

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
April 24, 2024
WORK SESSION MINUTES

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

Present: W. Bruce Michael, Mayor Harold Kershner, E. James Seeley, David Kershner, Ed Fenton, Bill Witner, Solicitor Barry Lewis, Zoning Officers Larry Frace and Abigail Kurecian, and Borough Manager Carol Kieser. Absent: Jim Long, Rodney Koch, Tammy Trivelpiece, and Engineer.

Citizens present: John Trivelpiece, Holli Trivelpiece, Keith and Christy Kehl-Hess, and Jordan Smith.

Tammy Trivelpiece was absent. No Berwick Area Swimming Pool report was given.

Included in the packets for Council were the minutes of March 27 Work Session and April 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, and a list of bills to be paid.

No citizen's comments or complaints were received.

Proposed Ordinance #196-2024, Flood Plain Ordinance, was presented for public comment. No comments were received. Council held a discussion to revise and re-advertise the ordinance to repeal all prior ordinances relating to floodplain regulations. Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Bill Witner to authorize Attorney Barry Lewis to revise Ordinance #196-2024 to repeal the old flood plain ordinances and re-advertise for adoption at the May 29th work session. Motion carried; no opposed.

Jim Seeley reviewed the minutes of March 13, 2024 Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority and the Briar Creek Borough customer past due report. Discussion was held regarding South Center Township connecting to the BAJSA system, which would include upgrading the sewer lines and the pumps at the Briar Creek Pumpstation.

Old or Unfinished Business

Zoning Ordinance Text Changes – No update given.

An email containing the current LST list of active employers in the Briar Creek Borough was presented with an overview of the LST notices that Berkheimer sends for the delinquent collection process was included.

Zoning Fee Schedule - The draft zoning fee schedule was presented to Council. Council to review and report back with any additions or corrections.

New Business

Motion by Bill Witner/seconded Dave Kershner to authorize Rock Bottom Dirt Worx to remove fences, mailboxes, signs, etc. at the owner's expense, from the borough's right-of-way as an add-on to the E Rittenhouse Mill Road project. Roll call taken: Ed Fenton, yes; Jim Seeley, yes; Bill Witner, yes; Dave Kershner, yes; Bruce Michael, yes. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote. Secretary was authorized to issue a notice to proceed to Rock Bottom Dirt Worx.

Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Ed Fenton to extend the Winter Maintenance Contract for one year to Bob Vosburg, A Certified Arborist. Motion carried; no opposed.

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Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Bill Witner to authorize Carol Kieser to coordinate and pay the Berwick Area Swimming Pool for pool passes and swimming lessons until reimbursement is received from the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried; no opposed.

The quotes to power wash the borough building will be presented at the May 8th Council Meeting.

Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Ed Fenton to authorize the covid funds in the amount of \$6631 to be transferred into the general fund. Motion carried; no opposed.

Discussion was held to use the covid funds for stormwater inlet cleaning. Item will be put on the May 1 Council Meeting agenda.

Discussion was held to resurface Park Road and E Rittenhouse Mill Road. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Dave Kershner for the Highway and Streets Committee to contact Steve Kehoe, PennDOT Municipal Services Specialist, for a preliminary cost to resurface these roads. Motion carried; no opposed.

Discussion was held by Council regarding street sweeping. Secretary was asked to review the current street sweeping contract with Berwick Borough.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Borough Manager
Briar Creek Borough