President of Council 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, James Long, Dave Kershner, and Bill Witner. Other officials present: Secretary Carol Kieser. Absent: Mayor Harold Kershner, E James Seeley, Ed Fenton, Rodney Koch, Zoning Officers Larry Frace and Abigail Smith, Solicitor Barry Lewis, and Engineer.

Citizen present: David DeHaven, Tammy and John Trivelpiece, and Keith Hess.

Minutes of the 12/04/2024 regular council meeting were approved as recorded.

No citizen comments on the agenda items were received.

Citizen Complaints
Dave DeHaven reported that trash is blowing onto neighboring properties from Sheetz. Sheetz will be contacted.

Berwick Area Swimming Pool – Tammy Trivelpiece
Minutes and Treasurer's Report from the 11/13/2024 meeting were presented and discussed. Under new business the schedule of 2025 fundraising and activities were listed. Copy of the report will be filed in the Borough Office.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Harold Kershner was absent and no report was given.

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Barry Lewis
Attorney Barry Lewis was absent and no report was given. Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Bill Witner to retain Hummel, Lewis and Davidson for 2025 legal services. Motion carried/no opposed.

Engineer's Report
An email from Peters Consultants was read to update Council on the Haza Bell and Comcast Data Center projects.
- Haza Bell – Contractor John Booras confirmed an additional fence panel will be installed.
- Comcast Data Center – Maicom Regional Manager, Bradley Waltermyer, will be working directly with Borough Solicitor Barry Lewis on the Developers Agreement and Bond.

Request from Peters Consultants was received to retain them for 2025 engineering services. Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Jim Long to retain Peter Consultants for 2025 engineering services. Motion carried; no opposed.

Zoning Officer's Report – Larry Frace
Zoning Officer was absent and an emailed report from Larry Frace was reviewed. A copy of the report will be filed in the Borough Office.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report
Invoices were presented for payment. Motion by Jim Long/seconded Bill Witner to approve invoices for payment.

Resolution No. 4 of 2025, Amending Fee Schedules, was presented. Motion by Dave Kershner/seconded Bill Witner to adopt the resolution. Roll call was taken: Bill Witner, yes; Dave Kershner, yes; Jim Long, yes; Bruce Michael, yes. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports
Law and Finance – No Report.

Highways and Streets – Berm issues on Briar Creek roads were discussed. Will be discussed further and repaired during the Spring.

Buildings and Grounds – M&M CarpetOne has been contacted to repair the floor coming loose on the entire right side of the room, starting under the map cabinet.

Columbia County Tax Collection Committee – Carol Kieser read a letter from the CCTCC regarding poor attendance by delegates at the yearly meeting. The CCTCC has scheduled a zoom meeting for 5PM on January 15 2025.

Old or Unfinished Business – No old business was discussed.

New Business
Request from Brior Environmental Services to appoint their firm as 2025 SEO. Motion by Jim Long/seconded Dave Kershner to appoint Brior Environmental for 2025 SEO services

<u>Correspondence</u>
PennDOT office will be closed for facilities updates and will be operating remotely from December 30, 2024 thru February 23, 2026.

The 2025 bidding thresholds will increase effective January 1, 2025.

<u>Open Floor for New Business</u>
Discussion was held regarding how the current winter maintenance subcontractor is treating the roads during bad weather.

No further business and meeting was adjourned at 7:37PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Secretary
Briar Creek Borough