

**BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH**  
**October 27, 2021**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

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

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

Citizens: JoAnne Bechtel and Linda Nagle, Notary Public.

A Quit Claim Deed was presented for a piece of land on Village Lane currently owned by the borough. Deed to transfer the property to JoAnne Bechtel, 47 Village Lane, Berwick, PA, was signed by Bruce Michael. Reference: June 30, 2021 Work Session Minutes.

Berwick Area Pool Association - Tammy Trivelpiece was absent.

Included in the packets for Council were the minutes of the September 29, 2021 Work Session, the October 6, 2021 Council Meeting, and a list of bills to be paid. No action taken.

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

James Seeley reported a tree came down on Welliver Road and A Certified Arborist removed all the trees on the borough's right-of-way. A citizen complained and the PA State Police was called and spoke with James Seeley. Issue was resolved thru the PA State Police because the trees were on the borough's right-of-way. Some trees on W. Rittenhouse Road were full of walnuts and were located near private property buildings. Jim Long reported these trees will be removed in the Spring.

Jim Long reported on the inlet cleaning on Rittenhouse Mill Road and Park Road has been completed by Roto-Rooter. Two inlets on Rt 93 are blocked and Jim Seeley will check with BAJSA to use the TV camera to check the condition of the pipe.

Steve Bower will be contacted to dump stone and fix the area around the inlet on W. Rittenhouse Mill Road.

BAJSA September 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes and the Briar Creek Borough customer delinquent list was presented. Jim Seeley reviewed the delinquent customer list. The sewer project in Briar Creek Borough has started. BAJSA requested as-built drawings of the sewer line on Rt. 11 from the Borough.

No citizen issues of complaints were received.

Old Business

CDBG Grant for Village Lane Project – Bid tabulation and recommendation from Peters Consulting to award the project to Don E Bower Inc. was presented. Email from Michelle Musser (USDA) was provided to Council regarding the project bid amount. Since the bid amount came in way over the estimated amount, Michelle Musser will not authorize the Notice of Award.

Council authorized Carol Kieser to submit a grant application to USDA for additional funding. Carol Kieser will contact Michelle Musser and inform her that any shortfall after the additional grant money is awarded will be funded thru the Borough's general fund.

No citizen's comments or complaints were received.

New Business

A request for a donation from AGAPE was presented. Action to be taken at the November 3, 2021 council meeting.

Correspondence from PennDot requesting comments on the proposed State Route 11 project was presented to Council. Carol Kieser will contact PennDot Engineer, Adam Kinley, and arrange a meeting to discuss drainage and the BerVaughn Park entrance off Rt. 11.

Motion by Emery Seeley/seconded Jim Long to cancel the November 24, 2021 work session in lieu of the Thanksgiving holiday. Motion carried; no opposed.

Discussion was held regarding the inlet near Koala Computers. Jim Long will discuss with Don E Bower Inc.

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

Respectfully submitted:  
Carol A Kieser, Secretary