

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
October 25, 2023
WORK SESSION MINUTES

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

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

Citizens Present: Holli Trivelpiece, John Trivelpiece, and Keith and Christy Hess.

Tammy Trivelpiece reported on the 10/05/2023 Berwick Area Swimming Pool Board Meeting. Financial report was given. Pool Season ended with a deficit. Pool Board is planning several fundraisers and a capital campaign is being held to raise money to cover future expenses. Copy of the report is filed in the borough office.

No citizen's complaints or comments were received.

Included in the packets for council were minutes of the 09/27 Work Session and 10/04/2023 Regular Council Meeting, list of bills for review, and proposed 2024 budget.

CD will be maturing on November 29, 2023. First Keystone Community Bank and M&T Bank will be contacted for rates.

The Columbia County Tax Collection Committee will be voting at the annual meeting to amend the 2019 tax collection agreement with HA Berkheimer to establish the Berkheimer's commission rate.

Jim Seeley reported on the BAJSA 09/07 work shop, 09/13 meeting minutes, and customer past due report. Copy of the reports are filed in the borough office.

Solicitor Barry Lewis reported first payment from Rick Smethers was received in compliance with the 09/08/23 civil case judgement ruled against him. Smethers Personal Care Boarding Home is now vacant except for the family members. Larry Frace to continue to check the property.

Old or Unfinished Business

No update was given on the Zoning Ordinance Text Changes.

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Pavilion structure has been completed. Mike Winder will be completing the backfill and grading around the pavilion. Discussion was held to have a photo taken with the Columbia County Commissioners and Matt Hess from Columbia County Redevelopment to recognize their efforts to construct the pavilion.

Crack Sealing Project on borough roads and streets has begun by Rock Bottom Dirt Worx (Dave Hess). Ed Fenton to sign off on the project when completed.

Jim Long is reviewing the LST Tax Employer listing.

New Business

Discussion was held to authorize Attorney Tanribilir to defend the decision of the Briar Creek Zoning Hearing Board in regards to the Ruckle Hill Solar Project. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Jim Long to authorize Attorney Tanribilir to defend the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board at the pre-hearing conference, scheduled on December 18 at the Columbia County Courthouse.

The Planning Commission Meeting to review the Haza Bell (Taco Bell) Land Development Plan is scheduled for 6PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

Correspondence

Correspondence from Larry Frace regarding a complaint received of trash and unhealthy living conditions at Lot #31, Red Oak Mobile Home Park was discussed. Larry Frace to update at the November 1 Council Meeting.

LTAP is offering a virtual training session entitled "Introduction to Traffic Studies" on October 31 from 8AM to 12 Noon.

No further business and motion by Jim Long/seconded Bill Witner was made to adjourn. Motion carried; no opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Secretary
Briar Creek Borough