

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007

FEBRUARY 20, 2014

COUNCIL MEETING

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bowen	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Ms. Longhitano	Present
	Mr. Monahan	Present
	Ms. Murphy	Present
	Vice President Brennan	Present
	President Lewis	Present

Council President Lewis stated that monthly reports are available for review in the Township Manager's Office, and public comment on land development and official action items, as well as general comments will be taken during the opportunity for residents to address the Council. President Lewis stated matters of personnel and litigation items were discussed in the Executive Session.

VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

- A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for February 20, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the outstanding voucher List and requisitions for February 20, 2014. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

- B. Call for a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting of January 16, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting of January 16, 2014. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

COMMENDATIONS, PRESENTATION and REPORTS

- A. President Lewis presented commendations to the Weise and Nore families and presented both with a \$50.00 gift certificate to Georgine's Restaurant for their exemplary recycling efforts.

Mr. Scott Swichar stated the community should be commended for their recycling efforts and that each month two residents will be randomly selected for their recycling efforts and awarded a gift certificate to a local Bristol Township business.

- B. Acting Police Chief Godzieba presented a Commendation of Merit to Detective Greg Baidler for his exemplary investigative work on a homicide case in 2011, which led to the convictions of four individuals.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. An Ordinance of the Township of Bristol Authorizing the Amendment of Ordinance NO. 2013-3 by Adding the Erection of a Pole Barn with Drainage, Lighting and Paving Improvements at the Public Works Facility to the List of Approved capital Projects known as the 2013C Project and Authorizing the Allocation of \$500,000 out of the \$4,000,000 in 2013C Note Funds for the Additional Project: Consideration to Adopt.

Township Manager McCauley stated that four million was borrowed in 2013 for highway resurfacing. \$500,000 was budgeted in 2014 to erect a pole barn at the Public Works facility. Adopting this ordinance amendment will allow funds to be used from the 2013 C Note for the public works improvements. In 2014, \$500,000 will be used from the Liquid Fuels Fund for milling and paving so that we still pave \$4,000,000 worth of roads this year.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to authorize the amendment of Ordinance 2013-3 to allocate \$500,000 of the 2013 C Note toward the erection of a pole barn at the public works facility. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

- B. An Ordinance of the Township of Bristol Vacating a section of Hardy Street (Formerly Walnut Street) Starting at the Intersection with Harmer Street and Extending Approximately 377 Feet Further into Hardy Street: Consideration to Adopt.

Township Engineer, Mr. Larry Young, stated that Council should first decide whether they are in favor of vacating the road before sending the legal descriptions to the appropriate offices.

The Township Solicitor, Randy Flager, opened the Public Hearing on the vacation of Hardy Street at 7:32pm.

Mr. Young stated that the correct steps had never been taken to vacate Hardy Street when tried previously.

Mr. Brian Binney of Anderson Engineering stated that once the street is approved to be vacated it will no longer be the Township's responsibility and would be maintained by the applicant.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:35pm.

Motion by Vice President Brennan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to authorize an Ordinance vacating a section of Hardy Street (formerly Walnut Street) beginning at the intersection with Harmer Street and extending approximately 377 Feet further into Hardy Street. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

C. An Ordinance Authorizing the Participation of Bristol Township in the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Law, Appointing the Township Manager as Trustee, Authorizing the Trustee to Appoint an Alternate and Authorizing the Execution of All Necessary Documentation: Consideration to Adopt.

Township Manager, Bill McCauley stated that participation in the Health Trust would offer health insurance that is equal or better than the current plan and would provide an \$86,000 savings over the next year with an opportunity to save more in the future based on experience.

Councilman Monahan asked Mr. McCauley whether the plan is as good or better than the existing Blue Cross plan. Mr. McCauley stated the plan is better than the existing Blue Cross plan.

Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by President Lewis to approve an Ordinance authorizing participation in the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust pursuant to Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Law, appointing the Township Manager as Trustee, and authorizing the Trustee to appoint an alternate and authorizing the execution of all necessary documentation. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

D. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for Wawa SR 0413 (New Rodgers Road & SR 2049 (Bath Road) and the Township Manager to Sign the Application: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for traffic signal approval for Wawa SR 0413 (New Rodgers Road & SR 2049 (Bath Road) and the Township Manager to sign the application. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

E. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for I-95 Offset Project SR 0413 (New Rodgers Road) & (Ford Road) and the Township Manager to Sign the Application: Consideration to Adopt.

