

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007

AUGUST 21, 2014

COUNCIL MEETING

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM and stated personnel, real estate and other litigation matters were discussed in the executive session prior to the meeting.

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 will be taken, as well as general comments will be taken during opportunity for residents to address the council.

VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

- A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for August 21, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Ms. Murphy to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for August 21, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- B. Call for a motion to approve minutes from the Council Meeting on July 17, 2014.

Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on July 17, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

COMMENDATIONS, PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS

- A. President Lewis and Mr. Jeff Livezey of TD Bank presented certificates of commendation to the Rama family of Croydon and the O'Neill Family of Levittown, and presented both families with a \$50.00 TD Bank Visa Debit Card for their exemplary recycling efforts as part of the "Get Caught Recycling Campaign". President Lewis thanked TD Bank for their sponsorship support. President Lewis stated that 397 tons of recycling materials were collected in July 2014, compared to 258 tons of recyclables in July 2013. This is a 58% increase in residential recycling compared to the same corresponding month last year.
- B. Appointment of Special Fire Police Officer: Consideration to Appoint.

Township Manager McCauley stated that Croydon Fire Station # 1 nominated Mr. Bob Parker of 904 Oak Avenue of Croydon as a Special Fire Police Officer.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to approve the appointment of Mr. Bob Parker, 904 Oak Avenue, Croydon, as a Special Fire Police Officer.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. An Ordinance Amending the Civil Service Rules and Regulations by Revising Section A211-23 to Provide for the Civil Service Commission's Participation in Consortium testing for New Hire Police Officer Applicants: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Ms. Murphy approving an Ordinance amending the civil service rules and regulations by revising Section A211-23 to provide for the Civil Service Commission's participation in Consortium testing for new hire police officer applicants.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- B. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 191, Article IV: Parking Regulations, By Adding the East Side of Vulcan Road from Mill Creek Road to Verdant Road, to Section 191-79, Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited at All Times: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Glasson approving an Ordinance amending Chapter 191, Article IV: Parking Regulations, by adding the east side of Vulcan Road from Mill Creek Road to Verdant Road, to Section 191-79, Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited at All Times.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- C. An Ordinance Accepting Dedication of Streets Known as Frost Road and Sinclair Street Located in the Keystone Industrial Park, as Public Streets of the Township of Bristol: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Mr. Bowen approving an Ordinance accepting dedication of streets known as Frost Road and Sinclair Street located in the Keystone Industrial Park, as public streets of the Township of Bristol.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- D. Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Wardogs Athletics, LLC for Financing the Installation Costs for the Replacement Lights at the Municipal Complex Football Field: Consideration to Adopt.

Township Manager McCauley stated that Council should consider approving an agreement to provide financing for the installation of replacement field lights at the Municipal Complex. He stated that the Wardogs agreed to pay for installation costs and the Township would pay for the new LED lights at the football field. Mr. McCauley stated that he spoke with Bill Smith, the president of the Wardogs, and that their Board had approved the agreement.

Mr. Virgil Mobley, coach and director of the Wardogs, thanked the Board of the Wardogs, as well as the Township Council, for their efforts in approving the agreement. He stated that the Wardogs program has grown considerably, and he is looking forward to the new lights. Councilman Bowen thanked Mr. Mobley for his efforts. Councilman Bowen offered to pay \$500 toward their financing costs. Mr. Gerard Lykon also offered to contribute \$500 toward their financing costs.

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to move item 10 A of the Agenda to 7D and approve the agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Wardogs Athletics, LLC for financing the installation costs for the replacement lights at the Municipal Complex Football Field.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Township Manager expressed his condolences to the Moscatel family of Bristol Township for their recent loss.

Township Manager McCauley gave a presentation on the facts versus myths of police protection in Bristol Township. He stated there are misconceptions about the status of crime and police protection in the Township. Mr. McCauley stated that there is a myth that crime is escalating in Bristol Township, when in fact crime has decreased every year since 2011 evidenced by total crime incidents each year. He also stated that there is a myth that police staffing is dangerously low, when

in fact existing officers are simply working more hours. Mr. McCauley stated that more police protection does not equate to a reduction in crime as evidenced by numerous studies and that response times of officers has actually decreased in 2014 compared to 2013. Mr. McCauley further stated that it is a myth that everyone wants to hire more police officers, when in fact the Township would be financially devastated by increasing the staffing level to 78 police officers. In addition, he stated that such an increase would result in a 7 mill tax increase, which would amount to a \$125 increase to the average homeowner. Mr. McCauley provided an overview of costs associated with a full - time patrolman as well as retiree healthcare costs. Mr. McCauley stated that lump sum payouts to retired officers are also exorbitant and that unfunded liabilities in 2014 are approximately \$81 million. He stated that the current administration has a long-term strategy, including managing fiscal constraints, living within means, replacing infrastructure, and promoting job creation and economic development as a way to address inherited problems. He also stated that this Council had earned their legitimacy through competent, honest governance and an impressive list of accomplishments.

