

Brook Town Council
Brook Town Hall
October 14, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.
Minutes

Attendees:

Town Council: Rex Chapman, Jeff Laffoon, Brad Wilson
Attorney: Rebecca Goddard
Superintendent:
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

2026 Budget

Jeff Laffoon called the 2026 Budget Meeting.

General \$480,475.00

MVH \$194,260.00

LR & S \$ 8,000.00

CCI \$ 4,000.00

For a total budget of \$686,735.00

Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the 2026 Budget as presented. Brad Wilson seconded.

Budget was approved 2 aye and 1 abstain

Jeff Closed the 2026 Budget Meeting

Minutes

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 9, 2025 meeting. Rex Chapman seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed

Financials

Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Conservation Club

Jonathan will get quote for doors on the south side of the Cabin from Denny Ritchie. Price will be cost of the doors plus labor.

Building Commissioner

Jeff Snodgrass had nothing to report.

Fire Department

Chip Flahive reported the new Medical Command Truck is still waiting at the outfitters.

Marshal

Chip turned in the monthly report. Chip reported that the new police vehicle is also at the outfitters who are backlogged. Chip is still working on the North Railroad properties.

Parks

Kim Nevitt had nothing to report.

Superintendent

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

Jonathan reported that they will begin working on the Splash Pad tomorrow.

Asst. Superintendent

Jonathan Laffoon presented a quote from Freedom Electric & Repairs, LLC to install outlets in Pavilion at Brunton Park and to install outlets and lights in both at the Community Center. Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the bid from Freedom Electric & Repairs for \$2217.00 to come from the Community Center Allocation in the Landfill Account. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Jonathan reported that the paving and the striping is finished

NEW BUSINESS**Request for donation from Brook Hometown Christmas**

Brad Wilson made a motion to give \$2000.00 to help with the Hometown Christmas Celebration, and \$500.00 for Books from Santa to come from Council Promotion. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Request from Newton County Community Service

Kathy presented a letter requesting donation from Newton County Community Services to help with purchasing food. Rex Chapman made a motion to donate \$750.00 from Council Promotion to Newton County Community Services. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Pickleball Court

Information was passed out about the cost to purchase supplies to layout two Pickleball Courts on the gym floor for public use. After discussion Rex Chapman made a motion to purchase the supplies for the Pickleball Court, to come from Community Center Allocation in the Landfill fund. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Town Wide Clean-up

Dumpsters will be provided for Town Wide Clean-up from October 30, 2025 through November 9, 2025

Clerk Notes

Kathy presented a bill from Goddard Law Office's for services for the third quarter for \$2309.04. Brad Wilson made a motion to pay Goddard Law offices. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, Motion passed.

Kathy then asked the Board if we could register for the virtual 2025 ILMCT Institute & Academy. Rex Chapman made a motion to pay \$125.00 plus \$50 for the recordings to be used for future reference. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Kathy then presented the United Health Care quote for 2026 Renewal. The premium for the same plan that we have now was a 7.8% increase. Brad Wilson made a motion to stay with the current United Healthcare plan for 2026. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed. Kathy presented a letter from Susie Johnson with concerns about a drain on Highway Street and some bushes on North Highway obstructing the view when pulling onto Highway from North Street and Hollibrook Lane. Jonathan will look into it.

Attorney

Rebecca Goddard was here and had nothing to report.

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://youtube.com/@BrookTown-p8u).

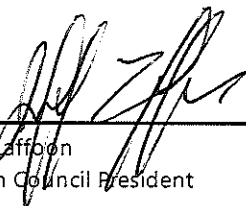
Brad Wilson made motion to adjourn the meeting, Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathy Babcock
Clerk/Treasurer

X 

Jeff Laffoon
Town Council President

X

Rex L. Chapman

Rex Chapman
Town Council Member

X

Brad Wilson

Brad Wilson
Town Council Member