

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
July 3, 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, 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: Ed Fenton and Engineer.

Citizen present: David DeHaven, Holli Trivelpiece, and John Trivelpiece.

Minutes of the 05/29 work session and 06/05/2024 regular council meeting were approved as recorded.

Citizen Comments and Complaints

Bill Witner requested the grass and weeds at the Bonanza property be mowed since the building has not yet been taken down to build the new Taco Bell. Jim Seeley will contact the owner of the property.

No Mayor's report was given.

Solicitor's Report – Still working on the security camera system policy.

Performance Bond was received from Haza Bell; however, it was not accepted and needed to be amended to meet the Solicitor's requirements. Attorney Barry Lewis noted that everything else has been received from Haza Bell.

Discussion was held regarding the financial security bond for May's Self Storage Development will be expiring. Peters Consultants are required to perform a final inspection, as-built plans need to be reviewed by engineer and submitted to the Borough, and a closing letter will be written by the engineer. Larry Frace reported he performed a final inspection and ADA requirements still need to be met.

No Engineer's report was given.

Zoning Officer's Report - Larry Frace submitted the zoning report for the month of June 2024. A copy of the report is filed in the Borough Office. Eight zoning permits were issued including one to Berk Homes for the construction of a new home on Village Lane (Lot 4 Suncrest Village). A complaint was received regarding the Berks property because a NPDES permit is required.

Report that Rick Smethers has people living in his house again was investigated.

The Floodplain Ordinance has been approved by FEMA and PEMA.

Jordan Smith is in violation of the floodplain ordinance. Jordan Smith is in the process of filing a LOMA-F for the property located off Welliver Road as fill has been deposited on that area.

An update to the zoning violations at Briar Creek Estates, Red Oaks, Davis, and Heritage Hills Mobile Home Courts was listed.

Four people are available for the BCT/BCB Joint Property Maintenance Appeal Board. Larry Frace will contact the attorney representing the party who filed the appeal.

Secretary's Report – Secretary reported the liquid fuels money has been received from PennDOT in the amount of \$24,561.72, bringing that account balance to \$15,024.75. Motion by Jim Long/seconded Jim Seeley to approve the secretary's report and pay the monthly invoices. Motion carried; no opposed.

Committee Reports

Law and Finance - Public works hours were presented for Jim Long, Jim Seeley, and Bill Witner. Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Rodney Koch to approve the hours for payment. Motion carried; no opposed.

Highways & Streets – No report was given to bid the Park Road & East Rittenhouse Mill Road resurfacing project. Ed Fenton was absent from the meeting.

The Borough Inlet Cleaning Project – Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Bill Witner to postpone the project until Fall. Motion carried; no opposed.

Motion by Jim Long/seconded Jim Seeley to reassign the Winter Maintenance Contract for one year to Ryan Beishline, B-Line Services, in lieu of Bob Vosburg leaving the area and selling his snow plowing equipment. Motion carried; no opposed. The remaining salt and sand will be moved to 406B Yost Hollow Road, Berwick. Larry Frace will inspect the storage area.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Seeley noted that bugs have been accumulating on the siding outside the front door. He suggested the borough purchase a bug zapper. A circuit will need to be installed.

Jim Seeley reported American Technology examined the cabinet for the security system recorder due to the system overheating. Jim Seeley will drill three holes and add screening to help with the ventilation for the equipment.

Jim Seeley recommended council look into purchasing a ring doorbell system for the front door. The old doorbell system has failed.

Old and Unfinished Business

The zoning fee schedule spreadsheet will be presented to council at the July 31, 2024 work session.

No update was given on the Zoning Ordinance Text Changes.

New Business

Jim Seeley requested authorization for the secretary to work more hours to sort thru old files and prepare for the Shred Day. Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Jim Long to allow the secretary to work as many as hours as needed to prepare for Shred Day. Motion carried/no opposed.

Motion by Jim Long/seconded Dave Kershner to adjourn. No further business and meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Secretary
Briar Creek Borough