

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
August 26, 2026
Work Session Minutes

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

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

Citizens present: John and Tammy Trivelpiece.

Citizen Comments or Suggestions – No comments were received.

BASP – Tammy Trivelpiece presented the 08/12/26 financial report and meeting minutes. Grants awarded from Amazon and Walmart will provide swim lessons and to construct a pavilion. Association is applying for a grant from Amazon to install solar panels in the open field in place of the valley ball net. Copy of the report is filed in the borough office.

Secretary's Report – Carol Kieser

Included in the packets for Council were minutes from the 07/29 Work Session and 08/05/2026 Council Meeting, List of Invoices and an updated R-T-K Register.

BAJSA – Jim Seeley

July 8, 2026 minutes, past due customer list, and trial balance was submitted. Discussion was held in regard to BAJSA funding South Centre for their sewer project. Copy of the report is filed in the borough office.

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Rob Davidson

Sheetz Store Rebuild Project – No updated report.

Ordinance 202-2026, Amend Chapter 27 of the Zoning Ordinance – Changes recommended by the Planning Commission have been received. Document will be updated and provided at the 09/02 Regular Council Meeting.

Ordinance 203-2026 to Increase Council and Mayor Compensation has been advertised to enact at the 09/02 Regular Council Meeting.

Premises Rental Agreement – Draft copy with revisions was distributed to Council for their review.

Old or Unfinished Business

BCT/BCB Stormwater Project –No update given.

New Business

Steep Bank Mowing – Verbal estimate was received from Mike Winder to rent the equipment needed to mow the banks along Borough roads: \$500/day, \$2000/week, or \$6000/month.

A proposal to provide Briar Creek Borough with police coverage was received from Berwick Borough. Estimate was based on full, 24-hour coverage, seven days a week, at an anticipated cost of \$140,000 to \$190,000 a year.

Contact was made with Briar Creek Township Police Chief Cunningham and the Board of Supervisors are discussing their proposal. Proposal is expected to be submitted for the 09/02/2026 Regular Council Meeting.

South Centre Police Department responded they are not able to offer any contractual police service to the Briar Creek Borough.

Council held a discussion in regard to the amount of tax increase to sustain the police coverage and would create a burden on the tax payers of the Borough. Currently tax rate is 3.629/mills and it was estimated the taxes would need to be increased to approximately 10/mills.

Holli Trivelpiece questioned who owns the Rt. 11 traffic signal. The Borough's ownership and their maintenance agreement with Giant was discussed. Holli Trivelpiece will continue to research a grant to replace the existing traffic signal.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Long/seconded Bill Witner. No further business was discussed and meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser
Borough Manager
Briar Creek Borough