

# BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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## COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Tarlini at 7:25 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: personnel and litigation were discussed.

President Tarlini called for a Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council Members, Tarlini, Pluta, Greer, Monahan and Davis were present.

Public comments will be taken on Land Development and Official action items. General comments will be taken during Opportunity for Residents to Address Council.

### APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:

Swearing in of John Greer as Councilmember, by Judge Frank Peranteau was done publically. Council appointed John Greer to Council on July 7, 2009 the appointment is through December 2009.

Councilman Greer thanked his family, Council, friends and Judge Peranteau. And said he will serve to the best of his ability to help in this Township.

### EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Fenton and Council presented awards for the Senior Citizens who continue to help the Quality of Life for seniors making a significant impact and vision of success. Dolly Shae was honored as winner of the 2009 Peggy O'Neil Senior of the Year Award and President for the Bristol Township Seniors. Dolly Shae accepted the plaque thanked all and said this shows all you can do and turning eighty Mrs. Shae still enjoys the program. Bonnie Worth inspired volunteerism, some things are the friendship quilt, providing food and shelter, the senior computer program and many more events, Ms. Worth and the seniors do a lot of great service for the community. Ms. Worth said it is a pleasure to work with the community and have this great relationship with the Township, they will continue to do what is needed for the Township and seniors.

Awards were presented for the Weed and Seed Program. Mayor Fenton stated resident came to the Mayor in 2002 with problems of kids having nothing to do, drug crimes, ex-offenders that can't find jobs, I heard their voices and set up a meeting with Congressman Jim Greenwood as a result we obtained the Weed and Seed Program. The plan was for leadership of the Community and Freedom. Grants were received through Federal funds. The U.S. Attorney's Office recognized Darlene Holerman who made her

place a better place to live. A plaque was presented to thank her. Mrs. Holerman is an inspiration to the community and believes in what she does.

Mayor Fenton presented the names for appointments to the Budget Review Committee for 2010: Councilwoman Davis called for the motion to appoint Rodney Farrell to the 2010 Budget Review Committee. Second by Councilman Greer. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. Councilman Greer called for the motion to appoint Ryan Hires to the 2010 Budget Review Committee. Second by Vice President Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to appoint Pat Kzaraek to the 2010 Budget Review Committee. Second by Councilwoman Davis. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to appoint Susan Rosenberg to the to the 2010 Budget Review Committee. Second by Councilman Greer. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to appoint Gene Kehoe to the 2010 Budget Review Committee. Second by Vice President Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Voucher List Requisitions and Minutes:

- a. Councilwoman Davis called for the motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for June 2009. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes, except for vendor number 23 Curtin Heefner \$2,080.80

Motion approved: 5-0

- b. Call for a motion approve minutes from the following Council Meetings: April 16, 2009, May 7, 2009 and May 21, 2009. President Tarlini called for the motion to *table* the minutes of April 16, 2009. Second by Vice President Pluta.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	abstain
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: 4- ayes 1 abstain

President Tarlini called for the motion to approve the minutes of May 7, 2009 with a correction on page three (eleven million not one million). Second by Vice President Pluta.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	abstain
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: 4 ayes -1 abstain

Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2009. Second by Vice President Pluta.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	abstain
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: 4 ayes -1 abstain

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett reported a two million dollar grant was awarded from the State H2O Program. We will continue to identify and improve our inflow and infiltration to remove the moratorium.

The summer camp is in full swing. Weekly trips and activities are planned. We have had good reports on this program and the summer basketball program.

Council was requested to consider a motion to extend the paving project (go to bid). Three roads were added. The first contract stipulated mileage. Money is available in the budget. Vice President Pluta called for the motion to authorize advertisement of the bid to extend the paving project (to include Catalpa Lane, Cranberry Lane and the other half of Crabtree Drive). Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Land Development:

1. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the DoLittle Corporation, P.O. Box 946, Bensalem, Pa. request for Preliminary Land Development approval for property located at the intersection of Edgely and Runway Roads Levittown (Tax Parcel #5-70-41-2) in order to construct a 17,000 square foot building and parking facilities in an M-1 Light Manufacturing zoned district of Bristol Township. Including waiver fee and in lieu of as requested by Mr. Sacco. Councilman Greer said the preliminary plan had no designation of the type of use. Gary Smith stated we are requesting to know what is going to be there. F3, Warehouse was defined by the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Davis stated Pennoni; the lighting consultant has not reviewed. Mr. Johnson (representative for DoLittle Corporation) responded we will comply with Pennoni's letter. President Tarlini stated the letter says it has to be revised and resubmitted. Mr. Sacco stated since this is preliminary it could be submitted with the final. Second by Councilman Greer. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