Mr. McCauley requested that Council approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the Fund Balance toward the expansion of a surveillance camera program with a total cost of \$100,000 in 2014.

Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve \$50,000 to be transferred from the fund balance for a total of \$100,000 toward the Camera Program in 2014.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. McCauley stated that he wanted to respond to a Letter to the Editor that was written by a local resident, Malcolm Roach. Mr. McCauley stated that Mr. Roach has complained numerous times about maintenance issues, specifically grass cutting on the Greenbelt, and indicated that Mr. McCauley might not have been receptive to the complaints. Mr. McCauley stated that two out of three complaints from Mr. Roach referred to greenbelts maintained by Bucks County or Tullytown Borough. Usually, Mr. Roach's complaints amounted to lumps of grass left after cutting. The Manager did say that this was not his biggest concern with service delivery and he related that to Mr. Roach. However, he speaks to Mr. Roach every time he calls and continues to strive to improve the quality of services delivered by the Township.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Township Solicitor Flager stated there was a request from the Zoning Board for the appointment of an alternate member with a 3 year term.

President Lewis stated Council would take the matter under advisement.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request for Land Development Approval for Bristol Township Municipal Building and Public Works Facility: Consideration to Appropriate Action.

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Township Engineer Schroeder stated there are two waivers of land development approval for the Bristol Township Municipal Building and public works facility. A 50'X 45' sally port addition is being proposed for the Police Department, demolition of an existing block building, removal of existing salt shed and construction of a new slat shed. Minor storm water management will need to be performed at the municipal site. Mr. Schroeder stated that the proposal at the public works facility is to build an additional building to store equipment. No storm water management is needed at the public works site since it is already an impervious service.

Mr. McCauley stated that the Township would comply with all land development requirements, and that they are requesting waivers to eliminate extra expenses.

Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve the waiver of land development approval for the Bristol Township Municipal Building and Public Works Facility improvements.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- B. Application of Samuel J. Underland, III, 5903 Michael Drive, Bensalem requesting Preliminary Land Development Plan Approval to Construct an AAMCO Transmission business on Property Located at 2520-26 Durham Road (T.M.P. # 5-20-33 & #5-20-34) in a Commercial Zoned District: Consideration to Approve.

Mr. Tom Hecker, on behalf of Sam Underland, stated that the proposal is to construct a new 6,270 Square foot AAMCO facility with 55 parking spaces and two entrances from Durham Road. The development will not disturb any of the wetlands and that storm water will in fact be diverted from the impervious services into the wetlands. Mr. Hecker stated there were two issues related to waiver requests. He requested that due to safety issues they should not have to widen the road in front of their property. In addition, they are not proposing sidewalks in the front of the property since they are not compatible with the type of business proposed.

Councilman Bowen questioned if the driveway would lineup with Durham Deli's sidewalk. Mr. Hecker stated that the driveways will both line up. He stated that the plan related to driveways might change however depending upon PennDOT approvals. Mr. Bowen also questioned if debris were found during soil testing. Mr. Underland stated that there were minor debris discovered, and this was noted in the report.

Councilwoman Longhitano questioned if lighting issues would be handled prior to any final approval. Mr. Hecker stated that these issues would be handled prior to the final approval process.

Township Solicitor Flager questioned if the applicant agrees to remove waiver #11 and #12 from the preliminary waiver request. Mr. Hecker stated that these items are not included in the preliminary approval request because they will be addressed before the final land development process.

Mr. Mike Nye, of the Bristol Township Environmental Advisory Committee, questioned if the report includes oil runoff and spills. Mr. Hecker stated that it addresses both issues.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve the application of Samuel J. Underland, III, 5903 Michael Drive, Bensalem requesting preliminary land development plan approval to construct an AAMCO Transmission business on property located at 2520-26 Durham Road (T.M.P. # 5-20-33 & #5-20-34) in a Commercial Zoned District.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- C. Application of Pasquale T. Deon, Sr., 526 S. Oxford Road, Fairless Hills requesting Preliminary & Final Subdivision & Land Development Plan Approval for Property Located at 500 S. Oxford Valley Road (TP #5-44-52-001 & #5-44-26) to Redevelop an Existing Shopping Center in a Commercial Zoned District: Consideration to Approve.

Mr. Tom Hecker, representing Mr. Deon, stated that the property is in need of revitalization. The anchor store is CVS Pharmacy.

