

**BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
FEBRUARY 24, 2016 WORK SESSION**

The work session was called to order by W. Bruce Michael at 7:00 P.M.

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

Council discussed quotes received for weed control in the Borough. Council will consider the quotes at the next Council Meeting.

Council discussed pricing on a shed for the Borough as well as the different options and the location where it should be placed. The Building and Grounds Committee will choose the specifications and obtain pricing on that particular shed.

Council discussed the Week of Caring event that has been arranged by the Berwick Area United Way. Jennifer Kulesza suggested that volunteers may want to consider cleaning rubbish from a strip of land between Berwick Offray and Giant. Jennifer will contact the property owner for permission to be on the property for that purpose. The Borough Secretary will invite a representative from the Berwick Area United Way to discuss the Week of Caring at the next Council Meeting.

Council discussed rules for the maintenance and disposal of Borough records.

Emery Seeley discussed the security cameras that have be installed in the Borough Hall, office and parking lot.

Mayor Creveling provided copies of the Prime Time After School Program information sheet to Council. In addition, Mayor Creveling discussed the Borough Facebook page.

The Borough Secretary informed Council that Dollar Tree Warehouse is in the process of obtaining signs that inform truck drivers that there is a five minute idle rule in effect.

Mayor Creveling informed Council that there are still fumes at Park and Front Street coming from Whitenight's garage. Ron Bogart stated that he began discussing the issue with the owner on October 23, 2015. The Mayor also notified the Department of Environmental Protection and they will also be investigating the issue.

Council discussed ordinance violations in the Lark Drive and Sparrow Drive mobile home parks.

Council will review minutes and the list of bills to be paid to consider for the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Creveling discussed the Community Rating System and how it can benefit the citizens who are required to maintain flood insurance on their properties.

Mayor Creveling, Jennifer Kulesza and Ed Fenton attended a meeting held by the Columbia County Commission concerning MS4. Ed Fenton explained some of the requirements the Borough may face in the near future with regards to runoff into the creeks and streams in the Borough.

The Borough Secretary will attend a training on Costars and State purchasing contracts on May 29, 2016.

Mayor Creveling reported to Council that he was contacted by Ed Scandle concerning water ponding after heavy rains on Ash Alley. He requested that Council investigate a way to send that water to the drain. Emery Seeley explained that the Borough Engineer investigated that issue in the past and determined that there is not enough of a pitch for pipes to send the water to the drain. Council discussed the option of a drywell and determined that Ed Scandle would need to allow the Borough an easement in order to consider that option which can cost \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Council discussed drainage issues with a drywell that is owned by Don Bower located and Route 11 and Commerce Drive.

Mayor Creveling requested that Council keep thinking about a local police presence in the Borough for discussion in January of 2017. James Long reminded the Mayor that local business owners pay taxes to the Borough but would have an opportunity to vote given a referendum on a ballot.

Mayor Creveling requested that Council call an executive session to discuss the Borough Secretary's salary.

On motion of Ed Fenton, and seconded by James Long, with the rest of Council in agreement, Council went in to an Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

No minutes were taken during the Executive Session.

With no further business, the Work Session adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Amy Evans
Borough Secretary