Mr. Joseph Roth III of Jacobs Engineering discussed previous projects providing wider I-95 and PA Turnpike passes, additional stream bank stabilization and an enhancement project on Mill Creek just north of the Turnpike. Mr. Roth stated that construction will begin in the Fall: referring to section D -10 of the I-95 Offset Project which would provide for the widening of the Pennsylvania Turnpike between existing I-95 and the US Rte. 13 Interchange through the Township. He stated there will be improvements such as ADA ramps, Traffic signals, drainage pipes, and sidewalks to adhere to PennDOT guidelines on the local roadways (Routes 413 and Durham Road, Bath Road Intersections and Bristol Plaza Shopping Center/Durham Road) that need approval. Ford Road and 413 intersections will have fiber cable installation work completed.

Councilman Bowen questioned if the project is being implemented to reduce traffic. Mr. Roth stated the project is a function of the drainage work being completed.

D. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for Wawa SR 0413 (New Rodgers Road & SR 2049 (Ford Road) and I-95 Offset Project; the Township Manager to Sign the Application: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for traffic signal approval for Wawa SR 0413 (New Rodgers Road & SR 2049 (Bath Road) and the Township Manager to sign the application. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

Motion by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for traffic signal approval for I-95 Offset Project SR 0413 (New Rodgers Road) & (Ford Road) and the Township Manager to sign the application. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

F. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for SR 2049 (Durham Road) & Bristol Shopping Center Driveway and the Township Manager to Sign the Application: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Glasson authorizing the submission of an application for traffic signal approval for SR 2049 (Durham Road) & Bristol Shopping Center Driveway and the Township Manager to sign the Application. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

G. A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement for the I-95 Offset Project and Appropriate Township Officials to Sign Said Document: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Bowen authorizing the approval of a sidewalk maintenance agreement for the I-95 offset project and appropriate Township officials to sign said document. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

H. A Resolution for Plan Revision to the Official Sewage Facilities Plan for New Land Development Known as Bristol Taco Bell: Consideration to Adopt.

Manager McCauley stated that DEP requires that Council approve a revision to the plan. Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve a Resolution for plan revision to the official sewage facilities plan for a new land development known as Bristol Taco Bell. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Township Manager McCauley provided an update on the LED Street Light project and stated that 1000 street lights have already been retrofitted despite the inclement weather.

President Lewis thanked Mr. McCauley.

Bill McCauley commended Public Works Director Jason Lawson and his staff for their efforts during the last snow storm and mentioned costs for winter highway maintenance in excess of \$320,000 are significantly higher than prior years. Mr. McCauley stated that extra Liquid Fuel Funds will cover the additional expenses and that salt reserves are at acceptable levels.

Mr. McCauley commended the Police Department for informing residents to move their vehicles during plowing operations. Residents were provided the opportunity to move their cars before any violations were written. Mr. McCauley reminded residents that they have 12 hours after a storm to clear sidewalks and walk areas. Forty citations were written for sidewalks that were not cleared of snow.

Township Manager McCauley announced that DOW Chemical has elected to allow the levee accreditation to lapse at their Maple Beach property, and if DOW abandons the levee then it will become flood plain. Mr. McCauley recommended a Motion authorizing a letter from the Council President to the Federal and State legislative delegations asking them to require that the Core of Engineers compel Dow to recertify the levy.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by the remaining Council members to authorize a letter from Council President Bob Lewis to the Legislative Delegations asking them to inform the Core of Engineers to recertify the levy. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

Township Manager McCauley stated the next civilian Police Academy class will take place from April 3 through June 19th; applications are available in the lobby of the Municipal Building and Police Department. Class size will be limited to 12 applicants.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Township Solicitor Randy Flager discussed the ongoing litigation with the Highlander Realty Management's appeal of Bristol Township's Zoning Hearing Board Decision in reference to Miller's Trailer Park. The Zoning Hearing Board had originally approved 36 units and later went back to the Zoning Hearing Board requesting 24 units; however they were turned down. Both parties have agreed to reduce the number to 23 units with parking and all other stipulations.

Councilman Brennan questioned the parking on the street.

Mr. Larry Young stated that there is a parking lot proposed and room for additional parking. Solicitor Flager stated there is in fact additional land to be paved.

Councilwoman Longhitano questioned if the contaminated land issue has been rectified. Mr. Young stated according to the stipulation the applicant must adhere to residential cleaning standards. Ms. Longhitano asked who would be overseeing that process and Mr. Young stated that the D.E.P. would monitor the process. Councilwoman Longhitano questioned Mr. Young if there is adequate drainage. Mr. Young stated that drainage will be installed.