Mr. Matt Rutt, engineering consultant at Landcore, stated the proposal is to demolish a small block, relocate the existing bank and build a new bank site, decrease square footage by approximately 7,000 square feet, increase parking stalls to better accommodate customers, add more green spaces by 7,500 square feet, connect existing sidewalks and add ADA accessible crossings at each driveway.

Ms. Barbara Bill, Drexelwood, questioned if the liquor and hoogie stores will remain. Mr. Heckert stated that both stores will remain at their existing location.

Mr. Mike Nye, Indian Creek, questioned if there are shade or street trees in the plan. Mr. Rutt stated that they are requesting waivers of both items due to limited space.

Township Solicitor Flager questioned if the applicant reviewed the proposed agreement and whether they will agree to the conditions. Mr. Hecker stated that the applicant reviewed the agreement and will agree to the conditions. Mr. Flager questioned how the applicant will address the tree issue. Mr. Hecker stated that he will work with the Township Engineer to add more landscaping and relocate existing trees, but they will not be able to adhere to the Ordinance requirement.

Vice President Brennan questioned if there are existing trees on the site. Mr. Hecker stated there are a couple trees on the property. Mr. Brennan stated that the addition of trees might present a safety hazard on the property and common sense should prevail.

Councilwoman Longhitano questioned if there would be a fence installed in the rear of the property. Mr. Rutt stated they are proposing a second fence to be installed at the site.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by President Lewis to approve the application of Pasquale T. Deon, Sr., 526 S. Oxford Road, Fairless Hills requesting preliminary & final subdivision & land development plan approval for property located at 500 S. Oxford Valley Road (TP #5-44-52-001 & #5-44-26) to redevelop an existing shopping center in a Commercial Zoned District.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- D. Request from New Falls Development, L. P. dated August 5, 2014 for a Financial Security Reduction in the Amount of \$135,110.00 for Wawa, Inc., New Falls & Wistar Road: Consideration to take the Appropriate Action.

Township Manager McCauley stated that the Township Engineer still needs to review the request. President Lewis stated that the agenda item can be brought up next month.

- E. Request from Bottom Dollar Foods NorthEast, LLC for a Final Financial Security Reduction in the Amount of \$149,661.82: Consideration to take the Appropriate Action.

Councilwoman Murphy questioned if the request would reduce the letter of credit to zero. Mr. McCauley stated that the request would in fact reduce the letter of credit to zero.

Mr. Ken Smith, 1005 Grieb Avenue, questioned if traffic signals would be installed. Engineer Township Schroeder stated that the proposed work was escrowed with PennDOT. Township Manager McCauley stated that proposed work on the site was not related to the escrow amount.

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Ms. Longhitano approving the request from Bottom Dollar Foods NorthEast, LLC for a Final Financial Security Reduction in the Amount of \$149,661.82.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- F. 2015 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for Bristol Township Pension Plans: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Mr. McCauley stated that the administration recommends the minimum municipal obligation for administration had a choice between \$1.74 million and \$2.2 million and we chose a number in between the two. However he now recommends addressing the payments sooner rather than later.

Motion by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Longhitano approving the 2015 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for Bristol Township Pension Plans as recommended by the Plan Administrator.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- G. Post-issuance Tax Compliance Procedures for Tax-Exempt Bonds: Consideration to Adopt.

Mr. McCauley stated that the Township was able to save \$1.1 in debt service over the next two years, and the Bond Counsel recommends the adoption of tax compliance procedures to insure compliance with IRS requirements.

Motion by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Brennan to Approve the Post-issuance Tax Compliance Procedures for Tax-Exempt Bonds.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McCauley stated that there is a vacancy for Special Environmental Counsel to represent the Township regarding the Consent Order and recommended Mr. Mark A. Stevens of Langsom Steven and Hollander to be appointed as Special Environmental Council at the rate of \$275/hour, and \$225/hour for associates; this amount is \$20 less/hour that was paid to the previous Special Counsel, Ms. Susan LeGros.

Motion by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to approve the appointment Mr. Mark Stevens as Special Environmental Council.

Motion carried unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. McCauley recommended that Council approve the Resolution for a Sewage Facilities Modules at 61 Runway Avenue. The sewage will be treated at Lower Bucks Municipal Joint Authority.

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Vice President Brennan to approve the Resolution for Sewage Facilities Modules at 61 Runway Ave.

Motion carried unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. McCauley recommended that permit fee waivers be issued to Kanga Roofing, as part of their Veteran's Roof Giveaway to Peter Wargo of Winfield Road, as well as to another veteran/ family at 1300 Winfield Road, who are in need of a handicapped accessible ramp.

