MINUTES OF THE BERNVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP

JULY 28, 2026

President Dennis Baver called the Bernville Borough Council Workshop meeting to order on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bernville Borough Hall, 6602 Bernville Road, Bernville, Pennsylvania.

Present: Mayor Wayne Lesher; President Dennis Baver; Vice President Justin Kiebach; Councilmembers Dale Balthaser, Jamie Schur, and Cindy Wise; and Borough Secretary Brenda Strunk.

Absent: Councilmember Jason Wenrich.

Guests: Joshua Giorgio, Nathan Giorgio, and Terry Rubendall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Business

Joshua and Nathan Giorgio addressed Council regarding their interest in purchasing the former pool property. Their proposed uses for the property include, but are not limited to:

a. Vendor and craft shows
b. Seasonal markets
c. Community events
d. Walking path
e. Fundraisers for Tulpehocken School District student groups and athletics
f. Banquets and receptions
g. Cornhole leagues and tournaments
h. Sports training
i. Other recreational and civic activities

Vice President Justin Kiebach explained how the Borough acquired the pool property from the Western Berks Swimming Association.

Council President Dennis Baver polled Council members regarding their interest in selling the property. President Baver stated that a lease agreement may be an alternative to selling the property. Vice President Justin Kiebach, Councilmember Jamie Schur, and Mayor Wayne Lesher expressed support for selling the property. Councilmember Dale Balthaser and Councilmember Cindy Wise stated they would like additional information before making a decision. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

Terry Rubendall was interviewed to fill the vacant Council seat. Mr. Rubendall will be sworn in at the August 4, 2026, Council meeting.

President Baver will work with Council to reorganize committee assignments. President Baver also reported that, as part of the wastewater treatment plant re-rate study, the Borough will need to submit additional permit plans to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). SSM submitted a proposal in the amount of $4,200 to complete the required work.

Mayor Wayne Lesher reported that Lieutenant Trate of the Pennsylvania State Police inspected the Borough's firearms and confirmed that all are registered to the Borough with the exception of the former Police Chief's handgun. Mayor Lesher also reported that the Pennsylvania State Police will attend Community Day.

Council discussed the possibility of hiring a State Constable to enforce Borough ordinances and parking regulations. Vice President Kiebach stated that the Borough would first need to adopt an ordinance authorizing the use of a State Constable and would also need to purchase citation books.

Council discussed surplus equipment to be sold. Vice President Kiebach stated that Council will need to adopt a resolution identifying the items to be declared surplus and advertise the sale.

Council discussed cleaning up the recycling area behind the Borough garage. Council will explore having the brush and branches removed. Council also discussed removing the dumpsters and utilizing only the existing concrete pads. Secretary Brenda Strunk will contact DEP to determine whether grass clippings may be placed on the concrete pads.

Council discussed the condition of the buildings in the park and the possible purchase of security cameras for the park.

Council held a brief discussion regarding billing procedures for commercial properties with multiple tenants for water and sewer service. The matter will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Council also held a brief discussion regarding the possible creation of a water and sewer authority. The matter will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Secretary Brenda Strunk will request a quote from Pristine Properties to clear the brush line along the kitchen access road.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m. on a motion by Kiebach, seconded by Balthaser.

Attest:

Brenda Strunk
Borough Secretary