

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
March 29, 2023
WORK SESSION MINUTES

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

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

Citizens present: John Trivelpiece, Holli Trivelpiece, and Jordan Smith.

Email from Matt Hess, Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, was read to update Council on the pavilion project. Matt Hess will be attending the Columbia County Commissioner meeting, scheduled for April 6, 2023, to present the project and request funding.

Tammy Trivelpiece reported on the March 9, 2023 Berwick Area Swimming Pool. Construction is on track for the splash pad to be completed for the pool opening.

Included in the packets for Council were the minutes of February 22 Work Session, March 1, Regular Council Meeting, and March 15, 2023 Planning Commission, a list of bills to be paid, 2022 Year-End Financial Report, and CD information. Motion by Joe Riggio/seconded Ed Fenton to advertise the financial audit. Motion carried, no opposed.

CD interest rates and penalty for early withdrawal on 5 CD's was presented. Council decided to have item listed on the April 5, 2023 Council Meeting agenda.

No citizen's comments or complaints were received.

Minutes of February 8, 2023 Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority meeting and the customer past due report were reviewed.

Old or Unfinished Business

BIDA Downtown Project – No update given.

Recycling Services provided by Berwick Borough – No update given.

Zoning District Review – No update given.

Ordinance #193 of 2023, Comcast Franchise Ordinance, was reviewed. Council requested the Breezeline Franchise Ordinance be prepared by Attorney Barry Lewis for the April 5, 2023 council meeting so both ordinances can be advertised at the same time.

No update given by Attorney Barry Lewis regarding the solar ordinance.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Joe Riggio to enter into an agreement for the TnR Feral Cat Program.

New Business

Resolution No. 5 of 2023, Columbia County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan was reviewed. No action taken, pending adoption at the April 5, 2023 Council Meeting.

Hall Rental Policy was referred to Attorney Barry Lewis to draft.

Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Joe Riggio to accept proposal from DeAngelo for road and street striping project. Motion carried; no opposed.

Landscape trees have been ordered from Native Creations Landscaping. Joe Riggio will be contacted by company when they are ready to plant.

A proposal from McCracken to perform crack sealing on multiple streets in the borough was presented. Two more quotes will be sought to comply with bidding thresholds

Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Jim Long to make a \$100 donation to the Berwick United Way Day of Caring. Motion carried; no opposed.

Bruce Michael will share the email received from Barb Michael with the Little League.

Deadline to register for PSAB Annual Conference is April 26, 2023. Ed Fenton will attend.

Floor was opened for new business. No new business was discussed.

Correspondence

Joe Riggio and Ed Fenton will attend the County Maintenance Municipal Outreach Program, scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2023, to be held at the Danville State Hospital Grounds (New Montour Building) from 4PM to 6PM.

Notice of Road and Pothole Seminar to be held at the Greenwood Municipal Barn, at 8AM-10AM, on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 was given,

Legal Notice of the Briar Creek Zoning Hearing, scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2023, was given.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Borough Manager