

# **BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH**

## **December 1, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Council President W. Bruce Michael called the meeting to order at 7PM. The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag was recited, followed by a Moment of Silence.

Roll call of Council Members was taken. Present: W. Bruce Michael, Mayor Harold Kershner, Jr., Emery Seeley, James Seeley, Ed Fenton, Larry Santora. Other officials present were Secretary Carol Kieser and Tammy Trivelpiece, Representative for the Berwick Area Pool Association. Absent: David Kershner, James Long, Larry Frace, Solicitor, and Engineer.

No Citizens were present.

The minutes of the October 27 work session and the November 3, 2021 council meeting were approved as recorded.

Citizen's Comments or Complaints: Tammy Trivelpiece reported trash bags are being left on the side of Rt. 93 (Orange Street) and her husband has been cleaning them up. Emery Seeley suggested a Borough Council member be contacted when bags are thrown out to have them picked up.

Council President called for citizen comments on the 2022 Budget. No comments were received.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded James Seeley to adopt Resolution #7 of 2021, Fixing the Tax Rates for 2022. Motion carried; no opposed.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Larry Santora to adopt the 2022 Budget. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Larry Santora/seconded Ed Fenton to approve the public work hours for Emery Seeley and James Seeley. Motion carried; no opposed.

No Solicitor's Report was presented.

No Engineer's Report was presented.

Zoning Officer's Report – Larry Frace was not present. Council reviewed and commented on the Zoning Officer's report, which was submitted by email.

Jim Seeley reported on the poor condition of the trailers located on Lark Drive in Berlins Trailer Court and noted Larry Frace has filed with the magistrate and sent certified letters to the owners of these trailers.

Ed Fenton requested the Secretary contact Larry Frace and request information on how to petition to take a property out of the flood plain and the related costs.

Discussion was held regarding Barry Travepiece, Columbia County Soil Conservation, and the inspection of the Vosburg Property. Request for additional information will be forwarded to Larry Frace.

Discussion was held regarding drainage concerns from the proposed lots on Suncrest to divert into the detention pond.

Mayor's Report – No report given.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report - The list of invoices, bank account balances and registers were presented.

Motion by Emery Seeley/seconded Ed Fenton to approve the Secretary's Financial Report. Motion carried; no opposed.

Motion by Emery Seeley/seconded Ed Fenton to approve the invoice from RJ Blenis Excavating in the amount of \$1243 for storage of leftover rock salt and antiskid from last winter. Motion carried; no opposed. Discussion was held to sell any leftover material to avoid paying the storage fee and change the RFP when current contract is up.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Larry Santora to approve 2022 meeting dates for advertisement. Motion carried; no opposed. Carol Kieser noted the Organization Meeting and first Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022, to comply with the Borough Code.

#### Committee Reports

Law & Finance – Ed Fenton suggested some money from the general fund be invested into a CD.

Highway and Streets – Meeting with Adam Kinley, PennDOT, is set for December 8, 2021, at 8AM.

Building and Grounds – No report.

Berwick Area Swimming Pool – Tammy Trivepiece presented November 4, 2021 minutes. No December meeting will be held.

BAJSA – Jim Seeley presented October 7 Workshop, October 13 Meeting, and November 1, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes.

Columbia County Tax Collection Committee – No report.

Old Business

Village Lane Stormwater Project – Carol Kieser applied for additional funding from USDA for the project since the bid amount came in way over the estimated amount. Email from Michelle Musser, USDA, was discussed. No update on grant allocation for fiscal year 2022.

America Rescue Funds (COVID) – Money to be used for MS4 Projects. Drywall project to be bid in 2022.

New Business

BIDA Memorandum of Understanding – Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Jim Seeley to execute the MOU to set the services to be provided by BIDA for the Downtown Development Project. Motion carried; no opposed. NOTE: First meeting is scheduled for 12/08/21.

Correspondence

Briar Creek Twp/North Centre Twp Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan. No action required.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carol A Kieser, Secretary