BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD BRISTOL, PA 19007

August 20, 2015

COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Roll Call: Mr. Bailey Present

Mr. Brennan Present
Mr. Glasson Absent
Mr. Monahan Present
Ms. Murphy Present
Vice President Longhitano Present
Present Present

President Bowen announced that the 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.

President Bowen stated matters of personnel and litigation items were discussed in executive session prior to the Council meeting.

VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for August 20, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Brennan to approve the outstanding voucher list for August 20,, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

B. Call for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting of July 22, 2015.

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Councilwoman Murphy made a motion to adopt the July 22, 2015, changing the incorrect spelling of Attorney Thomas Hecker's name from Heckler to Hecker minutes on page three under New Business.

Motion by Vice President Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on July 22, 2015 as amended.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENDATIONS and REPORTS

President Bowen, on behalf of Council, expressed his condolences to the family of Dale Frazier. Mr. Frazier was the founder of Greenbelt Overhaul Alliance of Levittown (GOAL) President Bowen stated that Council appreciates Mr. Frazier's efforts to preserve the environment and keep Levittown clean and green. He stated that Mr. Frazier died of cancer earlier in the week, and that while he will be greatly missed, he will not be forgotten.

A. President Bowen presented a Certificate of Commendation and a \$50 gift card from TD Bank for exemplary recycling efforts.

President Bowen stated that as part of the "Get Caught Recycling Campaign" the Township's Environmental Officer inspects resident's trash and recycling containers to make sure they are recycling. He stated that the Township randomly picks two residents who are doing a great job recycling and awards each family with a \$50 gift card at the monthly Council meeting.

President Bowen thanked TD Bank for their sponsorship of Bristol Township's "Get Caught Recycling Campaign."

President Bowen thanked township residents for their recycling efforts and then presented the Shero Family of Levittown with a \$50 dollar gift card from TD Bank.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A. A Resolution Authorizing and Approving Transportation Enhancements Reimbursement Agreements for the Costs of the Construction of the Route 13-Redevelopment-Croydon Project Designated as Agreement #161273 and Directing the Appropriate Township Officials to Sign: Consideration to Adopt.

Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder, stated that the Township received approximately \$1 million in funding for the Croydon Streetscape Project, and the Resolution will enable the Township to seek be reimbursement for the construction costs..

Motion by Vice President Longhitano and seconded by Mrs. Murphy to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing and Approving Transportation Enhancements Reimbursement Agreements for the Costs of the Construction of the Route 13-Redevelopment-Croydon Project Designated as Agreement #161273 and Directing the Appropriate Township Officials to Sign.

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Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. McCauley stated there is increased interest in business development on Route 13 and Route 413, and that U-Haul will be closing on the Bristol Plaza property in the next month. Mr. McCauley stated that while the property has limited development potential, U-Haul is taking the appropriate steps to redevelop the property. Mr. McCauley stated that U-Haul has experience rehabilitating dilapidated properties and that the development will create jobs and increase the tax base.

Mr. McCauley stated there is substantial interest in business development in the Township, which he attributes to the pro-business agenda of the current Council. Solicitor Flager stated that Council's pro-business policies have encouraged businesses to relocate to Bristol.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

The Township Solicitor had no formal report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Application of J&J Developers LLC, 3009 West Ave, Bristol Requesting Preliminary and final Subdivision Approval for property located at 4633 Murray Street, Bristol (Tax Parcels #5-28-26, #5-28-537, & #5-29-83) in an R-2 Residential zoned District: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Project Engineer Richard Stoneback, from Charles E. Shoemaker, Inc.., requested, on behalf of J & J Developers, preliminary and final subdivision approval for the property located at 4633 Murray Street. The subject properties along with the vacated portions of Harrison Street and an alley which was approved by Ordinance No. 2015-3 on April 16, 2015, will be consolidated.

