

August 30, 2024

MINUTES OF BERNVILLE BOUROUGH COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2024

President Dennis Baver called the work session meeting of the Bernville Borough Council to order Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Bernville Borough Hall at 6602 Bernville Rd.

Present were President Dennis Baver, Vice President Justin Kiebach, Councilmember's Wayne Leshner and Jamie Schur, Councilmember's Randy, Copenhaver Zach Smith and Jason Wenrich, Mayor Shawn Raup-Konsavage, and Secretary Brenda Strunk were absent. The solicitor was not present for this meeting.

No guests were present.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Tonight's meeting will **NOT** be audio recorded.
2. Guests in attendance must register on the sign-in form.
3. Eligibility to make Public Comments is limited to Bernville Borough Residents or Taxpayers.

DISCUSSIONS:

1. Pool Property: A discussion of options for property were discussed. The consensus was the pool should be drained broken up and backfilled. It was also a consensus to demolish the pump building and the kiddie pool storage building/shed. A motion to pursue proposals for said work will be added to the regular meeting agenda.
2. Baseball Backstop and Concession Building: Pursuant to pool property, a discussion was held about current conditions of the backstop and concession stand. The consensus was to remove the backstop and gut the concession stand back to the bare walls. Any salvageable equipment will be relocated to the borough garage or the pool concession until it can be properly liquidated. It was felt this work could be lumped in with the pool work for the purposes of contracting.
3. Band Shell: The band shell roof was discussed at this time. The consensus was the Borough should move forward with the replacement work. A motion to pursue proposals for said work will be added to the regular meeting agenda.
4. Curbs Painting: The status of curb painting was discussed. It was decided the Borough should develop an RFP to do the curb painting. A motion to generate an RFP and pursue proposals for curb painting will be added to the regular meeting agenda.
5. Storm Inlets: A discussion of storm inlets throughout the borough requiring repair was held. While the complete list of current issues was unavailable, it was decided that we should put out an RFP to fix everything on the current list. A motion to generate an RFP and pursue proposals for curb painting will be added to the regular meeting agenda.

6. 253 E. 4th Street Property: There was discussion regarding the latest correspondence from Kraft codes and the timeline that was given previously. The consensus was the borough should move forward with demolition. A motion to pursue proposals for said work will be added to the regular meeting agenda.
7. Water Tower Inspection Proposals: The need to perform a tower inspection complying with DEP requirements was discussed. The Borough has received a proposal for this work and ARRO has as well. The consensus was to have ARRO perform the inspection as an additional service under the operator's contract. A motion for such will be added to the regular meeting agenda.
8. Camera Policy: The final camera policy was reviewed.
9. Sewer Lateral Cleaning Policy: The area of concern as discussed is the individual property lateral between the hose trap at the curb and the connection to the main in the street. The need to have a policy that states the property owner is responsible for cleaning this part of the lateral while the borough is responsible for repairs to damage in this part of the lateral was discussed. The consensus was to refer this to the solicitor.
10. Borough Hall Discussions: The limited size of the meeting room and its feasibility to continue to host primary and general elections was discussed. Ideas to enlarge the meeting room were presented and the consensus was to determine what the cost would be to do so.
11. New Well Feasibility Study: While we are still awaiting the formal initial report, SSM has indicated that our best option would be at Stanton Clay Park. We will await formal report to determine next action.
12. Engineer Interviews: It was decided to schedule these for the September 10, at 5:15 PM and 6:30 PM and whoever can make will attend.
13. Borough Staffing: A discussion of Borough needs about staffing took place. The possibility of having a full-time employee to manage maintenance activities was discussed. The consensus was to follow up on this idea and determine what the cost implication to the borrow would be. There was also discussion on preparing for law enforcement after Chief Thumm retires.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the Bernville Borough Council Work Session meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM by, SCHUR/LESHER

Submitted by:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT