

BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
June 24, 2026
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, Ed Fenton, Rodney Koch, and Holli Trivelpiece. Other officials present: Solicitor Rob Davidson, Borough Manager Carol Kieser. Absent: Bill Witner, Zoning Officers, and Engineer.

Citizens present: John and Tammy Trivelpiece.

Citizen Comments or Suggestions – No comments were received.

Secretary's Report – Carol Kieser

Included in the packets for Council were minutes from the 05/27 Work Session and 06/03/2026 Council Meeting, List of Invoices, and updated R-T-K Register.

Codify Ordinances – General Code acknowledged receipt of ordinances and are starting initial phase of the project by reviewing key points.

Website Design – Josh Switzer of NEPA Technologies is continuing to add information when received from Borough. Holli Trivelpiece requested the Borough sign be changed to reflect the new website address.

BAJSA – Jim Seeley

May 13, 2026 report was submitted. Copy of the report is filed in the borough office.

Joinder Agreement for South Centre Township to join BAJSA was presented. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Rodney Koch to sign the document. Motion carried; no opposed.

Resolution 6-2026, BAJSA Redeveloped Local Limits was presented. Motion by Holli Trivelpiece/seconded Jim Long to adopt the resolution. Motion carried; no opposed.

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Rob Davidson

Road Security Bond for Ruckle Hill Road Solar Project – Amount of bond has been agreed upon by Engineer and Borough Council. Awaiting receipt of the security bond.

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A Right-to-Know request was received for Briar Creek Township police department information. This RTK was not responded to by the Briar Creek Borough Open Records Officer and the requester appealed it to the PA Office of Open Records. It was found the original request was delivered to the Borough spam folder and was overlooked. Attorney Davidson will respond to the appeal.

Zoning for Data Centers – Need Planning Commission to determine zoning in Briar Creek Borough for a data center use.

Resolution 7-2026, Social Media Resolution, was presented. Motion by Jim Long/seconded Jim Seeley to adopt the resolution and designate Carol Kieser and Holli Trivelpiece as users. Motion carried; no opposed.

Ownership of Rt. 11 Entrance to BerVaughn Park – Research is ongoing to find deeds and maps showing the area.

Old or Unfinished Business

BCT/BCB Stormwater Project –No update given.

Park Road Tree Trimming – Email was received from Matt Correll, Operations Manager for Tomassacci Tree. Discussion was held regarding the upcharge from the original contract price of \$7500 to \$10,000 to trim the trees since the leaves are now on the trees. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Rodney Koch to not accept the upcharge on the contract and authorize Jim Seeley to contact Tomassacci to discuss holding the contract price until Fall. Motion carried; no opposed.

New Business

Local Police Coverage – Jim Long and Bruce Michael met with the Berwick Borough Manager and Police Chief to discuss attaining police coverage for the Briar Creek Borough from the Berwick Police Department. Berwick Borough recommended full time coverage at the same rate per capita.

A proposal will be requested from Briar Creek Township and South Centre for part time police coverage. Further discussion was held regarding the impact on tax milage and businesses.

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Discussion was held to increase borough council and mayor compensation. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Holli Trivelpiece to authorize Attorney Davidson to prepare an Ordinance to set the compensation thru Act 131. Roll call: Jim Long, yes; Rodney Koch, yes; Jim Seeley, yes, Bruce Michael, yes; Holli Trivelpiece, yes. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Correspondence

Berkheimer report on EIT delinquent residents and collections.

Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant Program is now open.

Motion by Jim Long/seconded Jim Seeley to adjourn. Motion carried. No further business was discussed and meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser
Borough Manager
Briar Creek Borough