

November 26, 2024

MINUTES OF BERNVILEE BOUROUGH COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 26, 2024

President Dennis Baver called the work session meeting of the Bernville Borough Council to order Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 7:13 PM in the Bernville Borough Hall at 6602 Bernville Rd.

Present were Vice President Justin Kiebach (Kiebach arrived at 7:20 PM), Councilmember's Wayne Leshner, and Randy Copenhaver, Secretary Brenda Strunk. Council members Zach Smith, Jamie Schur, and Jason Wenrich, and Mayor Shawn Raup-Konsavage were absent. The solicitor was not present at this meeting.

GUESTS

Marcus Gonzales and Daniel Molnar. Mr. Gonzales is Mr. Molnar's realtor. Mr. Molnar is purchasing 253 E 4th St. Mr. Gonzales stated as they were going through the sale process, they found out the property is supposed to be demolished before the end of 2024. Mr. Molnar would like to demolish the property himself because he is hoping to be able to use the existing foundation and shell. Mr. Molnar stated that if he purchases the property, he will have the demo completed before the end of 2024. He will have the outside finished and under the roof. He will then continue to remodel the inside. Mr. Molnar stated he would apply for the demolition permit and all permits needed to rebuild the house as soon as possible.

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. There was discussion about 253 E 4th Street.
2. There was discussion about the easement behind the borough garage. This will be discussed more at the December 3, 2024, meeting.
3. There was discussion about installing a meter at the Bernville Fire Company on a 1½ inch line that has no meter. This way the borough would know how much water is being used.
4. There was discussion about contributing money to the ambulance service in the 2026 budget.
5. There was discussion about discontinuing the use of the borough hall for election day.
6. There is a consensus by council to hire Charles Prizer's landscaping company to clean up leaves at the borough hall, the well sites, and the parks at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00.
7. There was discussion about whether the borough does not receive the LSA grant for water plant upgrades would council want to take a PENNVEST loan to make the upgrades.

MOTIONS

1. MOTION by BAVER/COPENHAVER authorizing President Baver to write a letter to the Berks County Election Services letting them know the borough will no longer hold elections at the borough hall due to the size of the building. The election services may contact the churches to see if they will allow the use of the church to be a polling place. Motion carried 4-0.
2. MOTION by COPENHAVER/LESHER to purchase and pay for the Christmas lights at a cost of \$8,210.00. Motion carried 3-1. Vice President Kiebach was against.

The executive session entered at 9:15 PM to discuss personnel issues in reference to borough maintenance employees.

Executive session ended at 9:26 PM

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the Bernville Borough Council Work Session meeting was adjourned at 9:29 PM by, COPENHAVER/LESHER

Attest



Brenda Strunk

Borough Secretary