

# BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 Bath Road  
Bristol, PA 19007

May 16, 2019

## COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

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

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

Township Solicitor Randy Flager announced legal, personnel and labor 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 May 16, 2019.

*Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mr. Antonello to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for May 16, 2019. Mr. Glasson abstained. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-1.*

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

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2019 Council Meeting. Mr. Glasson abstained due to absence. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-1.*

## **PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

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

President Bowen presented a \$50 Gift Certificate to the Santoni Family of Levittown and the Davis Family of Winder Village for their exemplary recycling efforts.

- B. Presentation of Plaque to Lt. Terry Hughes Upon His Retirement from the Bristol Township Police Department.

Chief Coulton presented Lieutenant Terry Hughes with a plaque for his 28 years of dedicated service. Chief Colton stated Lt. Hughes rejuvenated our Community Engagement Programs, and he enjoyed his company his friendship, and will be missed by everyone. Terry Hughes thanked Township Council, Chief Coulton, Mr. McCauley and his family for their support. Tim Nelson, owner of McDonald's on Bath and Rt. 413 presented Mt. Hughes with a plaque and thanked him for his support.

- C. MS4 Annual Stormwater Presentation by Samantha Brinker, Gilmore Associates.

Samantha Brinker, Engineer from Gilmore Associates presented the annual MS4 stormwater presentation. The PA DEP requires individual permits for stormwater discharges. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System refers to a collection of structures designed to gather stormwater discharge into our local streams and rivers.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- A. A Resolution of Commendation Honoring Sarah Hughes for Being Crowned Miss Bucks County: Consideration to Adopt.

Vice President Murphy read the Resolution of Commendation. *All in favor motion carried by a vote of 6-0.*

- B. A Resolution to join the Bucks County HOME Consortium and execution of Cooperative Agreement for Fiscal Year 2020: Consideration to Adopt.

Heather Mahaley, Director of Community Development advised we have invited to rejoin the HOME Consortium. These are affordable housing funds to fill gaps for affordable housing projects in the Township.

*Mr. Antonello made a motion and seconded by Vice President Murphy for Bristol Township to join the Bucks County HOME Consortium and execution of Cooperative Agreement for Fiscal Year 2020. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.*

## **REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

Mr. Flager advised the Graceland Zoning Hearing Board Denial Decision that was Appealed by the applicant to the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas was overturned. The Township Manager authorized the Appeal due to the time, and we need Council to affirm that decision and continue with the appeal in that matter.

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mrs. Wagner. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

Mr. Flager advised there was a decision made by the PLRB that is not allowing Bristol Township to decertify a Union, even though we explained that the Union only has one part time member. The Labor attorney appealed this decision and we need Council to affirm that decision and continue with the appeal in that matter.

*Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mr. Glasson. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Matt Galasso, 103 Carnegie Center, Suite 345, Princeton, NJ, requesting a Waiver of Land Development for Property located at 7012 New Falls Road, Levittown (Tax Parcel #05-34-133) in a C-Commercial Zoned District: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Matt Galasso, the applicant, has submitted the waiver of land development application on behalf of the property owner, Maruthi Penn Fuels, Inc. The subject property, T.M.P. #05-034-133, is located at 7012 New Falls Road, within the C - Commercial Zoning District and consists of 0.30 gross acres. Currently, the site is the location of a Gulf Service Station and Garage.

The plans propose to convert a service station with a garage to a service station selling convenience store type products with proposed improvements to the building and parking lot. The existing and proposed uses are Service Station is permitted by conditional use as authorized by Council within a C - Commercial Zoning District. The existing building utilizes existing public water and sewer connections. There is no change in impervious surface; therefore, no stormwater management is proposed.

*Vice President Murphy made a motion and seconded by Mr. Antonello to approve the Waiver of Land Development for 7012 New Falls Road. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

- B. Proposals for Banking Services: Consideration to Accept.

Mr. McCauley advised the Township did an RFP for banking services, we received five proposals. Mr. McCauley is recommending the proposal from TD Bank with terms of 2.3% for first 12 months for cash on hand with no offsetting balances, and no fees. After the first-year interest rate will be 2.25% for the next 26 months. This contract is an increase of \$253,000 over previous contract,

with \$861,000 guaranteed investment income. The term of the contract is May 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

*Vice President Murphy made a motion and seconded by Mr. Antonello to Award TD Bank a Contract for Banking Services from May 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

- C. Township Wide Traffic Signal Modernization Bid - State Road and Cedar Ave, Radcliffe Street and Randall Ave; Mill Creek Road and Haines Ave, and S. Oxford Valley Road and S. Queen Anne Drive: Consideration to Accept.

Mr. McCauley advised the recommendation of the Township Traffic Engineer is to accept the low bid from Armour and Sons Electric Inc. in the amount of \$892,996.00.

*Mr. Antonello made a motion and seconded by Vice President Murphy to Accept Armour and Sons Electric Inc. as the low bidder in the amount of \$892,996 for Township Wide Traffic Signal Modifications at Mill Creek Parkway at Haines Road; Radcliffe Street at Randall Avenue; State Road at Cedar Avenue and S. Oxford Valley Road at Queen Anne Drive. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

- D. Easements Required to Construct Traffic Signal Modernization Projects: Authorization to File Declaration of Takings.

Mr. McCauley advised five small easements are needed for these traffic signal modernization projects. The YMCA signed their easement for S. Oxford Valley Road and Queen Anne Drive. We have been discussing the other easements for the State Road and Cedar Ave with the property owners for all four corners, and will continue to do so, but ask Council to approve a filing of Declaration of Takings if we cannot get the property owners to sign these easements for very small pieces of land.

*Vice President Murphy made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to Authorize Declaration of Takings for Easements needed for Traffic Signal Modifications at State Road and Cedar Avenue. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr. Antonello appealed for everyone to vote.

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

Horace McNeil, 81 Kingapple Lane expressed his concerns of traffic in the neighborhood along Haines Road and Kenwood Drive.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ranee J. Elton  
Township Secretary

## Recap of May 16, 2019 Council Meeting

1. Approved Voucher List and Requisitions from May 16, 2019.
2. Approved April 18, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Presented Recycling Awards.
4. Chief Colton presented Lieutenant Terry Hughes with Retirement Plaque.
5. Samantha Brinker, P.E., Gilmore Associates, presented MS4 Annual Stormwater Presentation.
6. Approved Resolution of Commendation (2019-25) to Sarah Hughes for being crowned Miss Bucks County 2019.
7. Approved Resolution (2019-26) to join the Bucks County Home Consortium and execution of Cooperative Agreement for Fiscal Year 2020.
8. Council affirmed the Township Solicitor to appeal the County Court decision of Grace Land, LLC.
9. Council affirmed the Township Labor Attorney to appeal the PLRB Decision Case No. PERA-D-18-272-E.
10. Approved Resolution (2019-27) for Waiver of Land Development for the property located at 7012 New Falls Road.
11. Approved Contract with TD Bank for Banking Services May 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022.
12. Accepted Armour and Sons Electric. Inc. as the lowest bidder in the amount of \$892,996 for Township Wide Traffic Signal Modifications at Mill Creek Parkway at Haines Road; Radcliffe Street at Randall Avenue; State Road at Cedar Avenue and S. Oxford Valley Road at Queen Anne Drive.
13. Authorized Declaration of Takings for Easements needed for Traffic Signal Modifications at State Road and Cedar Avenue.