

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
August 25, 2021
WORK SESSION MINUTES

Council President, W. Bruce Michael, called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Present: W. Bruce Michael, Ed Fenton, Emery Seeley, James Seeley, David Kershner, and James Long. Other officials present were Secretary Carol Kieser. Absent: Mayor Harold Kershner, Jr and Larry Santora.

Citizens: Tammy Trivelpiece, Berwick Pool Association.

Tammy Trivelpiece presented and discussed the August 5, 2021 minutes from the Berwick Area Pool Association. Financial report was given and several responses were received from the letters mailed to area banks to refinance the loan.

A request from the Pool Association was made to install a permanent sign or a flag marking the entrance to Ber-Vaughn Park for the pool. Jim Long noted the Berwick Borough would need to apply for a permit from Briar Creek Borough. Tammy Trivelpiece was directed to contact Larry Frace for sign regulations.

Letters have been mailed to area municipalities asking for a donation to fund the proposed Splash Pad.

Pool will be closing on September 7, 2021.

Included in the packets for Council were the minutes of the July 28 Work Session, the August 4, 2021 Council Meeting, and a list of bills to be paid.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Jim Seeley to approve the public works hours for Jim Long. Motion carried, no opposed.

BAJSA July 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes, the Briar Creek Borough customer delinquent list, and a letter from Peters Consultants to BAJSA were presented. Don E Bower Inc. was awarded the contract for the sanitary sewer replacement project along Rt. 11 Briar Creek Borough.

Bannon Property located on W Rittenhouse Road was discussed. A new flood study is required by FEMA to reclassify the flood area. Project is currently at a standstill.

Old Business

CDBG Grant for Village Lane Project – Grant documents for obligation of funds have been signed and emailed to Michelle Musser (USDA). Motion by Jim Long/seconded Ed Fenton to authorize Peters Consultants to prepare the Scope of Work and advertise the project for bid. Motion carried, no opposed.

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New Business

Reminder: First Aid Class to be held at the Borough Hall on Monday, August 30, 2021 at 6PM.

Signature cards for the American Rescue Covid Funds checking account were signed.

Discussion was held to use the American Rescue Plan Funds (COVID money) for MS-4 Stormwater management. Jim Long reported he will be meeting with Jim Seeley and Steve Kehoe, Municipal Services, on Monday, August 30, 2021, to look at areas which may have drainage problems.

A request from Ber-Vaughn Pool Association for a donation from COVID Funds for the proposed splash pad was presented. No action taken because the MS4 projects have been designated as a priority.

Motion by Emery Seeley/seconded Dave Kershner to authorize Carol Kieser to attend the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference, October 8-10, 2021, in Erie, PA. Motion carried, no opposed.

Jim Long reported the generator has arrived. Arrangements are being made by Conner Electric for Dent Plumbing to install the gas line.

Jim Long reported on the CD #7714, proceeds from the March 1999 sale of the firehall property to Jeffrey and Karen May. He noted the money in this account can only be used for public benefit. Finance Committee is asking for ideas to use the funds.

A thank you card was received from the McBride Memorial Library for the donation from Briar Creek Borough.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Carol A Kieser, Secretary