

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
April 5, 2023
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

President W. Bruce Michael called the meeting to order at 7:09PM. 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, Ed Fenton, Joseph Riggio, and James Long. Other officials present were Secretary Carol Kieser, Zoning Officer Larry Frace, and Borough Solicitor Barry Lewis. Absent: E. James Seeley, Bill Witner, David Kershner, and Engineer.

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

Minutes of the February 22 Work Session, March 1 Regular Council Meeting, and March 15, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting were approved as recorded.

No Citizen Comments or Complaints on the agenda items were received.

No Mayor's Report was given.

Solicitor's Report – Comcast and Breezeline Cable Franchise Ordinances were presented. Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Jim Long to advertise the ordinances was made. Motion carried; no opposed.

Attorney Lewis is still reviewing BCB Zoning Ordinance for the Solar Ordinance.

Attorney Lewis presented and discussed an article concerning electric vehicle charging stations. Larry Frace reported the electric vehicle charging stations are currently permitted as "accessory use".

Attorney is working on the Hall Rental Policy and Fee Schedule.

No Engineer's Report was given.

Larry Frace submitted a zoning report and discussed the zoning activity during March 2023. A copy of the report is filed in the Borough Office.

Larry Frace reported on the continuing problem at 51 Village Lane. A Notice of Violation (NOV) was filed against the owner and a complaint has been filed at the Magistrate Office for running a group home (again). Complaint needs to be refiled at the Magistrate Office as a civil complaint. Attorney Lewis will assist Larry Frace with filing the civil complaint and review the NOV.

Discussion was held regarding the preliminary print submitted by Rolling Golf Course for a 300 Tiny Home Resort. DCED has not given approval. Continuing to work with the developer to get approved by the State.

Columbia County Planning Commission had no comments on the revised plan for Smith Pipe and Welding Shop. Briar Creek Planning Commission held a meeting on March 15, 2023 and approved the plans. Zoning Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 6:30PM.

Old Bonanza Restaurant building should be demolished by the end of July.

All paperwork has been received for the Ruckle Hill Solar Farm project. A Planning Commission Meeting will be scheduled.

Briar Creek Self-Storage Project – Columbia County reviewed the land development plans and the Briar Creek Planning Commission has approved and signed off of the project. Stormwater plan has been approved. Signatures on the plans are needed from the Briar Creek Borough and Engineer.

Driveway Permit has been issued for road access from Old Route 4 to a property where pods will be stored.

Secretary presented the list of bills and financial report. Motion by Joe Riggio/seconded Ed Fenton to approve the Secretary's Report. Motion carried; no opposed.

Committee Reports

Law and Finance - Discussion was held regarding the CD rates. Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Joe Riggio to direct secretary to request the First Keystone Community Bank to close #5857, #3179, #5932, #5893, and #5905. New CD's will be set up: #5857 (Fire Company) and #3179 into 35-month CD's, #5893 and #5905 into 9-month CD's, and #5932 into a 11-month CD. Roll call taken: Ed Fenton, yes; Joe Riggio, yes; Jim Long, yes; Bruce Michael, yes. Motion carried on roll call vote.

Highways and Streets – Motion by Ed Fenton/Jim Long to have Don E Bower repair berms and potholes thru the Borough's Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried; no opposed.

Request for Proposals were emailed to three companies for the crack sealing of the Borough's streets and roads. Two companies have responded to date.

Buildings and Grounds – No report given.

Old or Unfinished Business

BIDA – No report given.

Update to zoning ordinance is pending.

Berwick/Briar Creek Borough Recycling Program – No update given.

New Business

Motion by Ed Fenton/Joe Riggio to adopt Resolution 5 of 2023, Columbia County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried; no opposed.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Carol A Kieser, Secretary