

**BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH**  
**November 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, E. James Seeley, Joseph Riggio, and David Kershner. Other officials present were Secretary Carol Kieser and Zoning Officer Larry Frace. Absent: Ed Fenton, Joseph Riggio, James Long, and Bill Witner, Solicitor, and Engineer.

Citizens present: John Trivelpiece.

The minutes of the September 28 work session and October 5, 2022 regular council meeting were approved as recorded.

No citizen comments or complaints were received.

No Mayor's Report was given.

No Solicitor's Report was given.

No Engineer's Report was given.

Zoning Officer's Report - Larry Frace submitted and discussed the November 2, 2022 Zoning Report. Copy of Zoning Report will be filed in the Borough office.

- List of violations and action taken by zoning officer for the Red Oak MHP was reviewed.
- State police called to vacant Bonanza building to investigate a break-in and vagrancy. Owner has been contacted and permission given to inspect and lockup the building.
- Vagrant found trespassing and sleeping in the garage on Baran property.
- Name Brand Liquidations (Steve Shannon Properties) will need to have water turned on for fire protection.
- Complaint received regarding 51 Village Lane. Complaint to be investigated and appropriate action will be taken.
- New Leaf Solar is proposing a solar farm on W. Rittenhouse Mill Road, near the golf course. This proposed project would be located in Briar Creek Borough and Briar Creek Township. A special exception hearing would be required.
- Planning Committee Meeting was held October 8, 2022 to review the proposed land development for Briar Creek Storage. Minutes of meeting were reviewed by Council. To date, corrected plans have not been received for the project.
- A driveway permit is needed for the Vosburg property.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report - Carol Kieser submitted the list of invoices, bank account balances and registers. Council discussed the CD rates. Secretary to contact the First Keystone Community Bank for rates. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Joe Riggio to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's Report. Motion carried; no opposed.

Committees

Law and Finance to review the Borough Manager's contract and report at the next meeting. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Joe Riggio to advertise the 2023 budget to adopt at the December 7, 2022 council meeting. Motion carried; no opposed.

Highways and Streets – Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Dave Kershner to table the decision to have a traffic study performed on Welliver Road traffic until a proposal is received from Peter’s Consulting. Motion carried; no opposed. Secretary to contact Peter’s Consulting for two written quotes: (1) weight study performed on Welliver Road and (2) traffic study performed on E. Rittenhouse Mill Road.

Discussion was held regarding the condition of the berms on W. Rittenhouse Mill Road. Don E. Bower’s proposal will be emailed to the committee for their review.

Building and Grounds – Received quotes to replace the entrance doors from Jerry A.Conner, Lezzer Lumber and Stauffer’s Glass (installer), and Tri-County Glass. Waiting on quotes from Marr Development and Terry Hacker. Discussion held to key the new locks on the doors. Jim Seeley to contact a lock company for information.

BAJSA – Health insurance rates have increased by 18%. Employee contract needs to be reopened. Sewer rates are being raised by \$8/month for Berwick Borough residents only.

No report given on the BIDA Downtown Project.

Columbia County Tax Committee – Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. The 2023 budget was passed. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

Old or Unfinished Business

PennDOT Rt.11 Project – No scope of work.

Pavilion Project – No update received from Matt Hess, Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment. Council asked Secretary to contact Columbia County Commissioners for an update.

Review of Zoning Districts – No update from W. Bruce Michael.

Berwick/Briar Creek Borough Recycling Program – Item is on the agenda for the November 7, 2022 Berwick Borough council meeting.

New Business

Voluntary donations from council members for the PSP holiday basket were taken. Bruce Michael to schedule delivery to the PA State Police.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Carol A Kieser, Borough Manager