

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
JUNE 29, 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, David Kershner, E. James Seeley, W. Bruce Michael, and Mayor Vercel Creveling. Secretary Amy Evans and Zoning Officer Ronald Bogart were present as well. Junior Council members Casey Curtin and Ronald Parker were not in attendance.

Citizen Linda Reinhardt was in attendance as well as James Shotwell from the Berwick Area Boat Club.

Mr. Shotwell address Council requesting Council consider leasing the Borough owned property known as the "Hess" property to the Berwick Area Boat Club for recreational purposes over the long term. Uses may include camping, trails and a possible boat dock.

The Borough Secretary will review the FEMA/PEMA agreement for the property and the deed for use restrictions and will have the information available for Council to review at the next Work Session meeting.

James Shotwell added that the recent Berwick Area Regatta was the largest event yet with 68 boats registered to race.

The Borough Secretary opened the only bid that was received for the Borough's 2017-2018 winter maintenance from R. J. Blenis Excavating, currently under contract for the 2016 winter maintenance.

On motion of W. Bruce Michael, seconded by Jennifer Kulesza and with the rest of Council in agreement, the winter maintenance contract for the 2017-2018 will be postponed until the next Council Meeting to allow for time for the Borough Secretary to supply the previous contract information to Council.

Council reviewed an Ordinance that makes changes to the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance that was adopted in 2008. Council will review the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code for additional changes that should be added to the Ordinance prior to consideration.

Council discussed the need for an International Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board. The Borough Secretary will send letters to Briar Creek Township and Berwick Borough to request use of their UCC Boards for the Borough's appeals.

Council discussed proceeding with a condemning a property in the Borough does not comply with the International Property Maintenance Code. The Zoning Officer and Borough Secretary will send notice to the property owners, tenants, Council and Borough Solicitor regarding the intentions of condemning the property.

Council reviewed a Resolutions appointing Joseph Riggio to the Zoning Commission.

On motion of Ed Fenton, seconded by James Seeley and with the rest of Council in agreement, a Resolution appointing Joseph Reggio to the Zoning Commission is accepted.

Council reviewed a request for the use of the Borough Hall for a men's group to meet each Monday and Thursday evening from 7:00 P. M. to 8:30 P. M.

Council reviewed the list of bills provided by the Borough Secretary.

Emery Seeley will spray the poison ivy on the Borough property.

The Borough Secretary provided Council with meeting minutes from the previous Council Meeting and Work Session for review.

Council reviewed the Department of Environmental Protection findings concerning a complaint of fumes coming from Whitenight Auto Body as well as the International Property Maintenance Code concerning odors.

Emery Seeley informed Council that R. J. Blenis Excavating will start mowing the shoulders along the roads next week.

Council discussed an issue of tall grass on a property that is believed to be leased by Penn DOT in the Borough. The Borough Secretary will contact Penn DOT concerning the issue.

Jennifer Kulesza discussed peddlers in the Borough that do not have a permit as well as drug addicts gathering in the mobile home park.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 P. M.

Respectfully,
Amy Evans
Borough Secretary