

**BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH**  
**September 28, 2022**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

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

Present: W. Bruce Michael, E. James Seeley, James Long, Ed Fenton, Joseph Riggio, Mayor Harold Kershner, David Kershner, Zoning Officer Larry Frace, Secretary Carol Kieser, and Tammy Trivelpiece, representative for Berwick Area Pool Association. Absent: Larry Santora, Solicitor, and Engineer.

Citizens: Ruby LuWall, Michelle Michael, Donna Sackie, Roman RMBM Corp and Musio (sp) Moskva, Tammy and John Trivelpiece, Frank Barren, Holly Trivelpiece, Julie Trivelpiece, and others.

Session turned over to Donna Sackie to discuss her efforts to spay/neuter and care for feral cats on Orchard Way. Council will consider her request for a donation at the 10/05/2022 council meeting.

Session was opened for comments and concerns regarding safety issues and high traffic volumes on East Rittenhouse Mill Road. Tammy and John Trivelpiece filed a complaint and a petition with Senator John Gordner's office to modify the traffic on this road. An email from Greg Dibble, PennDOT Municipal Services, was read in response to the concerns of the residents living on that road and concluded the Borough Council as being proactive to find a possible, agreeable solution for all. In the meantime, new lines will be painted at the entrances to E Rittenhouse Mill Road and Council will look into having a traffic study performed. Borough Zoning Officer, Larry Frace, is addressing the unpermitted driveway at the Smith Pipe and Welding Shop, which was also listed in the complaint.

Included in the packets for Council were the minutes of August 31 work session, September 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, and a list of bills to be paid.

E. James Seeley presented the BAJSA 08/10/2022 meeting minutes and BCB past due report. Notices have been mailed to contributing municipalities to adopt the redeveloped local limits. Copy of the report will be filed in the Borough office.

Old or Unfinished Business

BIDA Downtown Project – No report.

PennDOT Rt 11 Project – Tentative start date is Spring 2023 for milling and resurfacing on Rt. 11. Estimated cost is \$1,600,000.

Pavilion Project – Per Matt Hess, Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, has requested funding from Columbia County Commissioners.

Recycling Services Provided by Berwick Borough – Jim Long reported he plans to attend the 10/03/2022 Berwick Borough Council Meeting with Columbia County Commissioner Dave Kovach to discuss an agreement.

Proposed Amendment to Highway Service/Commercial Sections of the Zoning Ordinance. No report.

ARPA (Covid) Funds – Balance of funds in the amount of \$35,277.55 have been received. Need estimates to replace the building entrance doors.

New Business

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Joseph Riggio to adopt Ordinance #192 of 2022, Amending Penalty Section 17 of the Borough's Mobile Home Park and Mobile Home Regulation Ordinance #188 of 2020. Motion carried; no opposed.

Briar Creek Self Storage – Application submitted to Planning Commission. A letter was received from Columbia County Conservation District with three items that need to be addressed and resubmitted to them. A Planning Commission Meeting has been set for Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 6PM.

Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Joe Riggio to accept resignation of Larry Santora. Motion carried; no opposed.

Jim Seeley nominated Bill Witner to fill the council member vacancy. No other nominations were made. Motion was made by Dave Kerchner/seconded Ed Fenton to appoint Bill Witner to fill the remaining term left by Larry Santora's resignation.

Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Ed Fenton to have background checks performed on borough officials and staff. Motion carried; no opposed.

Discussion was held to have Don E. Bower Inc. come back and make repairs to Sunset Drive where they installed drywalls.

Correspondence

No further business. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carol A Kieser, Borough Manager