

**BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH**  
**January 2, 2024**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Harold Kershner called the meeting to order at 7PM. 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., David Kershner, W. Bruce Michael, E. James Seeley, Rodney Koch, and Bill Witner. Other officials present were Solicitor Barry Lewis, Emily Stefanowicz from Peters Consulting, and Secretary Carol Kieser. Absent: Ed Fenton, James Long, and Zoning Officer Larry Frace.

Citizens Present: Chase Milheim, John Trivelpiece, and Holli Trivelpiece.

Mayor Harold Kershner called for nominations for President of Council: Jim Seeley nominated W Bruce Michael. No other nominations received. Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Rodney Koch to close the nominations. Motion carried; all in favor.

Mayor Harold Kershner called for nominations for Vice-President of Council: Dave Kershner nominated E. James Seeley. No other nominations received. Dave Kershner/seconded Rodney Koch to close the nominations. Motion carried; all in favor.

Meeting turned over to President of Council, W. Bruce Michael.

Bruce Michael called for nominations for the President Pro Tem: Dave Kershner nominated Bill Witner. No other nominations received. Dave Kershner/seconded Jim Seeley to close the nominations. Motion carried; all in favor.

Other Appointments

Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Bill Witner to appoint Larry C Frace Inspections, LLC as Zoning and Codes Officer. Motion carried; all in favor.

Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Rodney Koch to appoint Peters Consulting as Borough Engineer with no rate increase from 2023 rates. Motion carried; all in favor.

Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Bill Witner to appoint Twin Oaks Consulting LLC as alternate engineer. Motion carried; all in favor.

Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Rodney Koch to retain Hummel, Lewis & Davidson, LLP as Borough Solicitor with no rate increase from the 2023 rates. Motion carried; all in favor.

Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Bill Witner to appoint Brior Environmental Services, Inc. as Sewage Enforcement Officer. Motion carried; all in favor.

Motion by Bill Witner/seconded Jim Seeley to appoint Tammy Trivelpiece as borough representative to the Berwick Area Swimming Pool Authority. Motion carried; all in favor.

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Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Bill Witner to appoint E James Seeley to the Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority Board. Motion carried; no opposed.

Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Rodney Koch to appoint Carol Kieser to the Columbia County Tax Collection Committee. Motion carried; no opposed.

Committees:

President Bruce Michael asked for any requests for changes on each of the committees. None were received. Committee appointments to remain the same:

Law and Finance – James Long, Ed Fenton, E. James Seeley.

Highways and Streets – James Long, David Kershner, and Ed Fenton.

Building and Grounds – E James Seeley, Bill Witner, and Rodney Koch.

Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Bill Witner to adjourn Reorganization Meeting and convene the January 2,2024 regular Council Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22PM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Carol A Kieser, Secretary