

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

FEBRUARY 17, 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Roll Call:	Councilman Tucker	Present
	Councilman Lewis	Present
	Councilman Blaylock	Present
	Vice President Tarlini	Present
	President Pluta	Present

**Motion by Vice President Tarlini to suspend the agenda for an award presentation.
Second by Councilman Lewis.**

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Harry Crohe the Deputy Coordinator for Bucks County Emergency Management presented a Professional Certification to Kevin Dippolito. Mr. Dippolito requested the public to take the time to go on the Bristol Township Website Link to the Fire Marshal's Office there are some helpful hints for Emergency Management.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to resume the Agenda. Second by Councilman Blaylock.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

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EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan stated that since he terminated the Sewer Director in January the Sewer Plant is being run by the Lead Operator with the help of the Engineer. Over the past two weeks Council has been interviewing candidates and by next meeting there should be an appointment.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for January 2011. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Mr. Obert stated he feel that the Township should not be buying bottled water. Mr. Obert stated that one of the contractors that did snow plowing for the Township was paid out of an incorrect account. Mr. Bartlett stated that they could make a line adjustment.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes (with correction)
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	Abstained
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 4-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

The Sewer Plant project has started. Effluent Meter has been installed and will be getting detailed readings that will be forwarded to DEP as part of the Act 537 update.

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The Federal Budget will affect the Township by cutting the CDBG Budget up to 60% it has been re-negotiated and has been moved back down, however, there is still the possibility that there could be a potential cut that would effect the Township. Mr. Bartlett stated our Legislators should be contacted and asked to vote no for this cut and he has drafted a letter for Council to send.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to send a letter to Congressman Fitzpatrick that Council supports the CDBG Fund and do not want it cut on behalf of the Mayor, Council and the Residents. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Bartlett stated he and Lt. Sava had a meeting with a number of Engineers. There is a company that has 50 very large units max height 14 ft 11 inches that need to be moved through the Township. This will require a lot of electrical and cable wires to be moved down Radcliffe Street. Mr. Bartlett will keep the Township informed when this will take place. Councilman Lewis questioned if the Township will be reimbursed for any expenses the Township. Mr. Bartlett stated they will reimburse the Township.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve addendum to contract 32BJ for contract year 2010. Second by Councilman Blalock.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

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Mr. Bartlett stated that the Township received a U. S. Department of Justice Grant for a camera surveillance camera to be placed in the Township. The amount of the Grant is for \$400,000.00 there are stipulations with that any vendor contacted involved in this project had to be pre-certified as Co-Stars vendors. The lowest bidder was Let's T Wireless for \$329,544.36, the budgeted amount was \$327,175.00.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Let's Think Wireless for the Surveillance Camera System Project. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Turner questioned where the cameras will be placed. President Pluta stated where they are needed. Mr. Turner feels that the cameras are not needed. President Pluta stated the Residents requested the cameras.

Mr. Charles Pattrell of CSI stated they put a bid in the Surveillance Camera System Project. They were approached by the Consultant to provide a lower price for the System and they did that and it is lower than the 329,544.36 and questioned if that was considered properly because they could save the Township money. President Pluta requested Vice President Tarlini to remove her motion. Vice President Tarlini did resind her motion. Councilman Lewis removed his second.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to table the Surveillance Camera System item until further review. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Call for a motion to approve Excelon Energy as the primary energy supplier for the Sewer Department. Councilman Lewis stated it is more that an approval of Excelon Energy as a provider it is being done by a Company named NCD a Consulting Company and are paid a commission on the Utility Service. Councilman Lewis stated he thinks this should be looked into before making a decision.

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Motion by Councilman Lewis to table the approval of Excelon Energy as the primary power provider for the Sewer Department. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson stated that he would like Council to approve TM to start the Bid Process for the Bridge Repairs that the Township must do. \$100,000.00 has been budgeted for the repairs. Tree clean up has been begun after the storm, Mr. Lawson stated that homeowners are responsible to clean up trees even if they are on an easement. Councilman Tucker questioned if Mr. Lawson has a snow removal plan. Mr. Lawson stated the Fire Marshal has gone over the plan and he feels it is sufficient. The problem for the last storm was they started plowing too late.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Lt. Terry Hughes did not have a report.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher stated the complaint regarding the view obstruction on Second Avenue a notice of violation was sent out to the homeowner and the obstruction has been removed. A notice of violation was sent out to the Owners of the trailers on Newportville Road. L&I is pursuing to have the trailers removed.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

The Developer Highland Realty site has been asked to remediate by the DEP they must advertise in the newspaper that there is a plan to remediate the site and develop the site to give everyone a chance to inspect the documents and Public Involvement Plan. The Township has 30 days to respond the newspaper advertisement or the Township will wave that process.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to authorize the Solicitor to contact the DEP and tell them that the Township would like to have the PIP Program for Highland Realty. Second by Councilman Tucker.

