

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 Bath Road
Bristol, PA 19007

February 20, 2020

COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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: Adam Flager and Scott Holbert of Flager & Associates, Kurt Schroeder, Township Engineer, Randee J. Elton, Township Manager, and Jill Maier, Township Secretary.

Adam Flager announced legal, real estate and personnel matters that 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.

Township Manager Randee Elton announced that April 18th and April 25, 2020 will be the Spring cleanup dates for the Township.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Presentations of Monthly Awards for Exemplary Recycling Performance.

President Bowen presented a \$50 Gift Certificate to the Cragle Family of Birch Valley and the Barlow Family of West Bristol for their exemplary recycling efforts.

B. A Resolution of Respect for Leslie A. Kolifrath was approved and presented to Leslie's Son and Daughter. Consideration to adopt.

Mr. Antonello made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the Resolution of Respect for Leslie A. Kolifrath. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- C. A Resolution of Respect for K9 Officer Ela was approved and presented to Officer Stephen Sanocki. Consideration to adopt.

Mrs. Wagner made a motion and seconded by Mr. Blalock to approve the Resolution of Respect for K9 Officer Ela. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- D. A Resolution of Commendation was approved and presented to the Bristol Township Wardogs. Consideration to adopt.

Mr. Antonello made a motion and second by Mr. Glasson to approve the Resolution of Commendation to the Bristol township Wardogs. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- E. Ms. Elton introduced Jai'er Brown as the new Recreation Coordinator for Bristol Township.

- F. Presentation from Ed Murphy and Dr. Shamblatt of Bucks County Community College for the expansion project for a New Center for Advanced Technologies.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for February 14, 2020.
- B. Approve the minutes of the Township Council Meeting for January 16, 2020.
- C. Approve the Township Manager Agreement for Randee J. Elton.
- D. Appoint Randee J. Elton as the Right to Know Officer for Bristol Township.
- E. Resolution re-appropriating Capital Funds to the Blight Funds in the amount of \$410,000.00. Consideration to adopt.
- F. A Resolution Supporting the Jake Schwab Worker's Safety Bill, HB 1082 and SB 464. Consideration to adopt.
- G. A Resolution approving a Handicap Placard Sign to be installed at 40 Island Road. Consideration to adopt.
- H. A Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus equipment and vehicles. Consideration to adopt.

Mrs. Wagner made a motion and seconded by Mr. Antonello approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Ms. Elton explained the use of a Consent agenda. Ms. Elton addressed the item on the Consent Agenda regarding the re-appropriation of funds from the Capital Fund to the Blight Fund. She explained there was already an existing Blight Fund open but when the program started it was appropriated to the Capital Fund. Ms. Elton also addressed that since August of 2016 there has been \$250,000 that has been revolving so that the Township has not spent any additional funds towards the Blighted homes. Bristol township is currently down to 75 vacant homes.

Ms. Elton advised that the Edgeley Section received a letter from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission regarding the I-95 and Delaware Valley Bridge connection. There was an environmental study 15 years ago that they are going to administer again. Once the study is completed the Turnpike Commission will be coming back to the Township for a public meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Application from Catalyst Commercial Development requesting Sketch Plan Review for a proposed 60,000 square foot industrial warehouse building at 390 George Patterson Blvd., Bristol (Tax Parcel #5-62-001-C11) in an M2 Heavy Manufacturing zoned district. Consideration to take appropriate action.

Matt Shartram of Boulder Engineering and Arron Repucci presented that the project was previously submitted in 2007 and 2008 that was originally proposed as two buildings. The new Sketch Plan involves one building.

- B. Approved Final Subdivision for the property located at 300 Park Ave., (Tax Parcel # 5-58-apply Electric for 2019-2020 to Township Buildings, Streetlights, and Facilities: Consideration to Accept.

Richard Osterhead presented the plan on behalf of John Mscisz to show that lot number two can support a new home.

Vice President Murphy made a motion and seconded by Mr. Antonello to approve the Final Subdivision for property located at 300 Park Ave. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- C. Approved Preliminary & Final Land Development for American Heritage Federal Credit Union, a financial establishment located at 501 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills (Tax Parcels #5-44-001 & #5-44-002-002) in a C-Commercial zoned district. Consideration to take appropriate action.

Nate Fox, Rich Hasson and Justin Gianatti spoke on behalf of American Heritage Federal Credit Union. They explained they will be withdrawing the waiver request and will be installing a sidewalk. The old Lukoil building will be replaced in entirety. The expected date to open would be in August.

Mr. Antonello made a motion and seconded by Mr. Glasson to Approve Preliminary & Final Land Development for American Heritage Federal Credit Union. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

D. Bid for the 2020 Road Program Bid: Consideration to take appropriate action.

Awarded to the lowest bidder James D. Morrisey, Inc. in the amount of \$1,945,356.27.
Consideration to Accept.

Vice President Murphy made a motion and seconded by Mr. Glasson for Approval 2020 Road Program bid to James D. Morrisey, Inc. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Bowen wished all residents a Happy St. Patrick's Day and gave a reminder of the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 14, 2020. President also acknowledged Lisa Strong for her diligent efforts in Public Works to ensure issues get resolved.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Wes Rexler of 509 Western expressed his concerns regarding certain ordinance violations on President Bowens property. Mr. Rexler also questioned the meaning of a Consent agenda.

Galus Obert from Bristol Township School District expressing his safety concerns for the students crossing at the Bucks County Technical Highschool to Conwell Egan. Ms. Elton advised it was declined by the previous Manager, but she will revisit it. He also questioned the stretch of highway between Aldi and Haines Road. Ms. Elton advised it is not Township property but in fact, PECO property. He expressed concerns about dismissal time at Millcreek Elementary and the possible use of barriers for the crossing guards. He also advised on the new voting machines for the next election.

Joanne Lyons, 719 Fairview Avenue, requested the possibility of a sign being put in place on Fayette Street to mitigate the amount of speeding traffic in an area where there is an Autistic child. Ms. Elton advised that the Police Department will do a traffic study to address the issue.

Lauren Ball, 1034 2nd Avenue, addressed her concerns with the property located next door that could potentially be operating as an apartment complex. Pictures were provided to Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Maier
Township Secretary

Recap of February 20, 2020 Council Meeting

1. Presented Monthly Recycling Awards.
2. Presented Resolution of Respect for Leslie A. Kolifrath (2020-22) to Leslie's family.
3. Presented Resolution of Respect for K9 Officer Ela (2020-23) to Officer Stephen Sanocki.
4. Presented Resolution of Commendation (2020-24) to Bristol Township Wardogs.
5. Introduced Jai'er Brown, new Recreation Coordinator.
6. Presentation on Bucks County Community College upcoming expansion project.
7. Approved Consent Agenda.
8. Catalyst Commercial Development presented Sketch Plan for a proposed 60,000 square foot industrial/warehouse building at 390 George Patterson Blvd.
9. Approved (Resolution 2020-25) Final Subdivision for 300 Park Ave.
10. Approved (Resolution 2020-26) Preliminary & Final Land Development for American Heritage Federal Credit Union at 501 S. Oxford Valley Road.
11. Accepted 2020 Road Program Bid from lowest bidder from James D. Morrissey, Inc., in the amount of \$1,945,356.27.