Mr. Stoneback stated the applicant is proposing to subdivide the consolidated lot into eight lots in order to construct single-family detached dwellings. The proposed dwellings will be serviced by public sewer and water and the applicant is proposing to control stormwater runoff from the proposed buildings and impervious surfaces by installing a stone infiltration bed on each property.

Vice President Longhitano stated that trees on the property should be preserved. Mr. Steve Bilecki, of J&J Developers, stated that most of the trees are at the rear of the property, and that 90% will not be removed.

President Bowen questioned if runoff would be directed toward the new homes. Mr. Stoneback stated that the lots are graded and that rainwater will travel toward the street. President Bowen questioned who will be responsible for retention basins. Mr. Stoneback stated that the individual homeowners will be responsible for their retention basin.

President Bowen questioned the size and type of each property. Mr. Stoneback stated that all the properties will be ranchers and will be between 1,600-1,800 square feet.

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Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder recommended preliminary and final approval for 4633 Murray Street, Tax Parcels #5-28-26, #5-28-537, & #5-29-83, conditioned upon meeting all outstanding comments by the Township and complying with the three outlined waivers dated August 12, 2015. Applicant will also agree to enter into all applicable agreements.

Motion by Vice President Longhitano and seconded by Mrs. Murphy to approve the request for Preliminary and final Subdivision Approval for the property located at 4633 Murray Street, Bristol (Tax Parcels #5-28-26, #5-28-537, & #5-29-83) in an R-2 Residential zoned District.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

B. Request from Kanga Roof to waive the permit fee charged for their "Support a Veteran" Roof Giveaway: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Township Manager McCauley stated that A. Brooks Construction has been awarding Veterans as well as families with a new roof for the past five years. Manager McCauley stated that the motion would be to reimburse the permit fee for the new roof. Council has previously waived and/ or reimbursed the permit fee to enable Kanga Roof to continue to be a generous business partner in the Township.

Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Brennan to approve the request for reimbursement to Kanga Roof for the permit fee charged for their "Support a Veteran" Roof Giveaway.

Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

C. Tentative Agreement for New Collective for New Collective Bargaining Agreement with Transport Workers Union of America Local 282, AFL-CIO, Roads and Public Property Employees: Consideration to Ratify.

Township Manager McCauley recommended that Council ratify the two tentative agreements with the TWU, Roads & Public Property as well as Municipal Building employees. Mr. McCauley stated the new agreements will control costs, provide generous pay increases for employees who have not had a raise since 2010 and reform the attendance policy. Mr. McCauley stated the new contract is a four year agreement beginning on January 1, 2015. The contract has a revised vacation policy that provides 40 hours of vacation for new employees after the first year of employment. Within thirty days of the signing of the new contract, every collective bargaining unit member employed consecutively from January 1, 2014 will receive a \$1,000 lump sum bonus not added into their base rate of pay. Wage increases will be set at 4% from 2015 to 2018.

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Mr. McCauley stated that the tentative agreements provide a new health insurance plan with employees paying a deductible for their insurance, and that each year it will increase slightly to a maximum of \$1000 for an individual and \$3000 for a family in 2018.

President Bowen stated that Township employees work hard and are deserving of the new contract.

Motion by Vice President Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Bailey to ratify the Tentative Agreement for New Collective Bargaining Agreement with Transport Workers Union of America Local 282, AFL-CIO, Roads and Public Property Employees.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

D. Tentative Agreement for New Collective for New Collective Bargaining Agreement with Transport Workers Union of America Local 282, AFL-CIO, Municipal Building Employees: Consideration to Ratify.

President Bowen questioned if the contract was the same for the municipal building employees.

Mr. McCauley stated that under the old contract, the municipal building employees only worked 35 hours per week and received one hour of paid lunch. Under the new contract, employees would work 40 hours a week and receive an hour unpaid lunch. Township Manager McCauley stated the new agreement includes a zero tolerance drug testing policy.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mrs. Murphy to ratify the Tentative Agreement for New Collective Bargaining Agreement with Transport Workers Union of America Local 282, AFL-CIO, Municipal Building Employees.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

E. Request from Bristol Township School District dated August 19, 2015 for an Escrow Release for the property located at 2200 Haines Road (Tax Parcel #05-071-472): Consideration to Adopt.

Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder, stated that Bristol Township School District is requesting release of their escrow. Mr. Schroeder recommended an escrow release of \$980,503.12 as the work was satisfactorily completed per the approved plans.

Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan to Approve an Escrow Release for the property located at 2200 Haines Road Tax Parcel #05-071-472 in the amount of \$980,503.12.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

F. Request from Bristol Township School District dated August 19, 2015 for an Escrow Release for the property located at 6501 Mill Creek Road (Tax Parcel #05-037-569): Consideration to Adopt.

Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder, stated that Bristol Township School District is requesting release of their escrow. Mr. Schroeder recommended an escrow release of \$1,451,506.31 as the work was satisfactorily completed per the approved plans.

Motion by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mrs. Murphy to Approve an Escrow Release for the property located at 6501 Mill Creek Road Tax Parcel #05-037-569 in the amount of \$1,451,506.31.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

G. Request from MacPherson-Hardy Partnership dated August 19, 2015 for an Escrow Release for the property located at 1611 Hanford Street (Tax Parcel #5-69-44, 5-69-45, 5-69-57, & 5-69-67-4): Consideration to Take Appropriate Action.

Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder, stated that MacPherson-Hardy Partnership is requesting release of their escrow. Mr. Schroeder recommended a final escrow release of \$31,411.50 based on the work being satisfactorily completed per the approved plans.

Mr. McCauley stated that the applicant company, American Breadcrumb, not only stayed in Bristol Township, but also created 30 new jobs as a result of their expansion.

Mr. Schroeder stated that his engineering firm and the public works department are addressing ponding issues on the roadway in front of American Breadcrumb Company by creating a bottomless inlet that will enable better drainage.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mrs. Murphy to Approve an Escrow Release for the property located at 1611 Hanford Street Tax Parcel #5-69-44, 5-69-45, 5-69-57, & 5-69-67-4 in the amount of \$31,411.50.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

H. 2016 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for Bristol Township Pension Plans: Consideration to Take Appropriate Action.

Mr. McCauley stated that this is the annual adoption of the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the police pension plan, and that next month he will address the minimum obligation for municipal employees. Township Manager McCauley stated that the actuary determined that the minimum municipal obligation for 2016 is \$1,345,401 and the minimum municipal obligation based on market value of assets is \$1,492,700. Mr. McCauley recommended that the 2016 minimum municipal obligation be \$1,617,617, which is \$272,000 greater than the minimum amount recommended by the actuary. President Bowen stated that the Township is actually contributing more than the required amount.

Vice President Longhitano stated that while the Township could have contributed less toward the obligation, they are instead using good financial planning and foresight, to determine the Township's financial future.

Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Vice President Longhitano to Elect line #6 and Approve the 2016 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for Bristol Township Pension Plans in the amount of \$1,617,617.

Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Bowen announced that Community Day will be held on Saturday August 22 starting at 4:00pm and will end with fireworks.

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Councilman Monahan stated there will be a Veteran's Expo in Falls Township on August 29 from 9:00am until 2:00pm. He also thanked Mr. McCauley for placing the advertisement on the Township website.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESDIENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

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RECAP OF AUGUST 20, 2015

- 1. Motion to approve the Voucher List for August 20, 2015.
- 2. Motion to approve the Minutes from the July 22, 2015 meeting.
- 3. Presentation of monthly recycling award.
- 4. Approved a Resolution Authorizing and Approving Transportation Enhancements Reimbursement Agreements for the Costs of the Construction of the Route 13-Redevelopment-Croydon Project Designated as Agreement #161273 and Directing the Appropriate Township Officials to Sign.
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- 12. Adopted the 2016 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for Bristol Township Pension Plans.
- 13. Adjournment at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Murphy, Township Secretary