

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
April 26, 2023
WORK SESSION MINUTES

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

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

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

Tammy Trivelpiece reported on the April 13, 2023 Berwick Area Swimming Pool meeting. Financial report was given. Capital Campaign is scheduled for April 27 and Pool Carnival is scheduled for May 9-13, 2023. Copy of the minutes is filed in Borough Office.

Included in the packets for Council were the minutes of March 29 Work Session and April 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting and a list of bills to be paid. The No Nonsense Neutering (Feral Car TnR Program) Agreement was presented for signature. Motion by Joe Riggio/seconded Ed Fenton to sign the agreement. Motion carried; No opposed.

Bank signature cards for the new CD's were signed.

No citizen's comments or complaints were received.

Jim Seeley reviewed the minutes of March 8, 2023 Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority meeting and the customer past due report. Copy of the minutes is filed in the Borough Office.

Old or Unfinished Business

W. Bruce Michael presented text amendment for changes to the permitted accessory uses and special exemption uses in the Village Commercial Districts and Highway Service Districts sections of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. Council was requested to review and comment at the May 3, 2023 Council Meeting. Attorney Lewis will comment on the legality of text amendments at the next council meeting. The definition of "Permitted by Right" and "Permitted Accessory Use" will be referred to Larry Frace for comment at the next council meeting.

BIDA Downtown Project – No update given.

Recycling Services provided by Berwick Borough – No update given.

Attorney Barry Lewis reported both franchise agreements have been advertised pending adoption at the May 3, 2023 council meeting.

No update given by Attorney Barry Lewis regarding Hall Rental Policy.

An email from Betsy Rubio, Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment Authority was read to update on the pavilion project. Columbia County Commissioners have given approval to allocate extra funding for the project. CCHRA is filing the necessary paperwork to begin the process for moving funds. The CCHRA engineer will visit the project site and begin the project.

New Business

A spreadsheet with the bidder information for the Crack Sealing Project was presented. Two bids received and third bid is pending to be received for the May 3, 2023 Council Meeting.

Jim Seeley reported several folding chairs used in the conference room are bent and unusable. Discussion was held to purchase new stackable chairs to replace the broken folding chairs. Prices for the stackable chairs to be presented at the May 3, 2023 Council Meeting.

Bruce Michael presented a draft of an outside burning ordinance. No action taken.

Bruce Michael reported on safety concerns with E. Rittenhouse Mill Road. It was pointed out at the recent zoning hearing that the road may be impassible for emergency vehicles if a delivery truck should become disabled on it. Council held a discussion regarding widening the road to allow emergency vehicles to pass and increase the line of sight. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Jim Long to contact Peters Consulting for a proposal to survey East Rittenhouse Mill Road, set PIN's, and prepare a Plan of Survey. Motion carried; no opposed.

Attorney Lewis held a discussion regarding appointment of an alternate legal representation for the upcoming solar farm project.

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Notification of a LTAP free in-person class entitled “Drainage: The Key to Roads That Last” is being held May 4, 2023, from 8AM – 3PM at the Point Township building in Northumberland County.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Secretary
Briar Creek Borough