

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
January 2, 2024
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

President of Council W. Bruce Michael called the meeting to order at 7:13PM directly after the 01/02/2024 Reorganization Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of the November 29 Work Session and the December 06, 2023 Regular Council Meeting were approved as recorded.

Citizen Comments and Complaints

John Trivelpiece stated Jordan Smith was loading a trailer at 3AM on December 11, 2023 (verified by Holli Trivelpiece). A complaint was filed with Larry Frace but wants to make sure the December 2023 zoning report reflects the time of 3AM.

No Mayor report was given.

Solicitor Barry Lewis reported he had notified Attorney Bull that another complaint was received regarding Rick Smethers having two unlawful boarders at his property. Attorney Bull warned Rick Smethers of the order from the Magistrate's Office and that Larry Frace will be making unannounced visits to the property. Attorney Bull has put Rick Smethers on notice that the next offense will be charged at \$500/day.

Emily Stefanowicz, representative for Peters Consulting, reported the Haza Bell has revised the Taco Bell development plans. Once reviewed by Peters Consulting, a Planning Commission Meeting can be set up for final approval.

No Zoning Officer's Report was given.

Secretary presented a list of bills for payment, bank account balances and registers. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Dave Kershner to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's Report. Motion carried; no opposed.

Discussion was held regarding the two CD's which will be maturing on January 23, 2024. Motion by Bill Witner/seconded Rodney Koch to authorize Secretary and Jim Seeley to negotiate a CD rate higher than 5% at the First Keystone Community Bank. Paperwork will be available for the January 31, 2024 work session. Motion carried; no opposed.

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Committee Reports

No committee Reports were given.

Old or Unfinished Business –

No update was given on the Zoning Ordinance Text Changes.

Jim Long and Carol Kieser are currently reviewing on the LST Employer list.

No update was given for the Borough Hall Audio System Project.

New Business

Resolution #1-2024 was presented, establishing a schedule of attorney fees was presented. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Rodney Koch to adopt the resolution. Motion carried; no opposed.

Secretary is currently contacting several attorneys to defend the Borough Council and work with Ed Fenton on the Ruckle Hill Solar 1 appeal.

Secretary reported a Planning Commission Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2024 to review the Vought Land Development plans.

Discussion was held regarding the spring project to pave E Rittenhouse Mill Road and Park Road. Council requested Jim Long to work with Steve Kehoe, PennDOT, on the paving project.

Correspondence

The 2024 Bidding Thresholds were presented to Council.

Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Bill Witner to adjourn. Motion carried. No further business was discussed. Meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Secretary
Briar Creek Borough