

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
June 5, 2024
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

President of Council W. Bruce Michael called the meeting to order at 7PM. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, followed by a Moment of Silence.

Roll call of members was taken. Present: Mayor Harold Kershner, Jr., W Bruce Michael, E James Seeley, Ed Fenton, Dave Kershner, Rodney Koch, and Bill Witner. Other Officials present were Zoning Officer Larry Frace and Abigail Smith, Solicitor Barry Lewis, and Secretary Carol Kieser. Absent: Jim Long, Dave Kershner, and Engineer.

Citizen present: Jordan Smith, David DeHaven, Holli Trivelpiece, John Trivelpiece, and Keith Hess.

Minutes of the 04/24 work session, 05/01 regular council meeting, and the 05/15 Planning Commission Meeting were approved as recorded.

Citizen Comments and Complaints

There were no citizen comments or complaints received.

No Mayor's report was given.

Solicitor's report – Attorney Barry Lewis reported he has five samples of a camera policy. Council authorized him to draft a camera policy.

No Engineer's report was given.

Zoning Officer's Report - Larry Frace submitted the zoning report for the month of May 2024. A copy of the report is filed in the Borough Office.

- Two complaints were received for loud music and four-wheeler noise at 30 E Rittenhouse Mill Road. Discussion was held regarding Section 1105.6 of the Briar Creek Zoning Ordinance using commonly-accepted measurement equipment that meets the calibration requirements to measure noise.
- The drywell testing was performed by Chapin Sewage Disposal on Sunday, June 2 for the Taco Bell Development. Report has not been received and remaining contingency item is the Surety Bond before a construction permit will be issued.
- Letter was sent to Joel Vought on the requirements that need to be met before a zoning permit will be issued.

- A zoning application was received from Michael Knaus for two personal care homes on Rt 93. A letter of denial was sent to him outlining the items that are needed before the planning commission meeting can be scheduled.

Secretary's Report – List of bills, checking account balances and registers were presented. Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Bill Witner to approve the report and pay the invoices. Motion carried; no opposed.

Committee Reports

Law & Finance – No report given.

Highway and Streets –

Discussion was held to bid the project to mill and resurface Park Road and E Rittenhouse Mill Road. Poll of council members was taken and consensus was to move forward with the project. Ed Fenton will contact Steve Kehoe, PennDOT Municipal Services, for the specs for the project.

Inlet Cleaning: Secretary is still researching the files for the map showing the inlet locations.

Copy of the notes from the 29 May, PennDOT Meeting held May 29, 2024 to clarify right-of-way and signage along state routes in Columbia County was discussed. Copy of notes are filed in the borough office.

Buildings and Grounds –

The House Washers will be here to power wash the building on June 12, 2024.

Discussion was held by Council regarding PPL installing new utility poles and not removing the old ones. An email from Jonah Howe, PPL Regional Affairs Director, was read stating communication companies have an agreement to utilize PPL's utility poles, even if PPL replaces poles and relocates the electric lines. Communications companies can choose to remain on the old; or on their timeline to relocate their lines to the new poles. PPL will notify them and request them to move their lines to the new poles.

Old and Unfinished Business

Haza Bell Land Development - Drywell testing was performed on May 30, 2024 by Chapin Sewage Disposal. Peters Consultants will need to approve the test results. Attorney Lewis is still waiting for security bond information.

Secretary is continuing to work on the Fee Schedules for Zoning.

LST Employer Listing – No update was given.

No update was given on the Zoning Ordinance Text Changes.

New Business

Ed Fenton attended the Briar Creek Township meeting to discuss the Briar Creek Township/Briar Creek Borough Joint Property Maintenance Appeal Board. The appeal board is continuing to search for additional members.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Rodney Koch to donate \$250 to the Columbia County Traveling Library toward the cost to replace the generator.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser,
Secretary
Briar Creek Borough