

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 Bath Road
Bristol, PA 19007

April 18, 2019

COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Roll Call:	President Bowen	Present
	Vice-President Murphy	Present
	Mr. Antonello	Present
	Mr. Blalock	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Absent
	Mr. Monahan	Present
	Mrs. Wagner	Present

Also Present: William J. McCauley, III, Township Manager; Michael Levin, Township Solicitor; Kurt Schroeder, Township Engineer, and Randee J. Elton, Deputy Township Manager & Township Secretary.

Township Solicitor Michael Levin announced personnel and real estate matters were discussed in Executive Session prior to the meeting.

Council President Bowen announced monthly reports are available for review in the Township Manager's Office and public comment on land development and official items will be taken during the meeting. In addition, residents may offer general comments at the end of the meeting.

VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

- A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for April 18, 2019.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Blalock to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for April 18, 2019. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

- B. Call for a motion to approve the minutes of the Township Council Meeting of March 14, 2019.

Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- A. Presentations of Monthly Awards for Exemplary Recycling Performance.

President Bowen presented a \$50 Gift Certificate to the Kemper Family of Croydon and the Fox Family of West Bristol for their exemplary recycling efforts.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. A Resolution to Extend the Deadline for the 2016 Green Light-Go Program Grant for the Mill Creek and Haines Roads Traffic Signal Modernization Project from December 31, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and change in Designation for Execution of Documents: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Antonello to Extend the Deadline for the 2016 Green Light-Go Program Grant for the Mill Creek and Haines Roads Traffic Signal Modernization Project from December 31, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and change in Designation for Execution of Documents. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

- B. A Resolution to Extend the Deadline for the 2016 Green Light-Go Program Grant for the Radcliffe Street and Randall Avenue Traffic Signal Modernization Project from December 31, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and change in Designation for Execution of Documents: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan to Extend the Deadline for the 2016 Green Light-Go Program Grant for the Radcliffe Street and Randall Avenue Traffic Signal Modernization Project from December 31, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and change in Designation for Execution of Documents. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

- C. A Resolution to Extend the Deadline for the 2016 Green Light-Go Program Grant for the State Road and Cedar Avenue Traffic Signal Modernization Project from December 31, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and change in Designation for Execution of Documents: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Vice President Murphy to Extend the Deadline for the 2016 Green Light-Go Program Grant for the State Road and Cedar Avenue Traffic Signal Modernization Project from December 31, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and change in Designation for Execution of Documents. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

- D. A Resolution Endorsing the Concept of the Nine County Region completing 180 miles of Circuit Trails by 2025 to achieve 500 miles of completed Circuit Trails: Consideration to Adopt.

Mr. Schroeder explained this is to create a momentum for funding for regional trails; specifically, for the East Coast Trail way.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Vice President Murphy to Endorse the Concept of the Nine County Region completing 180 miles of Circuit Trails by 2025 to achieve 500 miles of completed Circuit Trails. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

- E. Tentative Agreement for a New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Transport Workers Union of America, Local 282, AFL-CIO, Municipal Building Employees: Consideration to Ratify.

Mr. McCauley advised this Agreement is for the Municipal Building Employees. There is a tentative settlement for a new 5-year collective bargaining agreement. The wage increases are 20% over 5 years (5% in 2019, 4% in 2020, 3% in 2021, 4% in 2022 and 4% in 2023). In 2020 the health insurance deductible copays will increase, and the sick leave payout will increase. There are new classifications being created with increased salary and certification requirements for Fire Inspector II and III to retain inspectors, and a new Code Enforcement Inspector II.

Mr. Antonello made a motion and seconded by Mr. Blalock to Approve the Tentative Agreement for a New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Transport Workers Union of America, Local 282, AFL-CIO, Municipal Building Employees. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

- F. Tentative Agreement for a New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Transport Workers Union of America, Local 282, AFL-CIO, Roads and Public Property: Consideration to Ratify.

Mr. McCauley advised the Agreement is basically the same as previous. Additional job requirements for E3 and E2 classifications to include minor street light and traffic light repair and maintenance.

Mr. Monahan made a motion to and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to Approve the Tentative Agreement for a New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Transport Workers Union of America, Local 282, AFL-CIO, Roads and Public Property. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. McCauley reported the annual Moody's Investor Service Comments on the Township. The Township is in a robust financial position, small debt burden and healthy wealth and income profile with a ratable tax basis with a good credit AA3 rating.

Mr. McCauley advised of 9 Mallow Lane is the most recent success in the Blight Abatement Program. Last month we had technical difficulties and the meeting was not televised. Mr. Flager profusely thanked the Bristol Township School District for abating the school taxes, so the property could be condemned. The property has now been demolished and will be redeveloped.

Mr. Antonello added the RDA will also remove the dead and large trees. Additionally, the RDA brought in a company to exterminate so the neighbors would not be affected negatively when demolished and said we have a great relationship with the RDA.

