

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 9, 2021

Present: Steve Acree, Linda Bennett, Gene Melvin, Chris Caldwell, Joe Tolleson, John Maines, Charlene Thomas, Tony Stalnakar.
Community: Terry Thomas, Suzanne McRee

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

A motion was made by Chris Caldwell to approve the February 9th meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

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

Joe Tolleson made a motion to open nominations for Mayor for a one year term. Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.

Call for nominations – Steve Acree nominated Gene Melvin.

Linda Bennett made a motion for nominations to cease. Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion Passed.

Steve Acree made a motion to nominate Gene Melvin for Mayor for a one year term. Seconded By Linda Bennett. Motion passed.

Chris Caldwell made a motion to open nominations for Vice-Mayor for a one year term. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

Call for nominations – Chris Caldwell nominated Steve Acree.

Chris Caldwell made a motion for nominations to cease. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion Passed.

Linda Bennett made a nominate Steve Acree for Vice-Mayor for a one year term. Seconded By Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.

Second Order of Business: SCOP grant

1. Grant agreement presented to council. Agreement needs to be signed by Mayor and Attorney. Agreement was looked over before meeting by Mayor and Attorney.
2. **Resolution 2021-01** – This Resolution has to go with signed agreement. A motion was made by Chris Caldwell to adopt and read by title only Resolution 2021-01. Mr. Maines Read Resolution 2021-01. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

Fire Department – Tony Stalnakar:

Nothing to report on.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas: (final meeting as Town Clerk – 32 ½ years)

1. Past Due report passed out. Still out \$336.30. Four meters were locked. All four paid and was turned back on.
2. Went over Revenues & Expenditures for February.

3. David Hamilton with Suburban Cleaners will be here on Monday to start stripping community floors. Also, he submitted an estimate in the amount of \$600.00 to power wash outside of community center. Council was okay with him doing this.
4. I spoke with Steve Brown concerning his water meter dial not working anymore. He was okay with estimating his water meter usage each month.
5. Meter Reader, D J, had a little trouble locating meters on property. Due to February being a short month Terry Thomas stepped in and read the meters D J could not locate. It took Terry Thomas 4 hours to complete. Terry will need to help him read again in March. I had the Town purchase blue flags to place at each meter so D J can locate meter on property. Terry and D J will put flags out as they read meters in March. I feel like the Town needs to compensate Terry for helping D J. He will help him in March and possibly April if needed. A motion was made by Steve Acree to pay \$50.00 each time he has to help D J. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.
6. The Town Hall has received a lot of calls from garbage customers about lid being broken when garbage truck drops cart on ground. Clerk referred these complaints to Waste Pro but was told the Town has extra carts and we should be taking replacement carts to customers. I informed Waste Pro that we do not work for them. I referred this problem to Dayna Miller. She in return referred this to Nathan Frischkorn who is over this department. He said they will be making rounds to fix or replace broken carts. Also, he discussed this with their office and we can call them or have customer call them and give their address and someone will come out and replace or fix lid. He thanked us for delivering carts to new customers for them. Gene Melvin suggested we put on water bills about customers calling Waste Pro when lid is broken.

Water Department – Gene Melvin:

- I. Gene Melvin reported he had been in touch with Russ Lott, Clay Electric, about stand pipe that was broken by ARS Corporation. The previous letter we had received from ARS Corporation did not have a time frame as to when the Town would be reimbursed for repairs. He received a letter from ARS Corporation stating they would be responsible for paying for damages. After work is completed, the Town will receive payment before the 30 days.
 - Ia. He spoke with Bernard Carter about having the stand pipe area dug out before we start fixing it. The Town felt like having work done in the summer would be the best time. School will be out for the summer. He asked Bernard to find out what materials are needed before work starts. Tony Stalnaker suggested we install a Fire Hydrant instead of stand pipe. This way fire hydrant can be used by Fire Trucks.

Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:

- I. Gene Melvin mentioned about tree trimming and limbs left behind on property on Bradford Avenue and some of it is on city right away. Charlene said the water bill is in Bruce Dukes. She said they can mail a letter to Bruce Dukes about having this cleaned up.

Recreation/Parks – Linda Bennett:

- I. Baseball field was completed by Eddie Barnes.

2. Tennis Court resurfacing has started. Gate to tennis court is locked until completed.

Old Business:

1. Amy Tucker – semi parking in Shady Oaks. Letter was sent to her. She emailed Clerk and was very upset. She referred her to the Mayor. Clerk sent Bradford County Code Enforcement a copy of all emails. Clerk was told by Christi Hudson that the Town needs to try and resolve problem before referring to Code Enforcement. The Mayor spoke with Amy Tucker and explained to her that semi's are not allowed to park overnight. He told her she could check with Blake Hamilton about parking trailer on his property across from Dollar General. He told her she could park tractor part of semi in her yard but not the tractor and trailer. She agreed to no overnight parking of tractor and trailer.
2. Person to lock and unlock meters at Town Clerk's request.
Clerk spoke with D J and he said he would be glad to lock and unlock meters. The Town will pay D J one half of reconnect fee (\$25.00) which is \$12.50 each time he has to lock a meter.
Steve Acree has agreed to help when needed to lock or unlock. He will receive no compensation. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson for Steve Acree to receive no compensation. Seconded by Chris Caldwell. Motion passed.
3. Clerk mentioned we have about \$1680.00 left in FRDAP grant. She would like to purchase another swing set, to include a child seat. Cost would be around \$800.00. Also we could use some bases on ballfield. A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to purchase the above items. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.

Checks approved: 7438-7469, 5591-5604

A motion was made by Steve Acree to approve the bills. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.

Gene Melvin made a motion to adjourn. Time: 7:58p.m.

Cecil E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk