MINUTES OF BERNVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 2, 2026

Council President Dennis Baver called meeting of Bernville Borough Council to order Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 7:01 PM in the Bernville Borough Hall at 6602 Bernville Rd.

Present: Mayor Wayne Lesher, President Dennis Baver, Vice President Justin Kiebach, Councilmembers Dale Balthaser, Cindy Wise, and Jamie Schur, Solicitor Michelle Mayfield
Absent: Councilmembers Randolph Copenhaver and Jason Wenrich, Secretary Brenda Strunk.

Registered Guests: James Latshaw Jr., (to discuss Park Access) , Darren Zimmerman (to Discuss 1729 Stevens Ave Proposed Subdivision
Other Guests: Milford Hardick, Luke Shultz, and Brian Thumm.

Pledge to the Flag

Announcements: Council held an executive session on June 2, 6:00 PM to discuss appointment of a Special Council and a potential litigation issue.

Registered Guest's Comments:
James Latshaw Jr.; Commented on the closing of access through Umbenhauer Park south of Umbenhauer Drive. Noted this prevents access to the rear of properties on Garfield Road. Wanted to know if council was taking action to stop access to the park property north of Umbenhauer Drive.
Darrin Zimmerman: Noted that he will be requesting an exemption to use HPDE Piping for Storm water in lieu of RCP.

Public Comments Related to Agenda: None

Reports:
Mayor: Parade went well, Will follow up with Longenecker regarding pool property auction.
Police: State Police Written report submitted.
Solicitor: Nothing to report.
Engineer: Written Report Submitted.
Secretary: Vacation, No report
Committees

Policy/Ordinance:	No report
Public Safety:	No report
Zoning/Codes:	No Updates
Water/Sewer:	Want to look at re-creating a municipal authority, water tower project progressing, sewer line video inspection and sewer plant SCADA upgrade projects to be awarded this week.
Recreation:	Parade donations were $456, Parde went well except for a couple of vehicles were not moved, Working on community days.
Building/Grounds:	Need to cover electrical panel in park, Lock on Men's Room in park needs to be replaced, want to bring in a dumpster to empty trash from park buildings.

Discussions:

Water/Sewer: General discussions about re-creation of an authority, best option for securing funds, don't need to get PUC approval for rate increases, need to work out property ownership, subcontract borough secretary for billing and admin.

Park Mowing: Outsourcing to Pristine Properties, council will to do for remainder of this season and reevaluate at budget time. What to do on as-needed basis.

Motions (Section 5.x);

1. MOTION by KIEBACH/SCHUR to accept minutes from May 5, 2026, Council Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
2. MOTION by SCHUR/KIEBACH to approve accounts payable. Motion carried 5-0.
3. MOTION by BALTHASER/KIEBACH to accept treasurer report subject to audit. Motion carried 5-0.
4. MOTION by WISE/SCHUR to accept profit and loss statement subject to audit. Motion carried 5-0.
5. MOTION by SCHUR/KIEBACH to accept the proposal from Arlan Wessner Inc. to repair a 10'x25' area in the 500 block of North Main Street by milling 1.5" depth, paving with wearing course, and sealing all edges at a cost of $1,380.00. Motion carried 5-0.
6. MOTION by BALTHASER/WISE to accept the proposal from A.K.A. The Fence Company for installation of pressure treated posts, at 6' spacing., along the edge of parking lot at Umbenhauer Park at a cost of $7,414.00. Motion carried 3-2, SCHUR/KIEBACH opposed.
7. MOTION by WISE/BAVER to approve the purchase of used trailer mounted leaf vacuum for use in leaf collection on borough properties at a total cost not to exceed $350.00. Motion carried 3-1 w/BALTHASER abstention, SCHUR opposed.
8. MOTION by SCHUR/BAVER to appoint Dayna Strong to the vacant seat, on the Shade Tree Commission, with term expiring 12/31/2029. Motion carried 5-0.
9. MOTION by SCHUR/BALTHASER to appoint special legal counsel at a cost not to exceed $2500.00. Motion carried 5-0.
10. MOTION to authorize the Solicitor to begin the process of Creating an "Authority" to govern the activities for the Borough's Water and Sewer operations and the associated infrastructure was tabled for further discussion.
11. MOTION by BALTHASER/WISE to accept the proposal from Pristine Properties for "as needed" mowing and trimming as follows: a. Pool - $120.00, b. Umbenhauer Park - $280.00, c. Clay Park - $150.00, and d. Creek at Umbenhauer between pool and bandshell $50.00 per hour for the remainder of the 2026 mowing season. Motion carried 5-0.
12. MOTION by BAVER/BALTHASER to amend the agenda to add motion 5.13 for fire police to work at Mt. Atena Fire Company Carnival. Motion carried 4-1, KIEBACH opposed.
13. MOTION by SCHUR/BALTHASER to approve Bernville Volunteer Fire Company Fire Police for work detail at the Mt. Atena Fire Company Carnival on Saturday, June 13, 2026, and Saturday, June 20, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments:

Milford Hardick: Mention that the weeds and brush along the property line between his property and the pool property need attention.

Luke Shultz: The trash can at Stanton Clay Park is full and needs to be emptied

Adjournment: There was no further business, and the Bernville Borough Council meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM by KIEBACH/WISE.

Attest:

Dennis Baver
Borough Council President