

TOWN OF BROOKER
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2026

Present: Linda Bennett, Chris Caldwell, Gene Melvin, Joe Tolleson, Randy Starling,
Charlene Thomas, John Maines – Zoom
Community: Terry Thomas, Diane Andrews, County Commissioner

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

A motion was made by Chris Caldwell to approve the minutes from the May 12th regular meeting as presented. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

Memorandum of Understanding – (MOU) For debris removal on Town-maintained roads following a disaster between Town of Brooker and Bradford County.

A motion was made by Joe Tolleson to adopt MOU for one year. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed. Bradford County Commissioners have this on their agenda to approve.

John Maines – Attorney (zoom)

He reported he had reviewed the MOU and was in agreement with the language.

Fire Station:

1. Town Clerk had spoke with Ben Carter, Chief of Fire Rescue, and he reported the new fire truck is getting a windshield leak repair.
2. Quotes were received from Ben Carter to purchase extra items for the new fire truck in the amount of \$109,514.62. The amount left to spend on the Fire Apparatus grant is \$110,380.00. This will leave us with \$863.38.

A motion was made by Randy Starling to purchase the extra items in the amount of \$109,514.62 presented by Ben Carter. Seconded by Joe Tolleson. Motion passed.

Diane Andrews – Bradford County Commissioner:

1. She mentioned to the Town Council the concern Bradford County has concerning the proposed property tax amendment. The amendment will be on the November ballot. Bradford County could possibly loose \$5,000,000.00. This will effect so many services Bradford County provides to citizens. Mayor Melvin mentioned he was concerned about Schools not receiving funding. She said that Schools are exempt and will continue to be funded.

Town Clerk – Charlene Thomas:

1. Past due water report was passed out. Still out \$508.42 (no cut-offs)
2. All council members were reminded to fill out Form 1 before July 1st.
3. Working on Budget for 2026/27. Each council member was provided a copy of this year's budget. If you know of anything you would like to see included in new budget let me know.
4. Boundary Survey map was completed by Pat Welch on Fire Station property. We still have to do a final re-plat. I spoke with Pat Welch and he has agreed to work on this for the Town. This could take several months to get completed.
5. We received \$250,000.00 advance payment for Fire Station building. I paid M&R construction \$134,940.00. Invoice was presented to council.
6. Spoke with Jason Dodds and he said we are on the list for clean-up behind Community Center.
7. Insurance was added to the new Fire Truck. The truck is parked at Sheriff's department in Starke. Ben Carter called and would like to bring the new Fire Truck to the July 14th regular meeting for everyone to see. Council said they would like for the truck to be here around 6:30p.m. on July 14th. Town Clerk was asked to advertise this so the community can come and see new truck.
8. CCR letter will go out with water bills on June 26th mailing.
9. Water fountain at the park was broken. Swamp Cutters was called to come and fix.
10. Went over Revenues and Expenditures for May 2026.
11. The auditor will be at July 14th meeting to present audit for 2024/25.
12. Several budget amendments are needed for the advancement we received in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Water Department, Sanitation, Recreation/Parks, Ground Maintenance/Mowing:

Nothing to report.

Roads/Streets – Randy Starling:

1. He mentioned sidewalks need to be edged. We need to do sidewalks all the way on Charlotte Avenue both sides including in front of Shady Oaks and sidewalks inside of subdivision. Joe Tolleson said he will get with EMT Affordable Lawn Care and get a quote to do this job. Quote will be presented at July 14th meeting. It was mentioned that the sidewalks need to be sprayed with weed killer.

Community Center Building – Gene Melvin:

1. The Town Clerk reported she has a lot of rentals coming up.

Old Business:

1. Glenn Ward, Code Enforcement – Bradford County, posted a note on each property that we requested to be cleaned up. If they don't comply by 06/01/26 they go before the magistrate on 06/09.

Checks approved: GFund – 8873-8891, WFund – 6334-6339

A motion was made by Chris Caldwell to pay the bills. Seconded by Linda Bennett. Motion passed.

Gene Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Time: 7:35p.m.

Cecil E. (Gene) Melvin, Mayor

Charlene Thomas, Town Clerk