

Brook Town Council
Brook Town Hall
December 9, 2025 – 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:
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 November 18, 2025 Executive Session. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed. Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 18, 2025 meeting. Brad Wilson seconded, All Approved, motion passed.

Financials

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

Parks

Kim Nevitt reported that the Newton County Park Board was giving \$1500.00 for the deposit for concrete work at the McKinley Park Monument.

Superintendent

Nick Snodgrass turned in the monthly Water MRO report he will have the Sewer Report later this week. Nick reported that there is a leak in the pipe coming out of the Water tower, There was discussion on different ways to get the repair done. It was decided to purchase a chlorination & sulphate pump to run the town on pressure while the repair is being done.

We received the response from IDEM on the Sewer Plant inspection. Ryan Whybrew has written a response letter, and it has been sent to the Attorney for approval, then will be sent back to IDEM with our plans for compliance.

Asst. Superintendent

Jonathan Laffoon reported that he has submitted an application to NIPSCO to get several street lights repaired. He stated there should be a response within 10 days.

Jonathan reported that the snowblower is not working properly. The Board said to get it fixed. After discussion it was decided to paint the doors on the Cabin at the Conservation Club.

Old Business**Tower Co**

We have received the contract with Tower Co. Jeff Laffoon will take the letter to the Bank tomorrow to sign and get notarized. It will then be returned for their signature.

Vertical Horizon

We have received the contract from Vertical Horizon to put their equipment on the Water Tower. Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the contract from Vertical Horizon after they have added the Community Center as another location that they will be servicing. Brad Wilson seconded. The motion passed with 2 approving and 1 Jeff Laffoon abstaining due to family relationship.

New Business**End of Year Meeting**

The End Of Year Meeting will be on December 30, 2025 at 1:00 so sign any claims to be paid for the end of year.

Newton County Regional Water

Brad Wilson made a motion to reappoint Rex Chapman to serve on the NC regional Water/Sewer Board. Jeff Laffoon seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 2 for 0 against and 1 Rex Chapman abstaining.

Landfill allocations

Brad Wilson presented a new proposed allocation list for 2026 to give more to the Fire Truck Allocation. See attached proposal.

Clerk Notes

Kathy presented the 2026 Salary Ordinance. Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the Proposed 2026 Salary Ordinance. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed. The Ordinance was signed.

Kathy reported that there was not enough money left in the Reserve Allocation to pay Longevity. It was decided to take the rest from the Road Fund Allocation.

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 Wilsn 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 H. Chapman

Rex Chapman
Town Council Member

X Brad Wilson

Brad Wilson
Town Council Member

PROPOSED

2026

LANDFILL ALLOCATIONS

COMMUNITY CENTER – 5%

DITCH MAINT- 2.5%

CONS CLUB – 5%

RESERVE – 6.5% * -1% DOWN

ROAD FUND – 5%

PARKS – 9% * -1/2% DOWN

FIRE DEPT CLOTHING – 3%

FIRE TRUCKS – 49.5% ** 2% UP

BROOK ECON DEV – 5%

VEHICLE – 9.5 % * -1/2% DOWN

100%