

**BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH**  
**February 22, 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, Joe Riggio, Solicitor Barry Lewis, Tammy Trivelpiece, and Secretary Carol Kieser. Absent: Mayor Harold Kershner, David Kershner, Ed Fenton, Bill Witner, Engineer, and Zoning Officer.

Citizens present: Iva Massina, Jordan Smith, Richard Mauro, Glenn Haun, John Trivelpiece, Holli Trivelpiece, and Matt Hess.

Meeting turned over to Rich Mauro, Treasurer of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, to request renting the hall for 15 evenings during October to hold a bible study. Sessions would be held from 6:45PM to 8:30PM and would utilize the Borough's audio/video equipment. A calendar of the proposed dates was given to Council. Council will consider his request at the 03/01/2023 council meeting.

Robin Massina took the floor to discuss the TnR feral cat program. Cats are humanely trapped and transported to Plains Animal Hospital where they are surgically sterilized and given vaccinations. Cats are then released where they were trapped. The Borough's only involvement would be to contact Marta Kahan (No Nonsense Neutering) to request vouchers for the TnR program. These vouchers would reduce the cost to sterilize the cats from \$40/cat to \$15/cat. This program is for feral and stray cats; no house cats. Focus would be to take care of the feral cats on Lark Lane, Berlin's MHP. Council to consider at the 03/01/2023 council meeting. Donna Sackie's contact information will be given to Robin Massina.

Matt Hess, Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, took the floor to update Council on the bidding of the Pavilion Project. Quotes for project to include a wooden pavilion were requested from three companies. One proposal was received for a wooden pavilion for \$23,400 plus concrete work for \$10,000. PA Aluminum has been contacted to rebid the project to include the Prevailing Wage increase. Proposals would include the pavilion, concrete pad and sidewalk. Matt Hess recommends the \$4000 from Community Giving Foundation be used toward the electrical and purchase of the picnic tables. Matt Hess to report back at the 03/01/2023 Council Meeting.

Tammy Trivelpiece submitted and reported on the February 9, 2023 Berwick Area Swimming Pool meeting. Financial Report was given. Splash Pad is scheduled to open on the pool's opening day. Copy of minutes is filed in the Borough Office.

Included in the packets for Council were the minutes of January 25 work session, February 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, and a list of bills to be paid.

Glenn Haun, resident of the Rose Davis MHP, spoke on trees that have damaged his mobile home and asked for Council's assistance. Jim Long will look at the trees and report back at the 03/01/2023 Council Meeting.

E. James Seeley presented the BAJSA January 11, 2023 BAJSA meeting minutes and BCB past due report. Copy of report is filed in the Borough Office.

Old or Unfinished Business

BIDA Downtown Project – No report.

PennDOT Rt 11 Project – Attorney Barry Lewis, Solicitor, reported he has spoken with Dayton Hess, PennDOT in regard to the Borough's concerns with the project. (1) Inlets consist of concrete box with bricks placed on top which hold up the grate. Bricks will be replaced so the grates will be the proper height after milling and paving project. All grates will be replaced with bicycle-safe grates. (2) No work will be completed on cross pipes. Project is limited to milling and repaving. Project to be bid by March 30 and project to commence in May.

Recycling Services provided by Berwick Borough – Item will be discussed at the next Berwick Borough Council meeting.

Zoning District Review – No report.

Franchise Agreements – Attorney Barry Lewis gave no report.

New Business

Quotes will be gotten for line striping on Old Route 4; W. Rittenhouse Mill Road, and Park Road.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Columbia County Conservation District was submitted to Council for their review.

Email from Larry Frace was reviewed. (1) New flood maps are going to be released by FEMA sometime from September to November. (2) Larry Frace has received a print for a company to install 300 tiny homes in the borough. (3) Larry Frace requested someone look at a driveway permit for a short road behind DeFebo.

Bruce Michael submitted a draft letter to Yasin N Khan, perspective buyer for the Baran Farm, to construct a proposed solar farm to encourage the project. Council to review letter and comment at the March 1, 2023 Council Meeting.

Attorney Barry Lewis recommended the Borough have a commercial Solar Ordinance in place to include a bond, setbacks, screening for aesthetics, and mediation for removal of obsolete structure. Example ordinances will be forwarded to borough office.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Secretary