- A. Vice President Pluta called for the motion to authorize payment to DV3# for replacement and addition flags for the Flag Memorial Program. Second by Councilman Greer.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: all ayes

- B. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve purchase, approved in the 2009 Budget of a Ford Escape through CoStars Contract #13-033. Mr. Bartlett stated this is for the inspectors (environmental), as budgeted. Second by Councilwoman Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: all ayes

- C. Councilman Greer called for the motion to approve bid award of the reroofing and sheet metal for the Edgely Fire House to Jemar Contracting LLC for the total base bid of \$102,961.00 as recommended by McKernan Architects. Second by Vice President Pluta. This was awarded from the Casino Grant to Fire Companies. The amount is in excess of the grant. They will pay the difference from funds raised.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: all ayes

- D. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the agreement for the purchasing, processing and marketing of recyclable materials collected in the County of Bucks. Second by Councilwoman Davis. Mr. Bartlett stated this agreement is new but the same type of program. There is no cost to the Township.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: all ayes

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson reported there were three hundred eighty one calls in June, one hundred eighty six were township problems, one hundred twenty three were finished, sixty three are open, twenty four are old complaints; total open complaints is eighty seven.

The road program started. It is moving well. One small problem was encountered, we are fixing it.

We are working on road resurfacing.

An office personnel was moved. The phones had a problem. The calls went to the machine. Those who left messages should be receiving return phone calls by the end of the week.

The vacant homes are being boarded up and the grass cut.

Mr. Bartlett stated residents are notified when the paving is happening. Please remove the vehicles from the road. We only had one that had to be towed so far thanks to the cooperation.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew reported residents expressed concern from the traffic which will utilize Kenwood Drive to go to the Levittown Shopping Center. The study was done before and the data was received. We will do a study again and report to Council.

On July 8, 2009 there was a homicide of John Reel, a homeless person. A great detective worked day and night and ended up with an arrest. I congratulate those guys who did the investigating.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF WATER & SEWER:

Mr. Britton stated a two million dollar grant was awarded for the sewer collection system. There are three categories of blockage, roots, grease and inflow-infiltration. The grease ordinance is currently being reviewed. We have a problem area from one of the restaurants. The problem areas are being inspected. One manhole had a back hoe bucket full of grease. Grease and roots can cause overflows.

In June the pumping station retrofit of Croydon Acres was completed. The staff did the job.

I will provide quarterly maintenance reports to highlight the maintenance items.

At the end of June the sewer financial statement showed fifty two percent revenue and forty seven percent on expenditures. A few lines did exceed. Line item transfers are proposed and attached to the report.

July 15, 2009 the required OSHA training for responsible protection occurred. All employees passed.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco reported approval is needed for a grant to purchase equipment for the training area and a crime mapping module, this is a no match grant for \$36,500 obtained by Detective Lebo. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the purchase of equipment for the training area and crime mapping module from a no match grant in the amount of \$36,500. Second by Councilman Greer. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

OTHER:

Councilwoman Davis asked does Council have to do anything to get an open space fund committee. We still have money from previous years (\$700,000). Mr. Sacco stated the money was allocated but not spent. We have a plan but need to update that plan and identify open space. The Executive appoints the committee with the approval of Council. Councilwoman Davis requested residents to send resumes' for the Open Space Committee.

Councilman Monahan stated there are complaints from Levittown; some carports are being used for storage of junk. License and Inspections should do something about the problem.

