

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
January 25, 2023
WORK SESSION MINUTES

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

Present: W. Bruce Michael, E. James Seeley, James Long, David Kershner, Ed Fenton, Bill Witner, David Kershner, Solicitor Barry Lewis, Tammy Trivelpiece, and Borough Manager Carol Kieser.
Absent: Mayor Harold Kershner, Joe Riggio, Engineer, and Zoning Officer.

Citizens present: John Trivelpiece (did not sign in), Holli Trivelpiece, and Jordan Smith.

Tammy Trivelpiece submitted and reported on the January 5, 2023 Berwick Area Swimming Pool meeting. Discussion held regarding fraudulent tickets purchased under someone else's name. Copy of minutes are filed in the Borough Office.

Holli Trivelpiece explained an email was sent to the Borough Office regarding assumed overweight trucks rattling her home when they drive thru E. Rittenhouse Mill Road. Holli Trivelpiece submitted a petition signed by ten homeowners from E. Rittenhouse Mill Road requesting the Borough Council to conduct a weight study on their road. No action taken by Council.

Included in the packets for Council were the minutes of December 28 work session, January 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, and a list of bills to be paid.

E. James Seeley presented the BAJSA December 14, 2022 BAJSA meeting minutes and BCB past due report. Copy of report is filed in the Borough Office. Jim Seeley reported the BAJSA checking account has been closed because a check for payment of an invoice was stolen and cashed.

Old or Unfinished Business

BIDA Downtown Project – No report.

PennDOT Rt 11 Project – Motion by Jim Long/seconded Ed Fenton to authorize Attorney Lewis to address any legal issues with replacement and maintenance of stormwater drains within the Rt 11 project area. Motion carried; no opposed.

Recycling Services provided by Berwick Borough - Jim Long reported the item was discussed at the recent Berwick Council Meeting. Berwick Council discussed a charge for the service.

Zoning District Review – No report.

Attorney Barry Lewis discussed the ordinance to enter into a franchise agreement with Breezeline and Comcast. Ordinance will need to be advertised. Motion was made at the December 28, 2022 work session to not collect a franchise fee from either company. Collecting a franchise fee would result in a pass-thru cost to the borough cable customers, which Council would like to avoid.

An updated proposal was received from Pennsylvania Aluminum for the pavilion project. Carol Kieser reported the Community Giving Foundation grant for the pavilion project has been completed. Council requested Secretary to write the Columbia County Commissioners and indicate the Borough Council has decided to downsize the project and would appreciate any contribution they would be willing to make toward the project. Attorney Lewis recommends that three telephone quotes be ascertained according to the bidding thresholds.

.New Business

Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Bill Witner to adopt Resolution #2-2023, Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board, appointing David DeHaven to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried; no opposed.

Statement of Financial Interest Forms were distributed to Council and zoning and planning committees. Financial statements are due back to the Borough office by May 1, 2023.

Correspondence

A right-to-know request was sent by Attorney Barry Lewis to the Pennsylvania State Police for the reports pertaining to the recent incidents at the Bonanza property. Attorney Lewis reported the R-T-K request was denied by the PSP because the records detail PSP investigations into complaints which were determined no criminal activity had occurred.

Correspondence was received from UGI to report gas fired equipment at the Red Maple Hotel does not meet local safety standards. Report was referred to Larry Frace.

Jordan Smith reported that adjustments have been made to the security lighting at E. Rittenhouse Mill Road and person from Orange Street, who made a complaint regarding the light, is satisfied with the adjustment. Tammy Trivelpiece stated the angle of the light is better.

Ed Fenton suggested each council person should have their own email address thru the Borough's domain. Bruce Michael requested the website be updated.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Borough Manager