

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH

February 24, 2021

Work Session Minutes

The Work Session was called to order by Council President W. Bruce Michael.

Members of Council present were Mayor Harold Kershner Jr, W. Bruce Michael, Ed Fenton, Emery Seeley, Jennifer Kulesza, James Seeley, James Long, David Kershner, and Lucas Knorr. Carol Kieser, Secretary/Treasurer was also present.

Citizen's present: Mike Zenzel and Mike Morelle.

Citizens on the Agenda - Mike Zenzel and Mike Morelle requested access through a privately owned locked gate at the end of Hayes Road, and use of the Borough's easement through private land to access Borough property, located near the Susquehanna River. Borough Council advised them to meet with the private landowners for entrance since the Council does not have the authority to allow entrance through a locked private gate. A discussion was held regarding trash and four wheelers riding on this property. Ed Fenton will contact Chris Majers regarding the four wheelers who are riding on Borough property from his land.

Council received minutes from the January 27, 2021 Work Session and February 3, 2021 Council Meeting.

Council received a partial list of invoices to be paid.

Carol Kieser reported on the 2021-2022 Costars Agreement for 88 tons of salt, which needs to be approved before March 15, 2021.

Carol Kieser reported an email was received from Michelle Musser, Lycoming Area Office, US Department of Agriculture, regarding the status of the USDA Grant. Michelle Musser has made another attempt to contact the affected tribal governments for an archaeological review. If no response is received, she will submit a request to the program director to close out the tribal review. Carol Kieser will follow up with Peters Consultants.

Carol Kieser reported the grant application for the generator project has been submitted to the Community Giving Foundation. Waiting on approval.

A discussion was held regarding the donation of the balance from the Hometown Hero's Flag account. Each Council Member voiced their opinion to donate the money to the Stuart Tank Memorial Fund. Jennifer Kulesza stated she was not against donating the money to the Stuart Tank Memorial but cautioned that the agreement was to donate to a local Veteran's Fund. Jim Seeley and Dave Kershner remained neutral. Jim Long reported the local veteran organizations have fund raising avenues. **Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded David Kershner to donate the money (balance less the cost to remove the flags) to the Stuart Tank Memorial Fund. Motion carried with all in favor.** Bruce Michael requested a spreadsheet of the account for the 03/03/2021 council meeting.

The BAJSA minutes will be included in the March 3, 2021 meeting packet.

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Carol Kieser reported an advertisement for a Ber-Vaughn Pool representative has been posted on the Borough's Facebook page. No letters of interest have been received. A letter was sent to the pool board requesting monthly minutes and financial reports. No response has been received.

Citizens Issues/Complaints – Bruce Michael reported on the Zoning Application submitted by the Talanca's, new owners of the Westside Ballroom, located at 7588 Columbia Boulevard, and questioned why a variance is needed for that facility. A discussion was held regarding the definition of Nightclub and Reception Hall, in Highway Service District, of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. Question to be referred to Larry Frace.

Old/Unfinished Business

Carol Kieser reminded anyone who has not returned their 2020 Financial Interest (Ethics) Form, should do so by the deadline of May 1, 2021.

Carol Kieser reported an email has been sent to Mike Winder for spring cleanup of the W Rittenhouse Mill Road.

Correspondence

Larry Frace has a new office number—(570) 993-4098.

A letter from Jennifer Berlin was reviewed. Letter asked the Council to exonerate the delinquent municipal taxes on three mobile homes, located on Lark Avenue in the Heritage Hills Mobile Home Park, so she could gain ownership, renovate, and make these homes habitable again.

New Business

Carol Kieser reported a call was received from Cindy Conner stating the old bus stop building, located at the corner of Rt. 11 and W. Rittenhouse Mill Road, has garbage piled inside. Contact has been made with Requirredis Advertising to have the building cleaned out.

An accident happened on 02/05/2021 on W Rittenhouse Mill Road, knocking a traffic sign down. Police incident report will be ordered from Harrisburg. Report to given at 03/03/2021 Council Meeting.

Carol Kieser reported on a request from Kelly J Lee, Real Estate Coordinator, McDonald's USA, LLC, to release a Performance Bond from the 2013 construction of the McDonald's Restaurant in the Briar Creek Plaza. Request referred to Larry Frace.

Council was invited to attend a zoom meeting on 02/25/2021 hosted by Kelly O'Brien (BIDA) to discuss a feasibility study by Encina to purchase the Baran Farm to construct and operate a plastic recycling plant.

With no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A Kieser, Secretary
Briar Creek Borough