

Brook Town Council
Brook Town Hall
November 18, 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:
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

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 14, 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.

Building Commissioner

Jeff Snodgrass had nothing to report.

Fire Department

Kathy will write a check to Brook Volunteer Fire Dept for their portion of the Landfill appropriations.

Parks

Kim Nevitt reported that she is looking into grants to help fix the Monument in McKinley Park. There was discussion on removing the stepping stones and putting concrete up to and around the monument.

Superintendent

Nick Snodgrass turned in the monthly Water and Sewer MRO reports. Nick reported that the Water Tower Control Building is in serious need of repair. They are looking into fixing it or tearing it down and starting over.

The splash pad has been repaired.

IDEM was here for a surprise inspection. We will receive a report soon.

The generator for the Lift Station is on schedule for installation.

Asst. Superintendent

Jonathan Laffoon reported that the Christmas lights are all up and ready.

Old Business

Community Center

Rex Chapman reported that one Pickleball court is laid out and ready to go.

Vertical Horizon

Vertical Horizon wants to place their equipment on the Water Tower in exchange for free service to the town for the Conservation Club Cabin, the Parks, the Community Center, the Police Office and the Town Hall. We would have to purchase the equipment for \$299 for each place, but the monthly fee would be free.

New Business

Thank you

Kathy presented a thank you card from Pun'kin Palooza for our support.

Community Services

We received a request from Community Services asking for donation from Holiday Baskets. And a thank-you for our previous donation. It was decided to not donate any more at this time.

Clerk Notes

Kathy announced that there was a meeting of the Newton County Multi Hazard Plan commission scheduled for November 19, 2025 at 6 P. M. and they wanted a representative from the Town of Brook.

Kathy presented a Thank You from the Newton County Fair Association for our support.

Kathy announced that there has been a complaint about there being no Street name sign on the corner of Highway and Main.

There was a request from Juan Orellana Velasquez to put a bridge over Jones Ditch where it crossed his property. He needs to apply for a building permit.

Kathy Presented a bill from Republic Services for the first set of dumpsters at the Water Tower and the Community Center. Rex Chapman made a motion to pay the bill to Republic Services for \$651.20. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

It was discussed to have the gyn open for walkers starting Monday, December 1, 2025.

Kathy reported she paid the Fire Truck Payment and there was not enough left in the Fire Truck Allocation to pay the Aerial Truck payment to the County. The Board said to take the remaining \$2864.93 from the Reserve allocation.

Kathy also announced she has received the 1783 Notice. Everything was approved as submitted.

Attorney

Rebecca Goddard presented the Ground Lease Agreement from TOWERCO VI, LLC to construct a cell tower for T-Mobile on the Cassini Property at the end of Lincoln Street. She said the changes were made that we needed. Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the Ground Lease Agreement from TOWERCO VI, LLC. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Rebecca reported that she had sent a nuisance letter to 408 N Railroad Street stating they had 10 days to become compliant. That time has passed. The Board said to go forward with filing a nuisance lawsuit.

Rex Chapman asked Jonathan to see about getting street lights at the end of North Railroad Street, on East Broadway, and North Lincoln Street,

Claims

Brad Wilson made a motion to pay claims. Rex Chapman 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).

Rex Chapman 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 X. Chapman

Rex Chapman
Town Council Member

X

Brad Wilson

Brad Wilson
Town Council Member