

TOWN OF BROOKER  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2017

Present: Pam Johnson, Curtis Clark, Gene Melvin, Doug Hayes, Joe Tolleson, John Maines, Tony Stalnaker, Charlene Thomas.

Community: Joy Johnson – FL Department of Health Union & Bradford, Dave Deren

Meeting called to order by Gene Melvin, Mayor.

Pledge of Allegiance!

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to approve the minutes as presented from the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Doug Hayes. Motion passed.

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**First Order of Business – Appointment of Mayor and Vice-Mayor for a one (1) year term.**

Floor opened for nominations. Doug Hayes nominated Gene Melvin to serve as Mayor. Curtis Clark made a motion for nominations to cease. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. A motion was made by Doug Hayes for Gene Melvin to serve as Mayor for a one (1) year term. Seconded by Curtis Clark. Motion passed.

Curtis Clark nominated Pam Johnson to serve as Vice-Mayor. Joe Tolleson made a motion for nominations to cease. Seconded by Doug Hayes. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson for Pam Johnson to serve as Vice-Mayor for a one (1) year term. Seconded by Doug Hayes. Motion passed.

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**Joy Johnson – FL Department of Health Union and Bradford:**

She presented the Town with a thank you certificate in recognition of a survey Town Clerk filled out on their behalf. Recognition was for our efforts to promote healthy weight in our community. Brooker Elementary School was rated a Bronze Healthy School.

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**Dave Deren – Deren Land Surveying:**

He purchased old store at the intersection of SR 231/235 and Charlotte Avenue in Brooker. The property is zoned commercial general. He presented preliminary plans for council to look at as information. He will be using the existing building and adding on to it. Town Clerk advised him he would need to get with her so she can send zoning certificate to Bradford County Planning & Zoning. He will be working closely with Bradford County Planning & Zoning.

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**Fire Department – Tony Stalnaker:**

1. New truck finally arrived from County. It is considered a special unit truck throughout County. If a volunteer from Brooker is not available then someone from County could possible come and drive it.
2. Some of our volunteers have not been attending fire meetings. Tony said we have 7 volunteers but only 3 active ones. If volunteers are not going to be active then we need to remove them from our insurance. He is going to send letters out to all inactive and ask them to become active or return equipment.

**Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:**

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out a total of \$728.45. One meter has been locked for several months and they owe us \$292.26.

2. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for General Fund for February. Kara Wainwright with Reddish & White is coming out to help clerk fix difference on Water side. Hopefully we will have a report for Water next month. We are doing good on water side.
3. Received a ranking sheet from Andy Easton on FRDAP we submitted for Brooker Town Park. Brooker was ranked 10<sup>th</sup> out of 100 applications. Waiting to see if Legislature allocates funding this year.
4. SCOP application is being worked on by Clerk, Joe Tolleson and Andy Easton. It has to be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Recreation/Parks – Pam Johnson:**

1. Clerk reported that throw down bases has been ordered. Extra set ordered also.

**Ground Maintenance/Mowing – Curtis Clark:**

1. Clerk mentioned contract is up in July of this year. Worker's Compensation and number of employees was questioned. Clerk will pull his Worker's Compensation coverage for council to review at next meeting.

**Old Business:**

Doug Hayes mentioned fencing has been done beside tennis court. No bill has been received by him or clerk.

Checks approved: 6403 – 6426, 5075 - 5087

A motion was made by Pam Johnson to approve the bills. Seconded by Doug Hayes. Motion passed. Motion to adjourn by Gene Melvin. Time: 7:55p.m.

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C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

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Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk