

# BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 Bath Road  
Bristol, PA 19007

August 15, 2019

## COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.

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

Also Present: Randall C. Flager, Township Solicitor; Kurt Schroeder, Township Engineer, Randee J. Elton, Acting Township Manager, and Jill Maier, Assistant Township Secretary.

Township Solicitor Randy Flager announced legal, real estate and personnel matters including labor negotiations 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 August 15, 2019.

*Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Vice -President Murphy to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for August 15, 2019. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.*

B. Call for a motion to approve the minutes of the Township Council Meeting of July 18, 2019.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.*

## **PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- A. Presentation of Glasson Grants to Volunteer Fire Companies and Rescue Squads.

Mr. Glasson presented the \$25,000 Glasson Grants to the Volunteer Fire Companies and Rescue Squads.

- B. Presentation by the CEO of Lower Bucks Hospital Michael Mottee.

Mr. Motte announced the acquisition of six Residents and six Podiatrist from Hahnemann Hospital. The Lower Bucks Community Health Center will now have these doctors on call full time as of August 26, 2019.

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

President Bowen presented a \$50 Gift Certificate to the McArdle Family of Indian Creek and the Clark Family of Fergusonville for their exemplary recycling efforts.

- D. Presentation for Refinancing of the 2010 and 2015 General Obligation Bonds.

Ms. Elton explained that the Ordinance was amended to include the increase of the advertised principal amount of \$14,000,093 to \$14,295,000. This will include the cost of issuance as well as accrued interest payable.

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Vice-President Murphy to approve the Amended Ordinance to increase Borrowing amount to \$14,295,000. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.*

Jeff Calhoun presented that the Township would be saving \$2.3 million at the close of business today by refunding the 2010 Guaranteed Revenue Notes and the General Obligation Bonds series 2015. Interest rates have dropped on the 2010 notes from 2.547 % to 1.537%. Rates have dropped on the 2015 General Obligation Bonds from a range of 2-4% to 1.847% at the close of business today.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- A. An Ordinance that Authorizes the Incurrence of Nonelectoral Debt Pursuant to the Issuance of the Revenue Notes, 2019 & 2020: Consideration to take appropriate action.

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the Amended Ordinance authorizing the Incurrence of Nonelectoral Debt. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.*

- B. A Resolution Authorizing the Condemnation and Acquisition of Tax Map Parcel numbers 05-029-091 and 05-029-92: Consideration to take appropriate action.

This Acquisition would provide viable public service space to use for activities such as a new Senior Center as well as new fire station. Financing has already been approved: Consideration to adopt.

*Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the Condemnation and Acquisition of Tax Map Parcels 05-029-091 and 05-029-92. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.*

- C. Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for Old Route 13 and Otter Street Realignment: Consideration to adopt.

This is a joint PennDOT application, with Bristol Borough to realign Old Route 13 and Otter Street to a T-intersection. This realignment would eliminate any more PUC complaints on the bridge.

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for Old Route 13 and Otter Street Realignment. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.*

### **REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

Ms. Elton advised that there is a Tentative Agreement between the Township of Bristol and Service Employees International Union, Local 32BJ, Administrative Employees. This would be the first Contract update since 2015. Some of highlighted terms of the agreement is a rate increase of 19% over the next 4 years; 6% the first year, 5% the second year, and 4% for the last 2 years. There would be new vacation time for new hires, new insurance copays, new employee work times of 8:30am-5:00pm, as well as employee sick time an unused sick time compensation. This is being done in efforts to align the 32BJ contract with that of the TWU contract.

*Motion by Mrs. Wagner and Seconded by Mr. Blalock. Approving the Tentative Agreement for the New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Bristol and Service Employees International Union, Local 32BJ.*

Ms. Elton announced the bid openings for Croydon Acres pump station. With the high bids received it is at the recommendation of Ms. Elton and the Township sewer engineer that we rebid the project.

Ms. Elton advised on plans to revise the Sewer Lateral Ordinance next month. This revision will help regarding the major issues with I&I. Additionally, flow meters will be installed to locate high I&I and problem areas. Any resident connected to sanitary storm sewer with a sump pump or down spouts are advised to remove now before enforcement begins.

Ms. Elton advised that the Township is working diligently with Bristol Borough to reinstate the agreement for diverting flows to the Borough from the Silver Lake Pump Station.

Mr. Schroeder addressed the abundance of storm water complaints that the Township has been receiving. Public Works has been committed to addressing these issues promptly and the Township is working on implementing a long-term maintenance program. The systems are currently

equipped to handle normal rainfall and we have been having unusual high amounts of rain with high volume in short periods of time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. YMCA, 2500 Lower State Road, Doylestown, presented the Sketch Plan review in order to redevelop the existing facility at 601 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills (Tax Parcels#5-46-003, #5-46-230 &#5-46-231) in a C-Commercial zoned district: Consideration to take appropriate action.

This plan would consolidate the 3 parcels, improving the facility. It would include demolishing a small portion of the building to allow additional parking. Two small building additions would allow reconfiguration of the building.

- B. Parkview Ave. LLC, PO Box 487, Penns Park PA requesting Preliminary & Final Land Development approval for three (3) residential lots at 1933 Parkview Avenue, Bristol (Tax Parcel #5-19-008) in an R-3 Residential district: Consideration to adopt.

Mr. Dumak presented on behalf of Parkview Ave, LLC requesting Preliminary & Final Land Development Approval to eliminate the existing Blighted home and create 3 new residential lots at 817 Fifth Avenue in Croydon.

Denise Schaub of 1940 Ritter Ave expressed her concerns and opposition on the construction of three (3) residential lots at 1933 Parkview Avenue in Bristol. She requested that only two (2) lots be approved.

Sylvia Farley, owner of 1934 Parkview Ave expressed her concerns and opposition on the construction of three (3) residential lots at 1933 Parkview Avenue in Bristol. Sylvia Farley continued with details of a past Zoning Board Hearing Board appeal regarding this project.

*Mr. Glasson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Antonello for Approval of Preliminary & Final Land Development for three (3) residential lots at 1933 Parkview Avenue. Motion carried by a vote of 6-1.*

- C. New Horizon Property Management Inc., 1909 Veterans Highway, Levittown requesting Preliminary Subdivision approval for (3) proposed residential lots at 817 Fifth Ave., Croydon (Tax Parcel #5-11-15) in an R-3 Residential zoned district: Consideration to adopt.

*Mr. Glasson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Antonello for Approval of the subdivision for three (3) residential lots at 817 Fifth Avenue in Croydon. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0-1. President Bowen abstained.*

- D. Tadeusz Dlugi, 410 Timothy Drive, Feasterville requesting Final Land Development approval in order to construct five (5) new single family homes on the property located at Grieb Avenue and Edgely Road, (Tax parcels #5-74-29-001, #5-74-29-

002, #5-74-30, #5-74-30-001 & #5-74-30-002) in an R-2 Residential zoned district:  
Consideration to Adopt.

Larry Young presented that this project was previously known as The Interface Housing Development in 2004-2005. At that point it consisted of 6 parcels but since 1 has been sold. This plan would be the same development plan that was recorded in 2006 with the only exception being that it is 5 lots.

*Vice-president Murphy made a motion and seconded by Mr. Glasson for approval of Final Land Development for five (5) residential lots at Grieb Avenue and Edgely Road. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Antonello was not present for the vote.*

- E. Building Permit Fee Reduction Request for Veterans Roof Giveaway: Consideration to adopt.

*Mr. Glasson made a motion and seconded by Mr. Blalock for approval of a 50% fee reduction for a building permit. Motion carried a vote of 7-0.*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Elton announced that on August 24, 2019 there will be a movie night at the Senior Center. There is currently a poll on Facebook as to which movie will show.

### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President Bowen expressed his gratitude to Public Works as well as the Police Department.

President Bowen reminded residents that Bath Road is closed and advised that the Police Department is and will continue to monitor the cut thru situation. Tickets will be issued.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

West Rexler of 508 Western expressed his concern with speed limit signs in the Township. He states that they are covered by overgrowth. He also inquired about possible plan for streetlights on State Road and Cedar Avenue. He also questioned Acting Manager Ms. Elton on the declaration of takings and what is the process for a Blighted project.

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill Maier  
Assistant Township Secretary

## Recap of August 15, 2019 Council Meeting

1. Approved Voucher List and Requisitions from August 15, 2019.
2. Approved July 18, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Presented Glasson Grants to the Volunteer Fire Companies and Rescue Squads.
4. Presentation by Lower Bucks Hospital on their new Community Health Center.
5. Presented Recycling Awards.
6. Jeff Calhoun Presented the Refinancing of 2010 and 2015 General Obligation Bonds.
7. Approved Amended Ordinance (2019-1) authorizing the Incurrence of Nonelectoral Debt Pursuant to the Issuance of the Revenue Notes, 2019 & 2020.
8. Approved Resolution (2019-57) Authorizing the Condemnation and Acquisition of Tax Map Parcel numbers 05-029-091 and 05-029-092.
9. Approved Resolution (2019-58) Authorizing the Submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for Old Route 13 and Otter Street Realignment.
10. Approved Tentative Agreement for a New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Service Employees International Union, Local 32 BJ, Administrative Employees.
11. Zane Moore of the YMCA presented a Sketch Plan to develop the existing facility at 601. S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills.
12. Approved Resolution (2019-59) approving Preliminary & Final Land Development for three (3) residential lots at 1933 Parkview Ave., Bristol
13. Approved Resolution (2019-60) approving Preliminary Subdivision for three (3) residential lots at 817 Fifth Ave., Croydon
14. Approved Resolution (2019-61) approving Final Land Development for five (5) residential lots at Grieb Avenue and Edgely Road.
15. Approved 50% fee reduction for a building permit for Kanga Roof for Veterans Roof.