

BRIAR CREEK TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Supervisors Meeting

May 6, 2024, at 7:00PM

Briar Creek Township Municipal Building, 150 Municipal Rd., Berwick, PA 18603, Columbia County, PA

The Meeting of the Supervisors of Briar Creek Township, Columbia County, PA was held at the Township Municipal Building on April 1st at 7:00 PM. Present were the following: Supervisors C. Fisher, M. Sitler, J. Gallagher, D. Sarge, P. Leighow, Road Master S. Rauch, Police Chief T. Frace, and Zoning/Codes Official L. Frace, Secretary/Treasurer S. Johnson, Solicitor B. Lewis. Residents – Carl Bloom Jr., Joan Guinther, Don Bowers, John Snyder.

AGENDA & MINUTES

- Call Meeting to Order by C. Fisher at 7 PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance was completed by all present
- Public Participation (limited to 5 minutes per person; inappropriate language will not be tolerated)
 - Carl Bloom Well Concerns at Briar Crest Development
 - Joan Guinther Neighbors Property on 6th Avenue, Handicap Sign, Potholes
 - Don Bowers Parking Issues on Barbara Lane near cul-de-sac
 - John Snyder CCCD 2 Hatman's Court Update
- Announcements
- Pass the minutes from the following meetings:
 - 01APR2024 Supervisors Meeting
 - J. Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of 01APR2024. P. Leighow seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
 - 04APR2024 Emergency Meeting
 - M. Sitler made a motion to approve the minutes of 04APR2024. J. Gallagher seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Health Insurance Renewal for Geisinger & Highmark Vision is due. Geisinger rates have dropped for individual employees by -\$200.57 and for family by -\$603.82. Highmark Vision rate is going up by +\$1.42 per eligible employee.
 - M. Sitler made a motion to stay with the plans we have. D. Sarge seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
 - Received audit bill from Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates, P.C. in the amount of \$3835.00. As a result of the auditor costing us \$1900.00 in addition to fixing and updating the Township with a QuickBooks rebuild and Chart of Accounts the Board of Supervisors are questioning the bill. A letter will need to be submitted to the solicitor before being mailed to the auditor with a check for half of the bill.
 - J. Gallagher made a motion to pay half the auditor bill and include with it a letter signed by the supervisors requesting an explanation of why there were such discrepancies. M. Sitler seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 5 of 2024 – Establishing Investment Opportunities with PLGIT
 - D. Sarge made a motion to accept Resolution 5 of 2024. J. Gallagher seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 6 of 2024 – Declaration of Disaster Emergency Lower Hilltop Road
 - J. Gallagher made a motion that we accept Resolution 6 of 2024. D. Sarge seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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- Motion to approve Ordinance 1 of 2024 - Cable Franchise repealing Ordinance 4-2014
 - J. Gallagher made a motion to accept Ordinance 1 of 2024. M. Sitler seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- Auditor Pay Increase – The Governor signed a law to allow Townships the option to pay their elected auditors an hourly pay of up to \$18 per hour. If approved a resolution will need to be put into place. This doesn't have to be advertised. It can be done at any time by Resolution.
- Police Report
 - Officer Morris and Officer Shaffer needed short-sleeved shirts ordered \$214.96.
 - Restocked on disposable gloves from DASH gloves \$92.00.
 - AXON Enterprises for purchase of the body cameras and car cameras for \$74,845.36. This amount was received through a grant. Reimbursement for the expense was received 06May2024.
 - AXON Enterprises billed us for miscellaneous equipment for new vests and some holsters \$411.90 which was paid for through the Police donation fund.
 - AXON Enterprises 2024 Officer Safety Plan \$3970.57 which was paid through Police Donation fund.
 - Axon Enterprises \$495.00 for an instructor course that never got paid for last summer So we got the bill again.
- Maintenance Report
- BAJSA Report
 - No Report Available
- Sewer Enforcement Report
 - No activity in April 2024
- Zoning & Codes Report
- Planning Commission Report
- Fire Company Report
- Present Bills for Payment: Check #s (24845) to (#update at meeting)/Electronic Payments 16APR2024 through 06MAY2024.
- Correspondence
- Ongoing Business
 - Blight Property
- New Business
 - Proposal to use ARP money for the purchase of a Salt Shed through Britespan Building Systems Inc. The total cost of the project would be \$75,148.48.
- For the good of the order
- Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Johnson