BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH
September 2, 2026
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

President W Bruce Michael called the meeting to order at 7PM. The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag was recited, followed by a Moment of Silence.

Roll call of Council Members was taken. Present: Mayor Harold Kershner, Jr., W. Bruce Michael, E. James Seeley, James Long, Ed Fenton, Rodney Koch, Bill Witner, and Holli Trivelpiece. Other officials present were Solicitor Rob Davidson, Zoning Officers Larry Frace and Abigail Smith, and Secretary Carol Kieser.

Citizens Present: Keith Hess, Dave DeHaven, John Trivelpiece, Jen and Scott Berlin, and Paul Brennan.

Citizens: Keith Hess noted the Borough website is still not mobile phone user friendly. Problem is you cannot scroll thru the site to find the agenda. Secretary to contact NEPA Securities.

No Mayor's report was given.

No Engineer's Report was given.

Solicitor's Report –Atty. Rob Davidson
Ordinance 202-2026 – Recommendation from Planning Commission were amended into the document. John Trivelpiece will distribute copies to Planning Commission members. Next step is for Council to authorize document be provided to Columbia County Planning Commission.

Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Rodney Koch to adopt Ordinance #203-2026, Adopt Act 131 to increase maximum allowable compensation for Borough Officials. Roll call: Jim Seeley, yes; Jim Long, yes; Ed Fenton, yes; Rodney Koch, yes; Bill Witner, yes; Holli Trivelpiece, yes; Bruce Michael, yes. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

Sheetz Store Rebuild Project Waivers – No update.

BCB Premises Rental Agreement – Council members discussed the pavilion rental fee. Consensus of members was to not charge a fee to use the pavilion. Document to be presented at the 09/30 work session for action.

CSG Homeless Shelter – Attorney Davidson disclosed an attorney with MPL Law Firm is an attorney working with the CSG Homeless Shelter project. Attorney Davidson is waiting for cost estimate for the security bond.

Zoning Officer's Report – Larry Frace presented and discussed the August 2026 report including zoning and construction permits. Copy of the report is filed in Borough office.

Rodney Koch asked for an update relating to a trailer in the Briar Creek Estates MHP. Discussion followed in regard to the MHP owners not following the MHP ordinance by not having an extermination when a trailer is vacant or before occupancy, transferring ownership of units with unpaid taxes due, and the difficulty of locating the trailer titles. Larry Frace noted he cannot discuss specific details related to legal issues.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Motion by Jim Long/seconded Holli Trivelpiece to pay the invoices and accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried; no opposed.

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Committee Reports

Law and Finance – Jim Long reported CD #3467 and #4131 will be maturing on 09/23/2026. Motion by Ed Fenton/Jim Long to roll these CD's over for a 180-day term. Motion carried; no opposed.

Highways and Streets – Council discussed the storm damage which occurred in Briar Crest from the 08/27 rain event of approximately 5 inches of rain. The boundary between the Briar Creek Township and Briar Creek Borough crosses thru Briar Crest Development and Council authorized Atty Davidson to draft a letter to Tom Frace, BC Township Manager, to start communication between the Township and Borough for a Intermunicipal Government Agreement. In the meantime, Council was polled for individual consent to clean out the 250' ditch line. Don E Bower will be contacted to perform the work thru the emergency maintenance contract with the Borough.

Buildings and Grounds – No report.

New Business

Public works timesheet for Jim Long was presented. Motion by Jim Seeley/seconded Holli Trivelpiece to approve for payment. Motion carried/no opposed.

The CSG Homeless Development Plans were submitted for signature. Plans were approved by Council at 08/05/2026 regular council meeting.

Police Coverage Proposals – Briar Creek Township Police submitted a proposal to perform police services equivalent to their contract with North Centre Township. Annual cost for 2026 would be $136,306, at a monthly cost of $11,359. Council held a discussion how increased property taxes from the current 3.629 mills to a rate of 9.729 mills to fund the police coverage would impact the Borough.

No further information was received from Mike Winder to mow the steep banks along Borough roads. Jim Long will contact Mike Winder for additional information.

Resolution #8-2026, Act 537 Plan Revision for South Centre Township, was presented. Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Jim Seeley to sign the adopt the resolution. Motion carried; no opposed.

Motion by Ed Fenton/seconded Jim Long to adjourn. No further business was discussed and meeting was adjourned at 8:21PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A Kieser, Secretary
Briar Creek Borough