Motion by Vice President Brennan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the stipulation and end the appeal for the Highlander Realty Management litigation to be resolved with Item D waived and a 23 parking space requirement. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

Solicitor Flager also announced that Act 89 passed which increases the gasoline tax and helps to fund local roads and bridges.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Reaffirmation of Final Subdivision Approval for Paul & Jacquelyn Keating for Property located at 2724 New Falls Road and 2727 Avenue A, Levittown, PA, T.M.P. # 5-16-55: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to reaffirm the final subdivision approval for Paul & Jacquelyn Keating for Property Located at 2724 New Falls Road and 2727 Avenue A, Levittown, PA, T.M.P. # 5-16-55. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

OTHER

President Lewis thanked the Public Works staff for their efforts with snow plowing. President Lewis stated that application to the Zoning Hearing Board for a waste treatment facility were withdrawn.

Councilwoman Longhitano asked for prayers for Retired Police Captain Herb Phillips.

Councilman Bowen announced the 2nd Annual Ryan Strong 5K Run/ Walk will take place on March 30, 2014, with an 8 a.m. registration at Bucks County Technical School and 9am Race.

Mr. Bowen stated that residents should contact 1-800 FIX-ROADS to report potholes on state roads.

Councilman Monahan questioned the plan to fix potholes and stated that residents should be patient. Mr. McCauley stated that potholes are being cold patched, but this is no substitute for hot asphalt repairs.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mr. Joe Hogan of Mountain Lane questioned if the ADA Ramps at the newly constructed Bottom Dollar had a completion date.

Mr. Ken Smith of Edgely Section questioned if there was an ordinance that would prevent the waste treatment facility applicant from reapplying.

Ms. Jennifer Stiltner of Jester Lane stated that walkways in the Junewood section had not been shoveled which made it difficult for children to walk to school and that a vehicle was plowed in which obstructed parking on Junewood Drive.

Mr. Gallus Obert of Farmbrook Section stated that Holly Hill and Cedar Avenue are dangerous intersections and should be examined by the Township. Mr. McCauley stated that PECO was advised of non-functioning lights and that the Township is working with them to address the problem.

Ms. Kathy Tellado of Orangewood questioned the red sticker placed on abandoned vehicles and the time frame for removal of the vehicle. A vehicle is plowed in on the corner of Orangewood and questioned who is responsible for the removal of a vehicle at 2 Albrook Ave.

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Township Manager McCauley stated the police department is responsible for tagging/removal of abandoned vehicles in the right of way. Further, residents were properly notified about the declared state of emergency and to remove their vehicles off of roads.

Councilman Monahan stated that 2 Albrook has always been a problem.

Mr. Tony Bolger of Patrician Street thanked the Police Department and PECO for their efforts during the snowstorm events.

Mr. West Rexler of West Bristol questioned who would monitor the police surveillance equipment. He questioned who would pay electricity expenses of a public works building. He questioned whether residents of Newportville benefitted from the sale of the water system. He also questioned why bids are not opened at evening meetings so the public may attend and whether J.P. Mascaro was the low bidder on the trash contract.

Motion By Vice President Brennan and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

1. Approved the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for February 20, 2014.
2. Approved the Minutes from the Council meeting on January 16, 2013.
3. Authorized the Amendment of Ordinance NO. 2013-3 by Adding the Erection of a Pole Barn with Drainage, Lighting and Paving Improvements at the Public Works Facility to the List of Approved Capital Projects and Authorizing the Allocation of \$500,000 out of the \$4,000,000 in 2013C Note Funds for the Additional Project.
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10. Authorized the Approval of a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement for the I-95 Offset Project and Appropriate Township Officials to Sign Said Document.
11. Approved a Resolution for Plan Revision to the Official Sewage Facilities Plan for New Land Development Known as Bristol Taco Bell.
12. Authorized a Letter from Council President Bob Lewis to Legislative Delegation asking them to inform the Core of Engineers to recertify the levy for the future of Bristol Township.
13. Approved a stipulated settlement with Highlander Realty Management ending the appeal of the Zoning Hearing Board to Common Pleas Court with 23 units allowed as long as 23 parking spots are built and maintained for additional parking.

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14. Reaffirmed the Final Subdivision Approval for Paul & Jacquelyn Keating for Property Located at 2724 New Falls Road and 2727 Avenue A, Levittown, PA, T.M.P. # 5-16-55.
15. Adjourned meeting at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Hardy
Township Secretary