

Brook Town Council
Brook Town Hall
April 14, 2026 – 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:
Fire Chief:
Building Commissioner: Jeff Snodgrass
Iroquois Township Trustee:
Park Director: Kim Nevitt
Guest: Dave Honn, Amy Sickles, Kittsen McCumber

Jeff Laffoon called the meeting to order.

Pledge to flag

Minutes

Rex Chapman made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 10, 2026 meeting. Jeff Laffoon seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

Financials

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

Brook Youth Program

Jeff reported that he had a few people interested in serving on the Board for the New Program.

Community Events Committee

Amy Sickles was present to ask permission to close Railroad Street July 4th & 5th for the 4th of July celebration, and on September 12, 2026 for the Fish Fry. Rex Chapman made a motion to close Railroad Street on July 4th & 5th and September 12, 2026. Jeff Laffoon seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Amy reported that they are planning a Chicken Noodle Dinner with a Craft Fair on October 24, 2026.

Amy also asked if the Town would be able to help pay for the Fireworks. The town will help if necessary.

Conservation Club

Jonathan reported Deno Landscaping will supply River Rock for the Rain Garden at the Conservation Club.

Newton County Regional Water & Sewer

Rex Chapman reported that they are in talks with a yogurt company.
The Cascades Property has sold.

Parks

Kim Nevitt reported that she is sending a letter to the Newton County Economic Development for Help with repairing the Monument in McKinley Park.

Asst. Superintendent

Jonathan Laffoon reported that the Sewer Alliance person was her and they will be willing to do a sight survey free if we help them.

The Water Alliance representative was here and helped with the Water Loss Report. The rep from the Water Alliance told Jonathan the meters at Well #1 and #2 need to be replaced.

Jonathan was been talking with Steve Bower about the generator for the Lift Station. He will get with Ron Risley to get it checked out.

Jonathan has contacted NIPSCO about the Street Light at Maple Street. There has been a work order made and we are just waiting for them to come.

The Alliance rep informed Jonathan that the D.O. meter needs to be replaced. He found a D.O. - P.H. meter combination for \$5052.00. Brad Wilson made a motion to purchase the Hach HQ440D Benchtop Meter BOD Package for \$5052.00. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Jonathan reported that he had information about the Sewer hook-up for Bev Pizer. It will cost \$6100.00 for the town to get the pipe to her and \$13,160.00 for her to hook up. He will get her the information.

The bucket on the tractor is in need of repair.

Jonathan passed the Wastewater Operator exam. He is now a Certified Wastewater Operator.

Veteran's Memorial

Rex asked if the school was going to help with the mulch this year. Jeff said that they were not, they had another project. It was brought up that maybe the 4-H kids, or the Boy Scouts needed a project.

Old Business

2026 KIRPC Appointment

We still do not have anyone.

New Business

Letter from Samantha Fisher

We received a letter from Samantha Fisher stating they had a broken pipe in their basement and are asking for credit. Jonathan will check on it. Rex Chapman made a motion to give Samantha

Fisher the standard Sewer Credit if they had a broken pipe. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Letter from Pin'kin Vine Fair

WE received a letter from the Fair board asking for a donation. Brad Wilson made a motion to donate \$500.00 to go toward the Free Stage at the Fair to be taken from Council Promotion. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Amy Sickles

Amy Sickles was her with complaints about her surrounding neighbors and the junk and abandoned cars in their yards. She was told that letters had gone out to several residents about cleaning up their properties. All that she had concerns about were on the list.

Letter to Review Committee for Library Grant

Krissy Wright submitted a letter for a Grant the library is applying for. She needed it signed. Rex Chapman had issue with the 3rd paragraph stating the library was the only venue available. Brad Wilson made a motion is sign the letter with a change to the paragraph to show that are other venues available. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Clerk/Treasurer Notes

Nothing to report.

Attorney

The property at 540 W Howard is still in violation. There are pictures to go to the court. Rebecca is going to ask for an Ongoing Infraction Order. This will grant unlimited access to the property.

Kittsen McCumber

Kittsen McCumber was here about the property at 124 N Railroad. She has purchased and renovated the property. Her tenants had moved in and then discovered that the sewer had been cut and capped. She was not informed of this and had been paying for sewer at the property since December 2019. She is asking for reimbursement for all fees paid. She also presented a bill for reconnection that she would like reimbursement for. We will research the property and let her know.

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 @Brook Town-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,

X Kathy Babcock

Kathy Babcock
Clerk/Treasurer

X Jeff Laffoon

Jeff Laffoon
Town Council President

X Rex Chapman

Rex Chapman
Town Council Member

X Brad Wilson

Brad Wilson
Town Council Member