Present Tarlini stated I have an email from Mrs. Slovak of 17 Corral Lane. Her requests were addressed. The house next door to her was cleaned up and sold. She sent a thank you letter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Chris Olbrich-asked the status of the Millers Trailer Park property. Mr. Sacco stated the Zoning Hearing Board approved the property for a town home community. The first phase is completed. August 10, 2009 they will meet again. Mr. Olbrich asked how the fire truck will get through Cedar Avenue at the train station when it is closed? President Tarlini responded a fire truck will be held in a parking lot for the duration of the project. Mr. Bartlett stated the Fire Truck will be kept at Watkins Trucking. Mr. Olbrich said Aqua removed my sidewalk. They are only pouring a one inch slab which won't hold through the winter. Mr. Bartlett stated we will express the concern and the Township Engineer will check. Councilman Greer stated the sidewalks are a concern and should be checked. Make sure from this point on they get inspected. Mr. Olbrich stated the sewer drains are clogged. Mr. Lawson stated we work off complaints. If you contacted our office we would have checked. I will find the problem.

2. Mathew Ortlip-said the last meeting Ms. Slovak made comments saying a crook took advantage of her neighbor. I am an employee; he is a member of the Better Business Bureau and has been in business for fifteen years. Comments were untrue and inaccurate. The customer who we did the work for sent a thank you letter. Mr. Rogers and his family are suffering for this. It was broadcast many times please consider this. Mr. Loose did a good job considering the needs and the homeowner's limited funds. President Tarlini stated Ms. Slovak sent an email saying she would contact Jim's Tree Service with an apology. I asked if she wanted to do that publicly but that did not happen. There is freedom of speech and we did discuss this with the Solicitor. Mr. Sacco said the concerns were raised after the meeting. My opinion is it is hard to start editing meetings or re-airing meetings unless it will cause uproar. Ms. Slovak said she did not realize it was on the television. People should realize there are repercussions for statements made
3. West Retzler-said are we inspecting the sidewalks Aqua does? Vice President Pluta stated this is the first I hear of the problem tonight, but we will address it. Councilwoman Davis stated we did address the complaint in your area; they are repaving the roads they tore up. Councilman Monahan stated they should have to make the License and Inspections aware of what locations they are working at. Mr. Lawson stated we have a performance bond for all of their work. Mr. Retzler said there is a lot of money wasted on vehicle use in the township through vehicle use in the sewer, highway and police departments. President Tarlini stated the supervisor and leader of the highway department are allowed to take the vehicles home in case of emergency calls. Mr. Lawson stated a total of three vehicles are taken home, me and two leaders. They go right to the site during emergencies and don't use the trucks for personal business. President Tarlini advised Mr. Retzler to contact the directors and they will give the answers. Chief McAndrew stated there could be numerous reasons for the use of the vehicles that you observed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Davis called for the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
*Denise Gorry*  
Secretary

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

- 1) Appoint Rodney Farrell to the 2010 Budget Review Committee.
- 2) Appoint Ryan Hires to the 2010 Budget Review Committee.
- 3) Appoint Pat Coserick to the 2010 Budget Review Committee.
- 4) Appoint Susan Rosenberg to the 2010 Budget Review Committee.
- 5) Appoint Gene Kehoe to the 2010 Budget Review Committee.
- 6) Approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for June 2009.
- 7) Approve the minutes of May 7, 2009 with a correction on page three (eleven million not one million).
- 8) Approve the minutes of May 21, 2009.
- 9) Authorize advertisement of the bid to extend the paving project (to include Catalpa Lane, Cranberry Lane and the other half of Crabtree Drive).
- 10) Approve the DoLittle Corporation, P.O. Box 946, Bensalem, Pa. request for Preliminary Land Development approval for property located at the intersection of Edgely and Runway Roads Levittown (Tax Parcel #5-70-41-2) in order to construct a 17,000 square foot building and parking facilities in an M-1 Light Manufacturing zoned district of Bristol Township. Including waiver fee and in lieu of as requested by Mr. Sacco.
- 11) Authorize payment to DV3# for replacement and addition flags for the Flag Memorial Program.
- 12) Approve purchase, approved in the 2009 Budget of a Ford Escape through CoStars Contract #13-033.
- 13) Approve bid award of the reroofing and sheet metal for the Edgely Fire House to Jemar Contracting LLC for the total base bid of \$102,961.00 as recommended by McKernan Architects.
- 14) Approve the agreement for the purchasing, processing and marketing of recyclable materials collected in the County of Bucks.
- 15) Approve the purchase of equipment for the training area and crime mapping module from a no match grant in the amount of \$36,500.

Motions Tabled:

1. Minutes of April 16, 2009.



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	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	AGENDA (X)	OTHER (X)
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2	Matthew Altip	4827 Beaver Dam Rd.		X
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