

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
March 26, 2025
Work Session Minutes

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

Present: Bruce Michael, E. James Seeley, Ed Fenton, Dave Kershner, and Rodney Koch. Other officials present: Solicitor Barry Lewis, Tammy Trivelpiece, and Borough Manager Carol Kieser. Absent: Mayor Harold Kershner, Jim Long, Bill Witner, Zoning Officers, and Engineer

Citizens present: John Trivelpiece, Holli Trivelpiece, Keith Hess and Andrew Barton (Livic Civil).

Meeting was turned over to Andrew Baron, Engineer from Livic Civil, to discuss the proposed Rt 11/Giant Traffic Signal project. Discussion was held regarding the available grants, application deadlines, and engineering services for grant writing.

PennDOT will be accepting applications for the 2025 Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Funding Program from June 1st through June 30th, 2025. The 2025 program will prioritize safety enhancements. The pre-application scoping form is due April 28, 2025.

Green Light-Go Program is a competitive state grant program designed to improve the efficiency and operation of existing traffic signals located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Green Light-Go Program is a reimbursement grant program and applicants are required to provide a minimum 20% match. Deadline to submit Pre-application scoping forms are due November 2025 for current grant program.

The Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of the commonwealth.

Applications for the Multimodal Transportation Fund are accepted annually between March 1 and July 31. Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development.

Berwick Area Swimming Pool – Tammy Trivelpiece reported on the 03/12/2025 Ber Vaughn Pool Board meeting. A copy of the minutes and financial report is filed in the borough office.

Citizen Comments or Complaints – John Trivelpiece reported, for the record, rags and chemicals were being burned on the Smith Pipe property. Larry Frace was contacted.

Secretary's Report – Carol Kieser

Included in the packets for Council were minutes from the 02/26 Work Session and 03/05/2025 Council Meeting, and a list of bills for approval.

BAJSA – Jim Seeley

Minutes of the 02/12/2025 sewer authority meeting, the Briar Creek Borough past due list, and checking account balances were submitted to Council. A copy of the minutes is filed in the borough office.

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Barry Lewis

Ordinance 199-2025 to repeal Ord #197-2024, Eliminating Code Appeals Relating to the Regulation of Mobile Home Parks, has been advertised for April 5, 2025 enactment.

New Leaf Ruckle Hill Solar Project – Discussion was held regarding the Developers Agreements and the letter of credit. Council is ok with two Developers Agreements and one joint letter of credit (BCT and BCB).

Old Business or Unfinished Business

Rt 11/Giant Traffic Signal – Secretary to contact Matt Swartz, PennDOT, for information on available grants.

A First Aid Class has been set for April 8, 2025, starting at 6PM. Invitation to attend the training will be extended to the Berwick Area Swimming g Pool personnel, Prime Time, and the Borough Planning and Zoning Boards.

BCT/BCB Property Maintenance Appeal Board – Briar Creek Township is continuing to search for one more resident who would be willing to serve on the appeal board. The Township has approved Greg Ash for the board.

The Park Road/E Rittenhouse Mill Road Resurfacing Project – Jim Seeley reported the Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority will coordinate with Big Rock Paving to cutout and raise the manholes. The contractor, Eric Wetzel, will contact Ed Fenton to review the project.

New Business

No new business.

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PennDOT District 3 has scheduled a County Maintenance Outreach Program for Wednesday, April 30, 2025 to discuss municipal services, traffic signs, winter services, etc. Council authorized Jim Seeley and Carol Kieser to attend.

Note from Prime-Time. Kids have been learning how to serve others in their neighborhood. They cleaned up trash on the hill and around the building and parking lot. In appreciate for the Borough providing a safe and welcoming classroom, they provided refreshments for this council meeting and would like to thoroughly clean the floor.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Rodney Koch to adjourn. No further business and meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser
Borough Manager
Briar Creek Borough