

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 13, 2018

Present: Pam Johnson, Paul Samson, Joe Tolleson, Gene Melvin, Steve Acree, John Maines, Charlene Thomas.
Absent: Tony Stalnaker
Community: Terry Thomas

Meeting called to order by Gene Melvin, Mayor.
Pledge of Allegiance!

A motion was made by Paul Samson to approve the February 13th minutes as presented. Seconded by Acree. Motion passed.

First Order of Business: Election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor

Joe Tolleson made a motion to open up nominations for **Mayor** for a one year term.

Nominations: Steve Acree nominated Gene Melvin

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to close nominations. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Pam Johnson to approve Gene Melvin as Mayor for a one year term. Seconded By Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

Paul Samson made a motion to open up nominations for **Vice-Mayor** for a one year term.

Nominations: Paul Samson nominated Pam Johnson

A motion was made by Paul Samson to close nominations. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Steve Acree to approve Pam Johnson as Vice-Mayor for a one year term.

Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

Gene Melvin said he will present committee assignments for 2018/19 at next meeting.

Fire Department – Joe Tolleson

Joe Tolleson presented three estimates for roof at Fire Department.

- (1) Reed Roofing – Total with all change orders - \$8702.00
- (2) Jackson Construction Company, LLC - \$5600.00
- (3) V.S. Robinson Contracting, LLC - \$4954.00 (Joe Robinson did say that price was good through end of this week)

Robinson was the lowest estimate. There was some concerns about how much rotten wood will need to be replaced. Estimate states this will be and additional fee of \$60.00 per occurrence. Joe Tolleson said Joe Robinson didn't think there was much rotten wood.

A motion was made by Steve Acree to go with estimate of V.S. Robinson Contracting, LLC., in the amount of \$4954.00, plus extra for rotten wood. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed. Joe Tolleson said he would get with Joe Robinson.

Also, Mr. Maines mentioned we need a motion and second to allow Mayor and Town Clerk to sign binding contract for the town. A motion was made by Paul Samson to allow Mayor and Town Clerk to sign contract. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$355.59. All meter have been unlocked.
2. Passed out contract with A J Lawn Care from LaCrosse for council to review. LaCrosse just renewed contract with A J. He is getting \$800.00 for seven (7) months and \$600.00 for five (5) months. We are paying him \$950.00 for seven (7) months and \$750.00 for five (5) months. The Town Clerk for LaCrosse also sent us the names of the ones that bid on this job. Our clerk suggested next time we bid this out we make sure we send these bidders a copy of bid. We cannot afford to pay this in the future. Also, bid needs to be revised.
3. We were number 5 for “The Small County Outreach Program” (SCOP) grant we applied for last year. The Florida Department of Transportation took the first four (4). Hopefully, next time we will be funded. The SCOP grant application is due by March 31st. Andy Easton is getting everything together for us and will send it in.
4. Copies of Revenues and Expenditures for February was passed out to each councilman for review.

Recreation/Parks – Pam Johnson:

1. Terry Thomas power washed the tennis court. It was a big job due to it not being done for several years. This needs to be done every year. Also, he power washed the community center and table/chair building.

Community Center Building – Gene Melvin:

1. The Town Clerk mentioned that the light in front of her office is out and the one at the back door. Joe said he would see if Fire department could install a new light.

Town Council:

1. Gene mentioned he had spoke with Brad Carter concerning trees that the county promised they would trim up for town. Also, the property was left in a mess from tower installation.

New Business:

1. The county did have their first Fire council meeting concerning not enough volunteers at Fire Stations during the day. Joe Tolleson was unable to attend on Town’s behalf.

Checks approved:

A motion was made by Pam Johnson to pay the bills. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gene Melvin to adjourn. Time: 8:00p.m.

Cecil E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk