

**BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
JUNE 1, 2016 REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by E. James Seeley at 7:00 P.M.

Members of Council present were Emery Seeley, Jennifer Kulesza, E. James Seeley, James Long, David Kershner, and Mayor Vernel Creveling. Zoning Officer Ronald Bogart and Secretary Amy Evans were present as well. Council Members Ed Fenton and W. Bruce Michael and Junior Council Members Casey Curtin and Ronald Parker were not in attendance.

Citizen Linda Reinhardt was also in attendance.

The minutes of the Council Meeting of May 4, 2016 and the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of April 27, 2016 were approved as written.

The Borough Solicitor made a request for more information regarding the zoning ordinances for the Borough and regarding ownership of some of the properties in the Borough.

The Engineer reported that he with a gentleman regarding the installation of a driveway on Ruckle Hill Road.

Zoning Officer Ronald Bogart reported that four permits were issued in May; three peddler's permits and one demolition permit. Ronald also reported that he received a call from a mobile home resident regarding the condition of their home. He contacted the owner regarding the matter. Ronald also received a call regarding mold in a mobile home to which Ronald reported the circumstances to the Borough Solicitor. All necessary reports have been completed and submitted. Ronald visited Whitenight's Auto Repair regarding information about the paint fumes complaint. Mr. Whitenight received six visits from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and he informed Ronald that his attorney is now handling the issue but that he would keep Ronald informed of any changes.

E. James Seeley requested that Ronald have more people use the complaint forms so that the Borough has records concerning complaints.

Ronald received a complaint form regarding excessively high grass at 2020 Orchard Way. Ronald contacted the bank that owns the property.

Mayor Creveling announced that the Berwick Area Drug Alliance will meet June 13 at 6:00 PM at the McBride Library where Berwick Police Chief, Ken Strish will discuss the Innovative Police Program. The Berwick Area Crime Watch will hold its meeting also on June 14 at 6:00 PM at Berwick Borough .

Mayor Creveling discussed the Columbia County Police Scanner on FaceBook where he heard about a drug bust on Chestnut Street where drugs, weapons and police vests were confiscated.

The Mayor also informed Council that an officer from the PA State Police barracks will be coming to Prime Time to visit with the children and build a rapport with them on Thursday at 4:00 PM.

Mayor Creveling announced that there was a robbery in the Borough where thousands were stolen, there were four altercation and harassments and that Dollar General was robbed and requested that Council think about whether local police could help.

The Borough Secretary, Amy Evans, presented Council with all financial reports and made a request to pay the bills.

On motion of Emery Seeley, and seconded by Jennifer Kulesza, with the rest of Council in agreement, Council accepted the Secretary's report and agreed to pay the bills as presented.

The Law and Finance Committee requested that the Borough Secretary keep a separate file for the zoning violation issues in order to easily track the costs to the Borough, including hours spent working on the issues.

Jennifer Kulesza mentioned that when Council puts a fence up at the Borough Building, the PA State Police would not be able to see the mobile home park from the Borough Building.

W. Bruce Michael arrived at the meeting at 7:30 PM.

The Highway and Streets Committee reported that some shoulder work still needs to be completed and that there is a drain that needs to be repaired.

The Building and Grounds Committee reported that the fence installation will take about four to six weeks to start because the color of the slats needed to be ordered.

It was also reported that Jason Blenis will spray the ivy two feet to the fence. The Building and Grounds Committee will coordinate the tree removal and fence installation.

W. Bruce Michael expressed concern over a weak spot in the floor in the Borough Hall. Emery Seeley will investigate and repair whatever is necessary.

James Long reported that there is no water in the pool yet but that it is getting close to completion.

James Seeley reported that the Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority had a walk through Thursday evening with the Board Members at the plant.

James Long informed Mr. Seeley that the pool will not be installing a meter due to it being too expensive and not accurate.

James Seeley stated that BAJSA now has a season use amendment that would require an inspection when the season has ended. The customer would not be charged when they are not using water however, this option is for businesses only, not for residences.

Secretary Amy Evans had nothing to report from the Columbia County Tax Committee.

The Borough Secretary and Jennifer Kulesza will be attending the MS 4 Workshop in July.

The Borough Secretary provided Council with a copy of the MS 4 Needs Assessment that was submitted to the County.

Council discussed Resolution 1 of 2016 that assigns the Borough Secretary and the Law and Finance Committee Members as the confidential informants to Berkheimer.

On motion of Jennifer Kulesza, and seconded by Emery Seeley, with the rest of Council in agreement, the Borough adopted Resolution 1 of 2016 that assigns the Borough Secretary and the members of the Law and Finance Committee as the Confidential Informants on behalf of the Borough with Berkheimer.

On motion of James Long, and seconded by Jennifer Kulesza, with the rest of Council in agreement, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Amy Evans
Borough Secretary