

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
August 7, 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: W Bruce Michael, 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: Mayor Harold Kershner, E James Seeley, and Engineer.

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

Minutes of the 06/26 work session and 07/03/2024 regular council meeting were approved as recorded.

No Citizen Comments and Complaints were received.

Mayor was absent. No Mayor's report was given.

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Barry Lewis reported the security camera system policy has not been completed.

As discussed at the 07/31/24 work session, Haza Bell decided not to proceed with the escrow account to satisfy the financial security requirement of the developer's agreement. Haza Bell is working on obtaining a Letter of Credit from its lender.

Haza Bell Development plans need to be signed by the council members and the planning commission members.

No Engineer's report was given.

Zoning Officer's Report - Larry Frace submitted the zoning report for the month of July 2024. A copy of the report is filed in the Borough Office. Complaint was received about truck noise coming from the Smith Pipe property between 5-5AM. Another complaint was received regarding 30 E Rittenhouse Mill Road enlarging their parking lot without permits.

New Projects: New Maintenance Building is being proposed for the Dollar Tree Warehouse.

Jordan Smith is in violation of the floodplain ordinance. Jordan Smith has been depositing soil on his property located off Welliver Road and is in the process of filing a LOMA-F.

Secretary's Report –Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Dave Kershner to approve the secretary's report and pay the monthly invoices. Motion carried; no opposed.

Committee Reports

Law and Finance – Jim Long is reviewing the current LST from Berkheimer.

Highways & Streets – Bid Package is still pending from Steve Kehoe, PennDOT Municipal Services Specialist, for the Park Road/E Rittenhouse Mill Road Resurfacing Project.

Email received from Ryan Beishline, B-Line Services. EIN and insurance information has been received. Larry Frace will inspect the site where the remaining salt and sand will be stored. Product to be moved from Harold Kershner to his property on Yost Hollow Road.

A list of tree trimmer contractors has been given to Jim Long to contact for emergency tree service.

Buildings and Grounds – Rodney Koch updated Council on the schedule to replace the borough hall floor and install the new kitchen cabinets. Damage from the hot water leak is covered by borough insurance. Check in the amount of \$30,603.61 was received from the claim. Waiting on invoice from Servpro. Cabinets will be installed by Borough public works employees.

Old and Unfinished Business

The zoning fee schedule spreadsheet was presented to Council. Council members to review and make suggestions at the 08/28/2024 work session.

No update was given on the Zoning Ordinance Text Changes.

New Business

Minutes from the Home ARP Non-Congregate Shelter August 1, 2024 public hearing, held at the Mulberry Mill Community Services Hub, Bloomsburg, was discussed. Copy of the minutes is filed in the borough office. The Columbia County Commissioners intend to apply for an American Rescue Grant to create a shelter to temporarily

house and address barriers that created the homeless person's housing crisis. Perspective residents will be screened to make sure they do not pose a danger to others in the shelter or the surrounding community. The 20-bed shelter, including two rooms with four beds each for families, two rooms with two beds each, and eight single-bed units, would be constructed on the 3-acre property, currently owned by Weis Markets, located between Briar Creek Plaza and Design Group. Positive feedback was received from Council.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Jim Long to adjourn. No further business and meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Secretary
Briar Creek Borough