

Brook Town Council
Brook Town Hall
June 17, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.
Minutes

Attendees:

Town Council: Rex Chapman, Jeff Laffoon,
Attorney:
Superintendent: Nick Snodgrass
Asst. superintendent: Jonathan Laffoon
Clerk/Treasurer: Kathy Babcock
Deputy Clerk: Nichole Massey
Marshal: Chip Flahive
Fire Chief:
Building Commissioner:
Iroquois Township Trustee:
Park Director: Kim Nevitt
Guest: David Hamilton, Mike & Deloris Aylesworth, Carol Light, & Greg Hamilton

Jeff Laffoon called the meeting to order.

Pledge to flag

Minutes

Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 13, 2025 meeting. Jeff Laffoon seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

Financials

Rex Chapman made a motion to approve the Financials. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

State Representative Mike Aylesworth

Jeff introduced State Representative Mike Aylesworth. Mr. Aylesworth introduced himself and offered to do what he could if we needed anything.

Conservation Club

Rex Chapman reported that Bee Window representative would be here to look at the North door on the cabin and to give a quote for the south door. Jonathan reported that they would be putting mulch down around the trees.

Jonathan Laffoon reported the Newton County Soil and Water is ready to proceed with the Rain Garden and will be extending it to the north. They are funding the project. The Boy Scouts and the Conservancy will maintain the garden.

Fire Department

Rose Acre Farms is making a donation to the Fire Department of \$36,000.00 for a new Medical Command Truck. They are also donating the park playground mulch.

Marshal

Chip turned in the monthly report. Chip reported that there still 2 residents that are not in compliance with the nuisance ordinance

Museum

Carol Light was present asking for documents from the previous Community Club for as file for documentation in the Museum. It was also mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce should be represented. She also reported that the building is starting to show some wear and will need attention soon.

Parks

Kim turned in a quote from the Miracle Playgrounds on Indiana for the windows on the playground equipment at the back playground by the Pee Wee field. It is a safety issue and these need to be replaced. Rex Chapman made a motion to order the Clear panels to be paid from the Unappropriated Park Fund. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Kim gave a quote from Jason Standish for \$16,000.00 for fix concrete around the memorial at Mckinley Park. Kim will look into a grant for this repair.

Superintendent

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

Nick reported Ryan Whybrew will be here next week to look at issues at the sewer plant to work on a long term fix.

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

Nick asked about the possibility of putting a culvert in the lane at the Sewer Plant so they can get to the flow weir.

Nick reported that the outside lights at the Community Center front door are not working. He will contact Freedom Electric for options.

Asst. Superintendent

Jonathan Laffoon reported the doors at the Community Center will be here next Thursday. He will have the ditch cleaned up before the 4th of July. He asked about mowing at the Frazee property. Rex Chapman suggested getting Rip Rap for the ditch at Howard Street. The flat roof at the front door at the Community Center is in need of repair. Rex Chapman made a motion to have Smart Roofing repair the flat roof and the entryway roof. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Jonathan will contact an arborist to look at the oak tree at the Conservation Club.

OLD BUSINESS**Larry Henry Water leak**

Jonathan contacted Larry Henry and found out where his leak was and it was in the yard and in crawl space, so it did not go down the sewer drain. Rex Chapman made a motion to give him a sewer credit for the usage over hi average. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Evorik request

We received a request from Jeff Evorik to have the water and sewer cut and capped at 451 S. Highway. He plans to have the house torn down.

Deanna Sutherlin Cabin Deposit

It was decided to refund the deposit to Deanna Sutherlin for the Cabin usage on May 25, 2025.

Gary Sanders-Dead Tree on Railroad Street

Gary Sanders submitted a complaint about a dead tree in the easement by his property. Jonathan Laffoon will clean up around the tree and look into having dead trees in the easements taken down.

Ana Chavez Community Center Deposit

After discussion it was decided to refund the deposit to Ana Chavez for the Community Center Rental on May 31, 2025.

Clerk Notes

Kathy presented a bill from Republic Services for the dumpsters that were used for the Town Wide Clean-up. Jeff Laffoon made a motion to pay Republic Services \$4230.80 from the Reserve Allocation from the Landfill Account.

Kathy announced that the Budget Meeting will be Aug. 14, 2025.

She also reported that Isaac from the Carnegie Players complained about the Conservation Club not being clean enough.

Claims

Rex Chapman made a motion to pay claims. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Rex Chapman made motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

X Kathy Babcock

Kathy Babcock
Clerk/Treasurer

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Jeff Laffoon
Town Council President

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Rex L. Chapman
Town Council Member

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Brad Wilson
Town Council Member