

**BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH**  
**April 6, 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: W. Bruce Michael, Emery Seeley, E. James Seeley, Larry Santora, and James Long. Other officials present were Secretary Carol Kieser and Larry Frace. Absent: David Kershner, Mayor Harold Kershner, Jr., Ed Fenton, Solicitor, and Engineer.

Citizens present: Mike Bannon, 191 W Rittenhouse Mill Road.

Minutes of the February 23 Work Session and March 2, 2022 Regular Council Meeting were approved as recorded.

Mike Bannon introduced himself. Discussion was held regarding his property located on W. Rittenhouse Mill Road and his plans to build a garage for his trucking business. This property is located in the flood zone and current maps require the property to be raised before he can build on it. Mr. Bannon requested assistance from Council to amend the flood maps since the creek bed has been changed after a bridge over the West Branch Briar Creek was constructed. Larry Frace explained the procedure to submit a LOMA (Letter of Map Amendment) to FEMA. Larry Frace will provide Mr. Bannon an engineer's name that specializes in LOMA.

No Mayor's Report.

No Solicitor's Report.

No Engineer's Report.

Larry Frace submitted and discussed the March Zoning Report. Two zoning permits and four construction permits were issued.

D. Meske was issued a construction permit and is building a new home at 28 Village Lane. Owner met with Emery Seeley and Jim Long to discuss the location of the driveway to avoid future water problems.

Attorney Barry Lewis was contacted to change the Borough's Mobile Home Park Ordinance to read "summary offense" and the International Property Maintenance Code to clarify how an offense should be filed.

Discussion was held regarding the new home at 189 Ruckle Hill Road and the potential for water runoff from his downspouts onto a neighbor's property. Larry Frace to discuss with Barry Travelpiece, Columbia County Conservation District.

Complaint received regarding water runoff onto the Layshock property. Jim Long and Bruce Michael visited the area behind the Layshock property to determine where the water runoff may be coming from and if the Borough can do anything to remedy the problem. Jim Seeley will look at the BAJSA easement in the area. Since the problem exists on private property, Council recommends Barry Travepiece look at the issue and mitigate between the parties.

Shannon Properties zoning hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2022, for a variance to operate a warehouse on the former Surplus Outlet Property.

A problem of shale washing onto the road at the Vosburg property was reported to Larry Frace. Council suggests the owner replace the swale or install a pipe to prevent the runoff.

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

Motion was made by Emery Seeley/seconded Jim Long to approve the Secretary's Report. Motion carried; no opposed.

#### Committee Reports

Law and Finance - James Seeley reminded council the Winter Maintenance, general road maintenance and emergency maintenance contract be reviewed before they are advertised for bid. Secretary will provide contracts for review at the April 27 work session.

Highways & Streets: Discussion was held to widen the intersection at Old Rt. 4 and W. Rittenhouse Mill Road. Jim Long made a suggestion to contact Don E Bower and get a price to repave the radius before they complete the Village Lane project. Motion was made by Jim Long/seconded Jim Seeley to contact Don E. Bower for a price and take a telephone vote of council members. Motion carried; no opposed.

Buildings & Grounds: No report.

BAJSA – Jim Seeley reported on the upgrade to the pumping stations. The Authority is waiting on DEP permit approval for sewer line extension and connection of the Talen facility. Talen is purchasing materials for the sewer line extension and BAJSA will be storing material until the permit issued.

BIDA Downtown Project – According to Zoning Officer's report, two parties are interested in the Bonanza property.

#### Old or Unfinished Business

Village Lane Project - Don E Bower Inc started work at the detention basin and will work upstream toward Village Lane. Project is expected to be completed the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Drywell Stormwater Project – Project awarded to Don E. Bower Inc. for \$41,076. No start date available.

PennDOT Rt. 11 Project – Email sent to Adam Kinley, PennDOT Engineer, for an update of project. No report.

Pavilion Project – Email sent to Matt Hess, Columbia County Housing Development, for an update. In 2021, the Borough was given \$4000 from the Community Giving Foundation and the DCED has awarded the borough \$12,000 toward the project. Columbia County Housing Development, as administrator of the project, will be taking care of the paperwork.

Audio/Video Project – Community Giving Foundation grant submitted. Grant approval will be in May.

New Business

Columbia County Conservation District Memorandum of Understanding – Council reviewed the agreement and Carol Kieser will contact Barry Travelpiece to have agreement corrected to read Briar Creek Borough on page 4. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Larry Santora to enter into the agreement when the document has been corrected. Motion carried/no opposed.

Motion by Jim Seeley/Emery Seeley to adopt Resolution #2 of 2022, Promulgation to Adopt Radiological Emergency Response Plan. Motion carried/no opposed.

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

Respectfully submitted:  
Carol A Kieser, Secretary