

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

No Citizens were present.

Note: Mayor Harold Kershner swore in Joseph Riggio as new council member before the meeting began.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Bruce Michael to adopt Resolution #5 of 2022 to appoint Joseph Riggio to fill the vacancy on the borough council. Motion carried; no opposed.

Minutes of the May 25 Work Session and June 1, 2022 Regular Council Meeting were approved as recorded.

No citizen's comments or complaints were received.

Mayor's Report – Harold Kershner reported on several citizen inquiries for recycling services. Jim Long will follow up with Damien Scoblink, Berwick Borough Manager, to discuss the possibility of an agreement to allow Briar Creek Borough to participate in Berwick Borough's drop-off recycling program.

Solicitor's Report – No report.

Engineer's Report – No report.

Zoning Officer's Report - Larry Frace submitted and discussed the June 2022 Zoning Report. Discussion was held regarding 30 E Rittenhouse Mill Road. This building is now a welding shop and an additional building is planned. Work has been stopped until permits are obtained.

Larry Frace will check with Briar Creek Township for a checklist for the planning committee.

Larry Frace reviewed the draft 2021 IPMC Ordinance from Attorney Lewis and recommended it be advertised. Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded by Joseph Rizzio to authorize Attorney Lewis to advertise the "draft" 2021 IPMC Ordinance. Motion carried; no opposed.

Discussion was held to appoint three individuals to the IPMC Appeals Board. Carol Kieser reported she has called previous members to see if they are still willing to serve. Carol is willing to serve on the board. Carol contacted Briar Creek Township and found they do not have a board either. Their secretary will put on the agenda to discuss creating a combined appeals board at their next meeting.

Carol Kieser presented Resolution #2 of 2019, Resolution setting the fee to appeal a violation of the IPMC. Discussion was held regarding the fee for the processing of the appeal. Council decided to increase the fee from \$500 to \$950. Secretary will prepare the resolution for the 07/27/2022 work session.

Larry Frace reported on the old cars parked on the lot located across from Dave Whitenight's auto shop. Mr. Whitenight feels there was a special exception given to him in 2000 to park cars on that lot. The borough files were reviewed and found no documentation for the special exception. Larry Frace will send a letter to Dave Whitenight and ask him to move the old cars from that property onto his business property.

Davis Mobile Home Park has not been licensed. Council concluded that Marcy, Rose Davis' daughter, is managing the park, Larry Frace will send her the paperwork.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Carol Kieser submitted the list of invoices, bank account balances and registers. A discussion was held regarding the Fire Hall CD in the amount of \$47,562.15, which will mature on July 12, 2022. Principal amount of that CD is \$45,025. Carol Kieser will look up original sales agreement for the fire hall and report at work session.

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

#### Committee Reports

Law and Finance – Covered under Secretary/Treasurer's Report.

Highways & Streets – Proposal from Don E Bower Inc was presented to council to repair washout areas on Ruckelhill Road and shoulder stabilization on W. Rittenhouse Mill Road. Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Jim Long to accept proposal to have the work performed under general maintenance contract and ARPA (Covid) guidelines. Motion carried; no opposed.

Buildings and Grounds – President W. Bruce Michael appointed Joseph Riggio to replace Emery Seeley on the committee.

BAJSA – No report.

BIDA – No report.

New Business

Bruce Michael reported vendors will be at the Little League Field. Bruce Michael will provide Larry Frace with the vendor's names. Also a second batting cage will be constructed at the Little League Field.

Larry Frace reported he has access to the preliminary Columbia County flood maps and will make Panel #266 to complete the map for Briar Creek Borough.

Robert Riggio reported he is on the planning commission; therefore, he will need to be replaced, since he is now a council member.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Jim Long to adjourn. Motion carried; no opposed. No new business. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carol A Kieser, Secretary