

## **BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH**

**June 25, 2025**

### **Work Session Minutes**

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

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

Citizens present: John Trivelpiece, Holli Trivelpiece Bea Long, and Lorraine Definnis.

Berwick Area Swimming Pool – Tammy Trivelpiece reported on the 06/11/2025 Ber Vaughn Pool Board meeting. New board member, Jodi Bankes, joined. A copy of the minutes and financial report is filed in the borough office.

Citizen Comments or Complaints – John Trivelpiece commented on the berm that was placed during the resurfacing of E Rittenhouse Mill Road in his mailbox area needs additional stone to prevent a tripping hazard. John Trivelpiece stated he would be glad to take care of the area. Jim Long, member of the Highways and Streets Committee will take a look at the area.

Lorraine Definnis questioned who owns the road from Front Street into BerVaughn Park because this heavily traveled road needs repair. Attorney Lewis will research ownership for next council meeting.

#### Secretary's Report – Carol Kieser

Included in the packets for Council were minutes from the 05/28 Work Session and 06/04/2025 Council Meeting, a list of bills for approval, and a spreadsheet reporting the Borough's cost to respond to the numerous Right-to-Know requests received.

#### BAJSA – Jim Seeley

The 05/14/2025 Minutes and past due delinquent customer list was discussed. A copy of the minutes and past due report is filed in the borough office.

#### Solicitor's Report – Attorney Barry Lewis

Ruckle Hill Solar Farm Documents – No update.

Suncrest Village Property Deeds (Swale Issue) – Jim Long brought to the Council's attention that, upon transfer of the lots, Berks Homes has failed to include the required deed restriction language on the deeds of those affected properties. Motion by Jim Long/seconded Bill Witner to authorize the Solicitor to write a letter to Berks Homes requesting them to prepare and record Corrective Deeds, which will include the restrictive language. Motion carried; no opposed.

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Security Camera Policy and Procedures – A draft of the guidelines was presented to Council for review.

Vought Collection Efforts – No report given.

#### Old or Unfinished Business

Park Road/E Rittenhouse Mill Road Resurfacing Project – Jim Long reported that he walked and inspected the entire road that Big Rock Paving resurfaced, finding no issues.

Winter Maintenance Contract – Add to 07/02/2025 Council Meeting agenda.

#### New Business

Engineering Question for Council regarding Ash Alley – Engineer requested information on the unpaved, unopened section of Ash Alley going to Front Street, east to the road which Maicom is building on (Brianna Way). Council suggested that engineering reach out to the sewer authority to see if there is a sewer easement in that area.

House Bill to Mitigate Duplicative Utility Pole Usage – Jim Long has been in contact with State Representative Robert Leadbeter concerning the unused utility poles that are still installed in the borough. Representative Leadbeter emailed Jim Long a copy of HB1619 for removal of damaged or replaced unused utility poles which is being considered by the House of Representatives.

Correspondence regarding the proposed Columbia County Homeless Shelter was discussed.

Information from SEDA-COG website design and hosting was presented.

#### Open Floor for New Business

No new business was received.

Motion by Jim Long/seconded Dave Kershner to adjourn. No further business and meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser  
Borough Manager  
Briar Creek Borough