

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
December 29, 2021
WORK SESSION MINUTES

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

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

Citizens: No citizens were present.

Included in the packets for Council were the minutes of the December 1, 2021 Council Meeting and a list of bills to be paid. No action taken.

The BAJSA November 1 Special Meeting and November 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes were submitted. E James Seeley reported a Change Order from Don E Bower Inc for the Briar Creek Borough sewer line replacement project has been questioned.

No citizen issues of complaints were received.

Mayor Harold Kershner reported a street light is flashing on Park Road. Jim Long will get the pole numbers and Secretary will contact PPL to have repaired.

Discussion was held regarding the excavation by Bob Vosburg at the property he purchased from Carl Rinehimer. Jim Long reported Barry Travelpiece, Columbia County Soil Conservation, has contacted Bob Vosburg and project has been shut down. Jim Long to contact Barry Travelpiece for an update.

Old Business or Unfinished Business

CDBG Grant for Village Lane Project – No report.

MS4 Projects (American Rescue Covid Funds) -No report.

PennDOT Rt 11 Project – Bruce Michael reported a meeting was held on December 8, 2021 with PennDOT Engineer, Adam Kinley, E. James Seeley, and Bruce Michael to discuss recommendations for the project; i.e., Rt 11 drainage issues, improvement to Ber-Vaughn Park Entrance from Rt.11, and installation of Commerce Drive overhead sign. Secretary will contact Adam Kinley for an update.

David Kershner reported garbage bags have been thrown on W. Rittenhouse Road. E. James Seeley will pick up and dispose of them. Suggestion was made to check the bags for any mail containing a name of who may be throwing the bags out and contact the PSP for assistance.

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Jim Long and Larry Santaora reported the state police have investigated the vagrant campsite on the vacant Weis Property, adjacent to the Giant Store. Discussion was held regarding the amount of trash that is blowing onto that property from the Giant Store. Jim Long will contact Robert Mastandrea, Giant, to discuss the trash issue.

New Business

BIDA Downtown Project – Jim Long reported on a meeting held with Kelly O’Brien to discuss available properties in the borough. A discussion was held regarding the condition of the Bonanza Property. Sonny Kelchner will contact the owner and perform an inspection of the property. Report at the January 3, 2022 meeting.

Council approved Jim Long, Bruce Michael, and Carol Kieser to represent Briar Creek Borough on the BIDA Downtown Project.

Motion by James Seeley/Larry Santora to appoint Columbia County to collect the 2022 Tax payments. Motion carried; no opposed. Letter to Columbia County from Council was signed by Bruce Michael.

Mayor Harold Kershner performed swearing-in for David Kershner and Ed Fenton. Secretary reported Mayor Kershner, James Long, and Larry Santora were sworn in before Judge Knecht on December 20, 2021.

Motion by James Seeley/seconded David Kershner to authorize the purchase of tools to install signs. Motion carried; no opposed.

Bruce Michael reported on dates the hall will be used for Little League sign-up.

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

Respectfully submitted:
Carol A Kieser, Secretary