

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
March 2, 2022
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

No Citizens were present.

The January 26 Work Session and February 2, 2022 Council Meeting minutes were approved as recorded.

No citizen comments or complaints were received.

Mayor's Report – Reported water runoff from 189 Ruckle Hill Road has flooded a nearby home. Complaint was referred to Zoning Officer.

No Solicitor's Report was given.

No Engineer's Report was given.

Zoning Officer's Report – Larry Frace submitted a written report to Council. Discussion was held regarding the results of the February 8 and 18 magistrate hearings. Larry Frace recommended the Borough's Mobile Home Park Ordinance be changed to read "summary offense" and the International Property Maintenance Code needs to clarify how an offense should be filed. Motion made by James Seeley/seconded David Kershner to authorize Larry Frace to contact the Briar Creek Borough Attorney and have the wording amended in the mobile home ordinance and to amend the property maintenance code. Motion carried; no opposed.

A complaint was received regarding a private outside pole light on E. Rittenhouse Road. Suggested the resident contact the owner to resolve.

Scott Berlin's MHP license was not renewed until the mobile homes on Lark Drive are brought up to code. Twelve properties have violations.

Council clarified the Renovations to the bathrooms for BerVaughn Park and the pool will not be assessed any permit fees.

Secretary's Report - List of bills, bank account balances and registers were presented to Council. Discussion was held by James Seeley concerning the current winter contract and the storage fee charged by RJ Blenis. New contract to be reviewed before it is advertised for proposals. Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded David Kershner to approve the secretary's report. Motion carried; no opposed.

\$24,821.75 was received for the 2022 Liquid Fuels Allotment.

Committee Reports

Law & Finance: No report.

Highways & Streets: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: No report.

Berwick Area Swimming Pool – Report given at the 02/23/2022 work session.

BAJSA – Report given at the 02/23/2022 work session.

Columbia County Tax Collection Committee – No report; next meeting to be held in October 2022.

Old or Unfinished Business

Village Lane Stormwater Project – Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded James Seeley to approve payment application #1 from Don E Bower Inc for bond cost and material storage. Motion carried; no opposed. Application will be emailed to USDA for payment.

Pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2022, at 1PM with USDA, Peter's Consulting, and Eric from Don E. Bower Inc. James Seeley, Emery Seeley, and Ed Fenton will attend from the borough.

Stormwater Projects (ARPA Funds) – Four bids were received for the project.

Robert C Young Inc	\$48,496.
RJ Blenis Excavating	\$44,785.69.
M&J Excavations, Inc.	\$77,200.
Don E. Bower Inc.	\$41,076.

Motion by David Kershner/seconded Ed Fenton to award the project to Don E. Bower. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

BIDA Downtown Project – No report.

Pavilion Project – No report.

PennDOT Rt. 11 Project – No report.

New Business

Fire Escrow Account has been set up at the First Keystone Community Bank. Check from Erie Insurance received and deposited for the fire at 40 1st Avenue in accordance Ordinance #149 of 2004.

Video/Audio grant application has been submitted to Community Giving Foundation.

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No further business. Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Emery Seeley to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Carol A Kieser, Secretary