

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
September 7, 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, James Seeley, and James Long. Other officials present were Secretary Carol Kieser and Zoning Officer, Larry Frace. Absent: Larry Santora, Solicitor and Engineer.

No Citizens were present.

Minutes of July 27 Work Session and August 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting were approved as recorded.

A motion was made by Ed Fenton/seconded Joseph Riggio to approve the public works hours for Jim Long and Jim Seeley. Motion carried; no opposed.

No citizen's comments or complaints were received.

Mayor's Report – No report.

Solicitor's Report – Ordinance #192 of 2022, amending the penalty section of the Mobile Home Ordinance will be advertised for adoption at the September 28, 2022 work session.

Engineer's Report – No report.

Zoning Officer's Report - Larry Frace submitted and discussed the August 2022 Zoning Report. Copy of Zoning Report will be filed in the Borough office.

Permit application was received from the owner of Smiths Pipe and Welding Shop, located at 30 E Rittenhouse Road. Waiting on the prints from the engineer.

Discussion was held regarding the application from Superior Homes for the proposed home to be placed at the back of the lot at 2536 W. Front Street. The lot does not meet the coverage requirements for two structures. A vacant lot is situated beside 2536 W. Front Street and does meet the lot coverage requirements for a new home; however, separate water and sewer lines are required and cannot be shared across property lines. Larry Frace will contact Superior Homes and deny application for 2536 W Front Street and inform him of the requirements to install a mobile home on the adjacent vacant lot.

Rental of a retail space at the Shannon Warehouse will be discussed with the Borough's Solicitor.

Prints for the proposed storage units, located on Ash Alley were received and will be submitted to the Planning Commission. An Application for Plan Approval will be provided to the developer and a planning commission meeting will be set up.

Discussion was held regarding the zoning district of the Bob Vosburg's property, located off Old Route 4. Highway Service and Village Commercial sections of the zoning ordinance were reviewed. President Bruce Michael requested the Council review the permitted uses for each zoning district and report back with any changes to amend the zoning ordinance.

Notice has been given to 25 residents affected by the proposed flood plain map.

Permit applications have been received to relocate the FKCB into an open store front at the Giant Plaza and make an area for the Giant curbside pickup coolers.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Carol Kieser submitted the list of invoices, bank account balances and registers. Second tranche of ARPA funds to be deposited from the State on September 9, 2022 in the amount of \$35,277. Motion was made Joe Riggio/seconded by Ed Fenton to approve the Secretary's Report. Motion carried; no opposed.

Committee Reports

Law and Finance – No report.

Highways & Streets – No report.

Buildings and Grounds – Discussion was held to use the ARPA funds to replace the entrance doors on the building and security system to unlock the front door.

BAJSA – Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

BIDA – Nothing definite; no report.

Old and Unfinished Business

PennDOT milling and resurfacing on Rt. 11 to begin Spring 2023. Council requested Secretary to report traffic counts at the next meeting.

Per Matt Hess, Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the costs for the pavilion project are being finalized with their engineer and a request for additional funding will be made to the commissioners.

Wiring and lectern has been installed by Koala Computers. The three notebooks for Prime Time have arrived and are stored in the lectern. Tom Kowalchick, Koala Computers, will set a time for training.

Ongoing review of Zoning Districts by council members to revise permitted uses for each zoning district.

Years 2006 thru 2008 Borough minutes were read for information on the Berwick Borough/Briar Creek Borough Recycling Program. Jim Long will contact Berwick Manager, Damien Scoblinc, and discuss an agreement, since program is operated on property owned by Berwick Borough, but located in Briar Creek Borough.

List of webinars were given to Council for viewing after the audio/video project is completed.

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New Business

No new business was discussed.

No further business. Motion by Joseph Riggio/seconded Jim Long to adjourn. Motion carried; no opposed.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM

Respectfully submitted:
Carol A Kieser, Borough Manager