President Bowen said this was cooperation with the School Board and the Township Solicitor's office, the RDA and the Township.

Mr. McCauley attended a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the McDonald's on Haines Road and Route 13. The Licensee, Marlene Weinberg of the McDonald's donated \$1000 for Park Development, which will go to the upgrade to the JFK Park. They also donated \$1000 to the Police Department and \$1000 to the Edgely Fire Company.

Mr. McCauley advised JFK Park new playground has been installed and is open. This is the first phase in the park upgrade. Additionally, Cedar Ave Park is open 7AM to 7PM. We are waiting on the delivery to the lights to the park. Once installed we will be able to keep the park open later.

Mr. McCauley advised he received a letter from the Business Manager at the Bristol Township School District requesting a waiver under the Township's policy for waiving 50% of building permit fees for nonprofits and government. The Neil Armstrong roof replacement - 50% waiver is \$28,030 and Clara Barton Elementary renovations - 50% waiver \$57,050. Council action is in order.

Motion by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Monahan to waive 50% of the building permit fee for Neil Armstrong roof replacement in the amount of \$28,030 and Clara Barton Elementary renovations in the amount of \$57,050. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Levin again thanked the Bristol Township School Board for working with the Township and waiving delinquent taxes for a blighted property at 9 Mallow Lane in Magnolia Hill. The Township has been working for over a year to blight this property. There were deed issues and the fees needing to be waived to help assist this property to be condemned by the Redevelopment Authority. The house will be demolished with the intent to rebuild and add back on the tax rolls.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bids for the 2019 Interceptor Rehabilitation Project: Consideration to Accept.

Mr. McCauley advised the Township solicited bids for the Bristol Interceptor Lining Project. Remington & Vernick Engineers (RVE) has reviewed the bids. Michel's Corporation was the low bidder in the amount of \$583,890.00.

Vice President Murphy made a motion and seconded by Mr. Monahan to Accept Michel's Corporation as the low bidder for the base bid in the amount of \$583,890.00. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

- B. Agreement between the Township of Bristol and E-Collect PA, LLC for the Collection of Mercantile, Business Privilege and Local Services Taxes: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

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Mr. McCauley advised we are not collecting as much of our business taxes as possible. The present collector has no program to go after delinquent filers. This company will perform an audit and go after those that have not filed. The fee structure is 1.8% of gross taxes collected and 20% of the amount collected.

Vice President Murphy asked about the waiver or reduction provision in the agreement.

Mr. Antonello made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to Enter into an Agreement with E-Collect PA, LLC for the Collection of Mercantile, Business Privilege and Local Services Taxes. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Antonello stated he was concerned and very unhappy with the performance of Waste Management.

President Bowen thanked the anonymous donor for the Easter flowers.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Carol Becker, 147 Junewood Drive asked about the subdivision at Red Cedar Drive.

Connie Meyer, 27 Shadetree Lane thanked Joan Lamina for her diligent work and asked about mowing and trash along the greenbelt near Farmbrook Drive.

West Rexler, 504 Western Ave, spoke of issues not pertaining to Township business and various conspiracy theories regarding the Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ranee J. Elton
Township Secretary

Recap of April 18, 2019 Council Meeting

1. Approved Voucher List and Requisitions from April 18, 2019.
2. Approved March 14, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Presented Recycling Awards.
4. Approved Resolution (2019-21) to Extend the Deadline for the 2016 Green Light-Go Program Grant for the Mill Creek and Haines Roads Traffic Signal Modernization Project from December 31, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and change in Designation for Execution of Documents.
5. Approved Resolution (2019-22) to Extend the Deadline for the 2016 Green Light-Go Program Grant for the Radcliffe Street and Randall Avenue Traffic Signal Modernization Project from December 31, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and change in Designation for Execution of Documents.
6. Approved Resolution (2019-23) to Extend the Deadline for the 2016 Green Light-Go Program Grant for the State Road and Cedar Avenue Traffic Signal Modernization Project from December 31, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and change in Designation for Execution of Documents.
7. Approved Resolution (2019-24) Endorsing the Concept of the Nine County Region completing 180 miles of Circuit Trails by 2025 in order to achieve 500 miles of completed Circuit Trails.
8. Approved Tentative Agreement for a New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Transport Workers Union of America, Local 282, AFL-CIO, Municipal Building Employees.
9. Approved Tentative Agreement for a New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Transport Workers Union of America, Local 282, AFL-CIO, Roads and Public Property.
10. Approved 50% Building Permit Fee Waivers for the Bristol Township School District in the amounts of \$28,030 for Neil Armstrong Middle School and \$57,050 for Clara Barton Elementary School.
11. Accepted Michels Corporation as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$583,890 for the 2019 Interceptor Rehabilitation Project.
12. Approved Agreement between the Township of Bristol and E-Collect PA, LLC for the Collection of Mercantile, Business Privilege and Local Services Taxes.