewer manhole chimneys. Peerless Midwest will come next week to replace the motor on Well #1.

Asst. Superintendent

Jonathan turned in a quote from Culbreth's Lawn & Tree LLC to remove dead trees on Howard Street and Railroad Street for \$2300.00.

Jonathan Laffoon had a quote from Deno Lawn Care for \$2505.50 to lay felt, and Rip Rap in the ditch on the west side north of Highway 16. There was also a quote from Yoder-Hall for \$4200 to clean out the ditch, cut all trees, felt and Rip Rap. Brad Wilson made a motion to accept Yoder-Hall quote as long as the bid comes in as priced. This will be paid from the Jones Ditch Allocation in the Land Fill Account. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Jonathan reported that the Arborist was here and advised the Oak Tree at the Conservation Club is from natural causes and age. The problem with the Weeping Cherry in the Veteran's Memorial is from over watering and from the dirt and mulch touching the trunk of the tree. Town and Country contacted Jonathan and about the sidewalk at the Community Center. Brad Wilson made a motion to pave over the existing sidewalk and then paint an outline of the sidewalk area and to paint parking spaces, Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Veteran's Memorial

Nichole Massey has received the proofs for the 2 8x8 pavers were ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Stienberg of Kendall Communications – Leasing part of Water Tower for Cell Tower

It was decided that there were too much tile and other utilities at Water Tower and the Cassini Property might be a better option.

Kayla Bachelor – re: Speeders on Highway Street

Kayla was not here. The Board requested Chip to observe the area.

Clerk Notes

Kathy presented a bill from form Jonathan Laffoon for clothing. Rex Chapman made a motion to reimburse Jonathan. Brad seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Claims

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

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of Brook Council Meeting. The full video archive is available for viewing at [youtube.com /@BrookTown-p8u](https://www.youtube.com/@BrookTown-p8u).

Brad Wilson made motion to adjourn the meeting, Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathy Babcock
Clerk/Treasurer

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Jeff Laffoon
Town Council President

X

Rex Chapman
Town Council Member

X

Brad Wilson
Town Council Member