Motion by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Vice President Brennan approving the permit fee waiver request of Kanga Roofing for the Wargo residence on Winfield Ave and for a handicapped ramp at 1300 Winfield Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

President Lewis announced the Hazardous Waste Collection event will take place on Saturday, August 23 from 9:00-3:00 pm at the Bristol Township Technical High School, 610 Wistar Road, Rain or shine. He also stated that Shoprite of Fairless Hills was looking to donate \$10,000 to a local non-profit organization

President Lewis stated that there is a free concert in the park at the Croydon Acres Playground on Saturday, August 23, from 7:00-9:00pm. He also stated that Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 23 from 4:00PM-9:00PM and a car show is scheduled on the same day from 9:00am-4:00PM

Councilman Glasson stated that was a car accident recently at Route 413 and I-95, and first responders did a good job preventing a fatality from occurring.

Mr. McCauley stated that Fire Chief Dippolito did a great his usual job responding to the incident.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mr. Ken Smith, Edgely Road, questioned if the LED streetlight project was complete. Mr. McCauley stated that the project is not yet complete. Mr. McCauley indicated that some of the lights might be on private property and suggested that he provide a list of lights in question to the Township. Mr. Smith questioned if the Township is paying for public notices that are advertised after a meeting. Mr. Smith handed out pictures to Council and stated there is an ongoing flooding issue at his residence due to too much impervious service and a lack of drainage. Councilman Glasson stated that an overflow pipe into the river might need to be installed. President Lewis stated that the existing pipe into the river might need to be cleared first.

Mr. Ed Kaynek, Edgely Road, stated he has similar flooding issues on his property.

Ms. Denise Smith, 5600 Truman Street, thanked the Police Department for responding in a timely manner and stated that her street should have a new LED streetlight installed.

Mr. West Rexler, West Bristol, questioned if there will be two Council meetings every month. He also stated that hiring more police officers might not actually prevent a crime from occurring. He also stated that there are property owners who illegally moved their fences onto their neighbor's property. Mr. Rexler stated that street lights are not working on 413 which is creating a safety hazard. President Lewis stated that the issue is related to PECO and they were properly notified.

Mr. Gerard Lykon, of the Bristol Township Business Association stated the Association is looking for new members. He stated that the group gives back to the community and provides networking opportunities. He can be contacted at 267-312-5453.

Motion by Vice President Brennan and seconded by Ms. Murphy to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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1. Approved the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for August 21, 2014..
2. Approved the Minutes from the Council meeting on July 17, 2014.
3. Approved the appointment of Mr. Bob Parker of 904 Oak Ave., Croydon, PA 19021 to Special Fire Police Officer.
4. Approved an Ordinance Amending the Civil Service Rules and Regulations by Revising Section A211-23 to Provide for the Civil Service Commission's Participation in Consortium testing for New Hire Police Officer Applicants.
5. Approved an Ordinance Amending Chapter 191, Article IV: Parking Regulations, By Adding the East Side of Vulcan Road from Mill Creek Road to Verdant Road, to Section 191-79, Schedule XV: Parking Prohibited at All Times.
6. Approved an Ordinance Accepting Dedication of Streets Known as Frost Road and Sinclair Street Located in the Keystone Industrial Park, as Public Streets of the Township of Bristol.
7. Moved Item 10 A of the Agenda to 7D and Approved the Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Wardogs Athletics, LLC for Financing the Installation Costs for the Replacement Lights at the Municipal Complex Football Field.
8. Approved \$50,000 to be transferred from the Fund Balance for a Total of \$ 100,000 this year for the Camera Surveillance Program.
9. Approved the Request for Land Development Approval for Bristol Township Municipal Building and Public Works Facility.
10. Approved the Application of Samuel J. Underland, III, 5903 Michael Drive, Bensalem requesting Preliminary Land Development Plan Approval to Construct an AAMCO Transmission business on Property Located at 2520-26 Durham Road (T.M.P. # 5-20-33 & #5-20-34) in a Commercial Zoned District.
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12. Approved the Request from Bottom Dollar Foods NorthEast, LLC for a Final Financial Security Reduction in the Amount of \$149,661.82.
13. Approved the 2015 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for Bristol Township Pension Plans.
14. Approved the Post-issuance Tax Compliance Procedures for Tax-Exempt Bonds.
15. Approved the Appointment Mr. Mark Stevens as Special Environmental Counsel.
16. Approved the Resolution for Sewage Facilities Modules at 61 Runway Ave.
17. Approved the Permit Waiver request of Kanga Roofing for Mr. Peter Wargo of Winfield Ave and 1300 Winfield Avenue.
18. Adjourned meeting at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy L. Hardy, Township Secretary