

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2018

Present: Steve Acree, Pam Johnson, Paul Samson, Joe Tolleson, Gene Melvin, John Maines, Charlene Thomas.
Absent: Tony Stalnaker
Community: Kevin Patton and Rick Brown – Park Rangers

Meeting called to order by Gene Melvin, Mayor.

Pledge of Allegiance!

A motion was made by Paul Samson to approve the minutes as presented from the September 11th meeting. Seconded by Steve Acree. Motion passed.

Presentation of FRDAP check: Kevin Patton and Rick Brown

They presented the Town of Brooker with a \$50,000.00 FRDAP grant check.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$658.65. Two meters still locked.
2. Council was asked if they would prefer to have Trick or Treat on October 31st or change it to Saturday, October 27th. Council agreed to change to October 27th.
3. The office will be closed on Tuesday, November 6th for the election.
4. We received the FRDAP grant agreement and it was signed by the Mayor.
5. We received the Consultant Contract from Andy Easton and it was signed by the Mayor.
6. Council was advised that the clerk did receive a public records request from Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. requesting any and all public records, including any correspondence, related to the certain Resolution opposing the HPS II Enterprises, LLC, proposed phosphate mine enacted by the Town of Brooker. The clerk did send copies of both Resolutions the Town had adopted including minutes. Also, any correspondence she had received from Carol Mosley or anyone else.
7. Clerk did ask Attorney John Maines about article in the Bradford County Telegraph on Fire Assessment study. Clerk was concerned about the section that said assessment would appear on the November 2019 tax bills of unincorporated property owners as well as any municipal property owners in cities that agree to take part. Mr. Maines did not know if the county could impose this inside of the municipal city limits. He did suggest the Mayor draft a letter to Brad Carter, County Manager, letting the county know that the Town of Brooker has a budget for its Fire Department and its tax payers do contribute to fire services. The clerk will draft a letter and have the Mayor sign it. (Letter attached)
8. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for September. One budget amendment is needed on the Water Fund side. Eleven budget amendments need to be done on General Fund side. Four of the line items on the General Fund side are small amounts, so I am not amending them. The other seven need to be done. Clerk presented a copy of all budget amendment line items that need amending. A motion was made by Pam

Johnson to amend all budget amendments as presented. Seconded by Paul Samson. Motion passed. (Copy of amendments attached)

Fire Department – Joe Tolleson:

1. No one on the council has heard from Tony concerning lights at Fire Department.
2. Paperwork was provided on Modular Building donated to Town from County. There is no title on the modular trailer. It is not needed. The county is paying the insurance. Any work that is needed on the building will need to be done by Town.
3. Joe mentioned he had checked with a trailer place in Lake City and you can buy a landing with steps for less than \$500.00. Gene said the handicap ramp looks terrible. We need to block this entrance so children can't go up and down it.

Water Department – Gene Melvin:

1. DEP has scheduled an inspection on the water system with Bernard on October 17th. Bernard will come out over the weekend and make sure everything is going good and looks good.

Road/Streets – Joe Tolleson:

1. County Road department has been out and done some work in Town. Not all done yet. Limerock has not been put on Parker Street behind Dollar General. Gene said they are suppose to come back out.
2. Clerk received a complaint from Ed Shockley about county chopping his bushes and doing a terrible job. The clerk explained to him that the bushes were growing over the city street. Clerk referred this to Gene Melvin. He spoke with Ed on this and explained that the Town has to keep its roadway clear so cars can go down the road.

Recreation/Parks – Pamela Johnson:

1. Gene Melvin said he removed the tree limb hanging over the fence at tennis court.

Old Business:

1. Presentation of 40 Years of Service Award for Gene Melvin will be January 8, 2019.
2. Is Bradford County Road Department coming back out to finish work. Gene Melvin said yes.
3. Joe Tolleson asked about retention pond at Dollar General. Gene said the pond needs to be re-dug. They are waiting on permits.

Checks approved: 6810, 6812- 6832, 5280 - 5289

A motion was made by Paul Samson to approve the bills. Seconded by Pam Johnson. Motion passed.

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

C.E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk