

**BRISTOL TOWNSHIP  
2501 BATH ROAD  
BRISTOL, PA 19007**

**FEBRUARY 1, 1012**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Mr. Tucker</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Mr. Pluta</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Mr. Bowen</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Ms. Longhitano</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Mr. Glasson</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Vice President Brennan</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>President Lewis</b>	<b>Present</b>

**Motion by Ms. Longhitano to approve the Voucher List and Requisitions for December 2011, with the exception of the Lima Bill work order 044583. Second by Vice President Brennan.**

**Mr. Obert said there were 13 items removed from the bill run that were tabled to the new bill run, and requested an explanation.**

**Mr. McCauley said he will look into it.**

**Mr. Obert listed the items that were not on the new bill run.**

**Mr. Pluta questioned if there will be a late charge on any of the bills that were not on the bill run.**

**Mr. Mc McCauley said no.**

***Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.***

**Motion by Mr. Pluta to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Tucker.**

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*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Bowen, Ms. Longhitano, Mr. Glasson and Vice President Brennan abstaining.*

**Motion by Mr. Pluta to approve the minutes from December 1, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Tucker.**

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Bowen, Ms. Longhitano, Mr. Glasson and Vice President Brennan abstaining.*

**Motion by Mr. Pluta to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2011 Budget Hearing. Second by Mr. Tucker.**

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Bowen, Ms. Longhitano, Mr. Glasson and Vice President Brennan abstaining.*

**Motion by Mr. Tucker to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2011 Budget Hearing. Second by Mr. Pluta.**

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Bowen, Ms. Longhitano, Mr. Glasson and Vice President Brennan abstaining.*

**Motion by Mr. Pluta to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2011 Budget Hearing. Second by Mr. Tucker.**

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Bowen, Ms. Longhitano, Mr. Glasson and Vice President Brennan abstaining.*

**Motion by President Lewis to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Pluta.**

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Bowen, Ms. Longhitano, Mr. Glasson and Vice President Brennan abstaining.*

**Motion by Mr. Pluta to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Tucker.**

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*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Bowen, Ms. Longhitano, Mr. Glasson and Vice President Brennan abstaining.*

**Motion by Mr. Pluta to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2011 Budget Hearing. Second by Mr. Tucker.**

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 with Mr. Bowen, Ms. Longhitano, Mr. Glasson and Vice President Brennan abstaining.*

**Motion by Mr. Glasson to approve advertisement for amending the Bristol Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 303, Table of Use Regulations, Subsection D, Retail and Consumer Services Uses, by permitting Fast Food Restaurants by Conditional Use in the Town Center (TC) Overlay District for February 15, 2012 Public Hearing. Second by Ms. Longhitano.**

*Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.*

**COUNCIL ITEMS:**

**Mr. Flager said he sent Council an email with changes to Chapter 5 Administration of Government of the Code of the Township of Bristol for review. If Council approves the changes it can be advertised at the next meeting for Public Hearing and approve the first meeting in March.**

**Mr. Flager announced prior the meeting there was an Executive Session held to discuss various legal and labor issues.**

**Mrs. Cini requested a copy of the changes that were made for the Transition Committee.**

**Mr. Lazlo said he has a concern that Council cannot wait beyond this meeting to take some kind action on some form of Administrative Code. He referred to the Optional Plans Law Section 3165. The Offices and Officers of Township Government and Departments cease to exist immediately upon the effective date of the new form of Government. Council must within 60 days create some plan of Government.**

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**Council must pass a Resolution tonight.**

**Mr. Flager said the reason it could not be adopted is there were a couple of provisions conflicting with each other.**

**Mr. Tucker questioned if a Resolution is needed tonight.**

**Mr. Flager said we would be fine tonight the Township is operating under the First Class Township Code.**

**President Lewis recessed the meeting for Mr. Lazlo and Mr. Flager to prepare a Resolution so the Township can move ahead.**

**President Lewis reconvened the meeting.**

**Mr. Flager said under the proposal that was made this can be voted on March 1, 2012 and will be within the 60 days. Mr. Flager presented a proposed Resolution to Council for adoption.**

**Motion by Mr. Tucker to approve a Resolution adopting the final draft of the Transition Committee as to the provisions of Officers and the Organization and Administration of Bristol Township pending adoption of an Ordinance. Second by Mr. Pluta.**

***Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.***

**Motion by Vice President Brennan to appoint Keystone Municipal Services, Incorporated as Building Code Official for Bristol Township. Second by Ms. Longhitano.**

**Mr. Pluta questioned if the purpose of changing the company is to save money.**

**Vice President Brennan said yes.**

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**Mr. Pluta said looking at the proposal from Keystone their hourly rate is \$67.00 an hour. Code Inspections rate is \$62.00 an hour. Keystone has a 15 day turn around for permits and Code Inspections has a 3 day turn around.**

**Vice President Brennan said he called around to other Municipalities that use both Code and Keystone. Keystone has saved other Townships a significant amount of money. The Inspectors have become Community friendly.**

**Mr. McCauley said he would anticipate a \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 savings with Keystone.**

**Mr. Bowen said he has been looking at the vouchers and the bills and there was a permit for \$8,000.00 and BIU got \$3,200.00.**

**Mr. Pluta said he is looking at the difference between Keystone and Code Inspections.**

**Mr. Obert said he thought the Township had to go with the lowest responsible bidder.**

**President Lewis said not on a professional service.**

**Mr. Schultz of Newportville said that a couple purchased a home then had to pay \$5,000.00 for a new heater. The only people that can certify a heater is someone that is licensed by the Pennsylvania Petroleum Association. He said he hopes that Council can make sure that that happens.**

***Motion carried by a vote of 5-1 with Mr. Pluta opposed and Mr. Tucker abstained.***

**Motion by Vice President Brennan to appoint United Inspection Agency as Electrical Inspector for Bristol Township. Second by Mr. Bowen.**

**Mr. Pluta said based on the rates United Inspection Agency is charging for electrical permits there cost is going to be 90 percent of the cost of our electrical permits that we charge now.**

Mrs. Cini questioned where the company was located.  
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Mr. Pluta said Ambler.

*Motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. Pluta opposed.*

Mr. McCauley said at the January 19, 2012 meeting Council reopened the 2012 Budget and directed him to eliminate the 3 tents of a mill increase. The proposed budget Council has accomplished that. If adopted the millage rate will be 23.9875. Mr. McCauley will be making a presentation at the February 15, 2012 Meeting. The proposed budget is \$105,249.00 less than the adopted 2012 Budget. He recommended to Council to authorize the advertisement and consider it at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion by Ms. Longhitano to advertise the proposed 2012 Budget. Second by Mr. Bowen.

Mr. Pluta said he is not comfortable with the way the reduction was created.

Mr. McCauley said he will be happy to address any issues after his presentation at the February 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

*Motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Mr. Pluta opposed.*

Action Item: Bucks County Consortium Bid for Pipe and Inlets.

Mr. Tucker said this was tabled because of the side note and asked the Manager to look into it.

Mr. McCauley said he did look into it, and sent Council the memo from the Public Works Director explaining what the notations were. The Consortium prices are the low bid.

Motion by Mr. Bowen to approve the Bucks County Consortium Bid for Pipe and Inlets. Second by Mr. Glasson.

*Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.*

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**Motion by Ms. Longhitano to appoint M. Tirendi, DC Bleistein, W. McCormack, R. Picciotti, J. Brehan, J. Werner and W. Rice as Pennsylvania Special Fire Police Officers. Second by Mr. Glasson.**

*Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.*

**OTHER:**

**Ms. Longhitano said she has been going through the bill run and she will contact the vendors to adjust their pricing, if they do not they will be replaced. The distributor of our maintenance equipment said the Township has been purchasing prime material and not commercial grade. Ms. Longhitano listed the amounts paid and the savings of using commercial grade products. There will be a savings of 75 percent changing to commercial grade.**

**Mr. Bowen said he went through all the invoices for the police cars. He said Bill Rizzo did a phenomenal job with the invoices listing the cars and itemizing the bills.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

**Mr. Obert of Farmbrook spoke on the budget. Mr. McCauley will do a presentation on the Budget at the February 15, 2011 meeting.**

**Mr. Riotto of Maple Avenue said he wanted to thank the Board because his street was plowed for the first time in 5 years.**

**Mr. Michael Wash of Greenbrook questioned if the ratified contracts were in the Budget.**

**Mr. Flager said he did not want to get into labor negotiations. The Budget will be available on the website.**

**Ms. Kerstin Colella of Fifth Avenue said she should not be called on her cell phone for her husband to come to work.**

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**Mr. McCauley said if you are a CDL driver with an assigned route to plow and salt. You need to respond to the Supervisor as the contract provides for.**

**Ms. Shelley Eckert of Edgely said her son works for the Township and does plow. In the past if it was not a state of emergency if he was assigned or on call he could do what ever he wanted. She did not think the situation was not done in a professional manner.**

**Mr. McCauley said that the employees were told they would be called in to plow.**

**Mr. Tucker said there should be a policy that the emergency phone numbers should not be called unless it is an emergency.**

**Mr. Tom Kralle said he handles the same issue. He deals with union people. He has a list. Every employee must say if they would like to come in to plow. If they say no then they are not called, and he calls the next person on the list.**

**Vice President Brennan said there were trucks sitting idle. The employees should call back when they are called so the Township can make arrangements.**

**Mr. Wes Retzler of West Bristol said it should be in their contract if they do not call back someone else will be called. He questioned why the Department Heads are not attending the meetings.**

**Vice President Brennan said there is a chain of command. If there are any issues the Manager will address the problem.**

**Motion by Ms. Longhitano to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 P.M. Second by Mr. Bowen.**

***Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.***

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- 12. Motion to appoint Keystone Municipal Services, Incorporated as Building Code Official for Bristol Township.**
- 13. Motion to appoint United Inspection Agency as Electrical Inspector for Bristol Township.**
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- 15. Motion to approve the Bucks County Consortium Bid for Pipe and Inlets.**
- 16. Motion to appoint M. Tirendi, DC Bleistein, W. McCormack, R. Picciotti, J. Brehan, J. Werner and W. Rice as Pennsylvania Special Fire Police Officers.**
- 17. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted by  
Betsey Kelly  
Secretary**