

Brook Town Council Special Called Meeting
Brook Town Hall
July 10, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.
Minutes

Attendees:

Town Council: Rex Chapman, Brad Wilson, Jeff Laffoon

Attorney:

Superintendent: Jonathan Laffoon

Asst. superintendent:

Clerk/Treasurer:

Deputy Clerk: Nichole Massey

Marshal: Chip Flahive

Fire Chief:

Building Commissioner: Jeff Snodgrass

Park Director:

Iroquois Township Trustee:

Guest:

Pledge

Jeff Laffoon called the meeting to order.

Deno Landscaping Request

The Town of Brook received a request from Aric Deno of Deno Landscaping to dispose of the brush being cleared out, at 200 N Railroad, to our brush pile. The property owner received a clean-up letter from the town and Deno Landscaping has been hired to clean up said property of overgrown brush. Brad Wilson mentioned a special use permit if Deno Landscaping will help drag brush to chipper once a year in exchange for this single time use. Rex Chapman made a motion to allow the use of brush pile for this property clean-up. Brad Wilson seconded it. Motion carried.

Bids for 420 W Howard Street Clean up

Jeff Laffoon presented 2 quotes for the clean-up of property at 420 N Howard. Rieck Family Enterprises submitted a quote in the amount of \$2000.00 for a total clean-up of property and the removal of camper and 2 enclosed trailers. Services included 2 dumpsters, tractor, and manpower. 10-8 Services provided a detailed quote of \$1000.00 which included labor, equipment transportation, and supervision to be completed at said property, with the town or property owner providing the dumpster and the ability to begin work next week on Tuesday or Thursday. Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the quote from 10-8 Services, LLC for \$1000.00. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

T-Mobile Update

Jeff Laffoon asked for an update on the T Mobile tower. Jonathan Laffoon stated they are moving forward and that they have completed their core samples.

July 4th Fireworks Payment

Brook Activities Club has asked for help with the fireworks payment. Jeff Laffoon stated that the total amount due is \$9,000.00 and the Activities Club received a check from Newton County Economic Development in the amount of \$5,000.00. The fireworks company will send a crew next year for the display and that all of the purchased fireworks were not set off and will be held by company for the town next year. Rex Chapman made a motion for the town to provide payment to the Activities Club in the amount of \$4000.00 with \$2,000.00 appropriated from Board Promotion and \$2,000.00 from Landfill. Brad Wilson seconded it. All approved, motion passed.

Recap of July 4th Celebration

Jeff Laffoon asked for a recap of the 4th of July Celebration. Jonathan Laffoon stated the parade, fishing derby, mud volleyball, and breakfast all went well. Brad Wilson requested that more of the trees be trimmed for next year as some of the large equipment in the parade had some difficulty making it through in some areas of town.

Quotes for Well #3 Cleanup

Jonathan Laffoon presented 2 quotes for the clean-up of the old brush pile at Well 3. The Yoder-Hall Quote was presented in the amount of \$6,800.00 with it possibly being less depending on the time it takes. K,B, & E turned in a quote of \$2,600.00 with a start date of 2 weeks. Rex Chapman made a motion to accept K,B, & E bid of \$2,600.00. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Paving Bids

Jonathan Laffoon presented a paving bid from Town and Country in the amount of \$102, 761 for many partial streets in town that are in need of repair. This was tabled until the next meeting on Tuesday, July 21st.

Time Clock Update

Jeff Laffoon requested an update on the time clocks. Nichole Massey stated that Kathy Babcock is still waiting on Keystone for information.

Veteran's Memorial

There was nothing to report on the Veteran's Memorial. It is believed this was left on the agenda from last meeting.

Republic Bill

Nichole Massey presented an invoice from Republic Services in the amount of \$1,262.94 for the remaining balance of the town clean-up event. Brad Wilson stated that there will also be a bill for a dumpster on North Street. It was requested that the Town Hall send an invoice to 208 W. North St. in the amount of \$100.00. Brad Wilson made a motion to pay both invoices to Republic Services out of Brook Economic Development. Rex Chapman seconded, motion carried.

Newton County Sherriff Request

The Town Council received a request from the Newton County Sheriff's Office Support Auxiliary for support of their inaugural Bags for Badges Bingo event to be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 29, 2026. After reviewing the information, Rex Chapman made a motion to donate \$300.00 to event out of Board Promotion. Brad Wilson seconded it. All approved, motion carried.

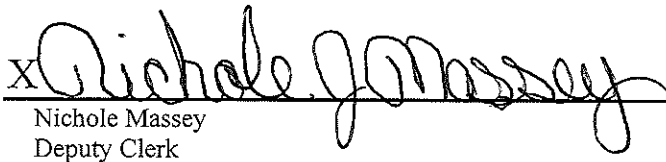
Community Center Cleaning Contract Amendment

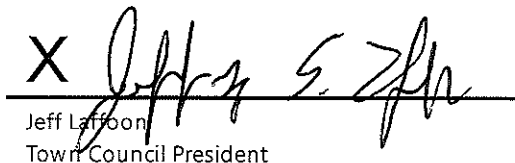
Jeff Laffoon discussed a printed email conversation between McKennah Strasburger and Kathy Babcock regarding the cleaning contract for the Community Center. McKennah Strasburger requested that since the Community Center is not being rented often that she would be ok with a decrease in pay or a payment schedule of bi-monthly. Brad Wilson made a motion to amend the current contract from \$500.00 monthly to \$250.00 monthly. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

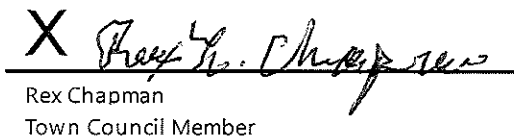
Brad Wilson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

X 
Nichole Massey
Deputy Clerk

X 
Jeff Laffoon
Town Council President

X 
Rex Chapman
Town Council Member

X



Brad Wilson
Town Council Member