

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
September 29, 2021
WORK SESSION MINUTES

Vice President, E. James Seeley, called the meeting to order at 7PM.

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

Citizens: Tammy Trivelpiece, Berwick Pool Association; Kelly O'Brien, BIDA.

Tammy Trivelpiece presented and discussed the September 2, 2021 minutes from the Berwick Area Pool Association. Financial report was given. First Keystone Community Bank has refinanced the pool loan for 20 years with a \$2200/month loan payment during summer months with the opportunity to pay interest only during off season. Department of Labor issued a written warning because working papers were not on file for some employees.

Meeting was then turned over to Kelly O'Brien, BIDA, for a review of the Downtown Management Services for Municipalities. Municipalities are asked to participate by becoming a partner of BIDA for a charge of \$1000/year. BIDA will provide the municipality with services to actively pursue business for their downtown using a national retail network database. Item will be discussed at the October 6, 2021 council meeting.

Kelly O'Brien presented a request for funding for the Bette Grey Transportation Program. This program will provide transportation for employers who have employees with transportation issues. Item will be discussed at the October 6, 2021 council meeting.

Included in the packets for Council were the minutes of the August 25, 2021 Work Session, the September 1, 2021 Council Meeting, and a list of bills to be paid.

Motion by Emery Seeley/seconded Ed Fenton to approve the public works hours for E. James Seeley. Motion carried, no opposed.

BAJSA August 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes and the Briar Creek Borough customer delinquent list was presented.

Old Business

CDBG Grant for Village Lane Project – Peters Consultants will advertise the project for bid on October 19 and October 22, 2021. Bid opening will be held at 11AM on October 27, 2021 at the Peters Consulting office. Project to be awarded during the November 3, 2021 council meeting. Jim Seeley will be attending the bid opening.

Carol Kieser reported the CDBG Program has awarded \$12,000 for the Pavilion Program. Money to be received in the spring of 2022 and Columbia County Redevelopment Authority will assist with the paperwork.

No citizen's comments or complaints were received.

New Business

A proposal from Don E Bower Inc. for the Headwall Replacement Project on Old Route 4 was presented. Action to be taken at the October 6, 2021 council meeting.

Request for donation from Bloomsburg Recycling Center was presented. No action taken.

Jim Long will contact Don E. Bower Inc. to perform shoulder and ditch cleaning according to the general maintenance contract. Jim Seeley reported #4 stone is needed to fill area on W. Rittenhouse Mill and Ruckle Hill where a washout has started.

Discussion was held regarding the wash out behind the 8" pipe at the Farber Property. Area to be discussed at the October 6, 2021 council meeting.

Jim Seeley reported he has begun to mark the grates on W. Rittenhouse, Suncrest, and Ruckle Hill Road. Ed Fenton suggested checking the MS4 information for location of inlets.

Jim Seeley reported Roto Rooter will perform drain cleaning on October 11 & 12, 2021. Jim Long will make request to keep the gate open all day and to dump the silt on the Hess property. Jim Long will contact PA Water and inform them that water will be used from the hydrant at Sheetz.

Carol Kieser reported she will be attending the Columbia County Tax Collection Committee on Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Carol A Kieser, Secretary