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Mr. Turner questioned if they will be Public Meetings. Mr. Sacco stated that they would not be required to have a Public Meeting like Council Meetings, but would be required to have meetings open to the Public unless Council would want them held at the Council Meeting.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

OTHER:

Councilman Tucker stated that on 2/25/11 there would be a multi-cultural event with Neighborhood First and Bristol Township Recreation Department at 6:00 P.M. at Franklin Middle School to celebrate Martin Luther King.

President Pluta stated that Township has talked about developing Bristol Township Business Association to get input from the Businesses Owners to bring new Businesses in the Township. There is already a Business Coalition and would like Vice President Tarlini to be the Liaison for the Township and attend the meetings and keep Council informed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Wayne Turner of Croydon questioned the snow removal plan in case there is another snow storm. President Pluta stated that the plan does not have to be approved by Council it was put together by Public Works and Emergency Management. Mr. Turner did not think the Deluca Plan to build Townhomes does not have a plan for parking. Mr. Turner stated the Township should promote a current Sewer Department Employee to be the Director. Mr. Turner feels the Township needs an Audit to check into the Budget for Councils cell phones and business cards. Mr. Sacco stated they are Public Documents and Mr. Turner can review them.

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Mr. Gallus Obert of Farmbrook stated he did not think the Transition Committee would be rewriting the Administrative Code just making the transition from the old to the new. Mr. Obert stated he has been questioning the Recreation Lights at the Schools they burn the lights all night. The Township Budgets \$70,000.00 for the lights and they should be turned off for the winter. Mr. Obert questioned if the Township was going to hire the same Company used last year to repair the potholes. President Pluta stated Council has not discussed it.

Mr. Troy Brennan of Croydon questioned how many hours are the plow operators legally allowed to plow. President Pluta stated the Township has a Blue Book and under a snow emergency the Township may bring the essential personnel in and they are here until they are relieved by their Supervisor. Mr. Brennan questioned if they worked 24 hours a day. Vice President Pluta stated because of the man power they had they came in at 12:00 A.M. and worked until 4:00. We did have around the clock operations. Mr. Brennan stated there is a State Law that has a 12 hour rule that a driver cannot be behind the wheel more than 12 hours. Mr. Lawson stated that Municipalities are exempt from that law. Mr. Brennan stated that a Pharmacy put up a banner up on a fence to welcome Pathmark Customers when Pathmark closed. He received a violation notice to take the banner down in 5 days or receive a fine for \$1,000.00. He was told he would not be able to get a permit for it. Mr. Kucher said he would be more than happy to sit with the Pharmacy Owner. President Pluta stated that he has given his card out and he is here to serve the people and if anyone has a problem and feels they are not being treated properly they need to contact him. Mr. Brennan questioned the \$1,000.00 escrow that the Township charges for temporary U & O's. President Pluta stated that is something that might need to be looked at.

Wes Retzler stated that there are No U Turn signs on Rt. 413 by the WaWa and a Police Officer went in the old Gold Brand Motor's and pulled a U Turn. He feels they should lead by example. Mr. Retzler questioned the Snow Ordinance should state that you can park on the grass during a snow storm. Mr. Retzler stated that the Half Way Houses are charging \$150.00 a week and have 10 or 12 people living there he feels they should be charged as commercial. President Pluta stated they are protected under Federal Law.

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Motion by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 P.M. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

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- 1. Motion to suspend the Agenda for an award presentation.**
- 2. Motion to resume the Agenda.**
- 3. Motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for January 2011.**
- 4. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2011 Council Meeting.**
- 5. Motion to send a letter to Congressman Fitzpatrick that Council supports the CDBG Fund and they do not want it cut on behalf of the Mayor, Council and the Residents.**
- 6. Motion to approve addendum to contract 32 BJ for contract year 2010.**
- 7. Motion to table the item to approve Let's Think Wireless for the Surveillance Camera System Project.**
- 8. Motion to table the approval of Excelon Energy as the primary power provider for the Sewer Department.**
- 9. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to contact the DEP and tell them the Township would like to have the PIP Program for the Developer Highland Realty.**
- 10. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted by
Betsey Kelly-Kryven
Secretary**

