

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

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

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

Roll Call:	Councilman Tucker	Arrived 7:28 P.M.
	Councilman Lewis	Present
	Councilman Blalock	Present
	Vice President Tarlini	Present
	President Pluta	Present

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan presented a certificate of recognition to Sherry Champey for her quick thinking and clear direction administering first aid to a Camp Counselor during the Summer Camp Program.

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

Mr. Obert questioned the paving bill that will be reimbursed by Aqua he wanted to know if the entire street was paved. Mr. Lawson stated the bill was for Excelsior New York Pennsylvania and Princess Avenues. The entire streets were paved, but only where Aqua dug up the road. Mr. Obert questioned if the Township could re-negotiate the contract for the copier since there is always overages. President Pluta said he also questioned that, but to go to the next tier would be more expensive than paying for the overages.

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

Motion passed 4-0

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Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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

Motion passed 4-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett announced the areas that the Bucks County Board of Health will be spraying for mosquitoes. The areas that they are spraying are based on West Nile Virus trapping results. It was reported they spray at dusk because many of the daytime biting mosquitoes are normally not carriers of West Nile Virus. Bucks County has received a disaster declaration for the damage from Hurricane Irene for individual household assistance. To apply you can apply to FEMA online at www.disasterassistance.gov or call 1-800-621-3362.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Mr. Bartlett stated there a number of resolutions that need to be approved by Council regarding the Casino Grant Applications. The first resolution is a joint application for the radio system to be split over the next two years in the amount of \$2,500,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the joint grant application for the radio system in the amount of \$2,500,000.00. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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

Motion passed 4-0

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Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the joint grant application for Towns Against Graffiti. Second by Councilman Blalock.

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

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve grant application for \$35,000.00 for emergency generator. \$60,000.00 for storm inlet box replacement program. Road paving project \$200,000.00. Roof replacement project for Public Works \$48,000.00. Township Municipal Complex Electric Sign Project \$22,000.00. Solar lighting for Municipal Complex \$30,000.00. GIS system mapping field work project \$17,000.00. Municipal Building roof replacement repair \$50,000.00. Portable 6 inch diesel bypass pump \$58,000.00. Second by Councilman Lewis.

President Pluta asked Chief McAndrew if there was any other funding that can be tapped into for the gun buyback. Chief McAndrew said they are trying all avenues there may be something under Homeland Security.

Vice President Tarlini amended her motion to include the gun buyback program \$25,000.00. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Obert questioned if the amounts were from lowest bids. Mr. Bartlett said they did their homework and feel they are reasonable numbers. Mr. Obert said the Township should try to get a corporate sponsor for the gun buyback program.

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

Motion passed 5-0

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REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF LICENSE & INSPECTIONS:

Mr. Kucher stated that the Miller Trailer Park Remediation Plan that will be submitted to DEP is on the Bristol Township Website. There is a cliff note version available in License and Inspections.

President Pluta requested an update on the GIS Training. Mr. Kucher said they have been in touch with Pennoni but a date has not been set up. President Pluta said he would like to see it done before the end of September.

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson gave an update on the drainage problems from all the rain. There were no major blockages. When the pipes were put in 1960's they were adequate for the area. With all the building over the years there is more water runoff. They have been going through systems to find a way to make and easier flow. There are still a lot of trees down and they will be working on them. There will be a couple more streets paved, the milling will begin in October. Councilman Lewis said in his opinion there is a blockage in the storm pipe behind the homes on Spencer and Garfield. Mr. Lawson stated that a lot of that water comes from West Bristol and they are going to try to divert it, possibly to Route 413. Councilman Tucker questioned if Mr. Lawson is planning to install French drain. Mr. Lawson said yes in Winder Village.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew said they have been experiencing a large increase in burglaries in the residential areas in Levittown. They are gaining entrance by unlocked windows and doors. He said people should make sure they keep their windows and doors are locked.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco along with the assistance of Glen and Gary put together the Neshaminy Creek Watershed Ordinance that was adopted by the County and approved by the DEP. The Ordinance will be sent to the Township Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission for their review. It will be put on the agenda for vote at

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the October 20th Council Meeting. The Bamboo Ordinance will be put on the agenda for the October 6th Council Meeting.

OTHER:

Councilman Lewis has been appointed to the Cable Committee as liaison. There is a Comcast Franchise agreement that is coming up. If there is anyone interested in sitting with Councilman Lewis on the Committee they should send their name in to the Chairman or the Manager.

President Pluta received an email from a lady requesting information on the taxing of apartments. Mr. Bartlett stated the apartments are taxed for regular property tax. When there is a turnover on tenants that information is turned over for the earned income tax.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Mr. Ron Kenny of 205 Wistar Road said he was told two months ago that a speed trap would be done and speed enforcement sign would be placed on Wistar Road and nothing has been done. Mr. Lawson said they could maybe paint the road with lines so it looks like a speed bump. The speeding enforcement sign is broken and has been sent out for repair. Chief McAndrew said he instructed the Patrol Lieutenant to put up a computer generated unit that checks the speed the date the time and the vehicle. He sure the Lieutenant has done it the results may not be back yet.

Gallus Obert of Farmbrook spoke on speed bumps and suggested raising the fine fees. The lot behind Fitch School the lights are out. Queen Anne Drive has a speeding problem. The potholes that were reported still have not been fixed. Mr. Obert feels the roads should be milled before paving. He questioned if the Township is going to do anything about the flooding on Minot Avenue. Mr. Bartlett said it would be a multimillion dollar project to take care of the water in that area. Mr. Obert put a request for the paving bid specs and still has not received it.

Ms. Flaurette Chichilitti of Gridiron Road had a drain installed in front of her home and her front lawn and driveway was torn up. Public Works only put back what they tore

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out. Everything was done without her ok, and when she was not home. The end of her driveway is half blacktop and half concrete. Mr. Lawson stated they had to dig her curb out and put 11 foot of curb back in, but did not black top over. Ms. Chichilitti requested the Township to replace the blacktop over the concrete. President Pluta stated that they would like to find out what is going on, and get back to her.

Mr. Ken Smith thanked everyone involved with getting the Jake brake signs up.

Mr. Smith said Public Works did a diligent job cleaning out the storm drains. There was a problem on a part of Radcliffe that the will need the camera truck that is not being used. Mr. Smith questioned if the State is going to make the Township change all the street signs to 6 inch letters. Mr. Lawson stated that there was talk about it. If the State enforces that it would cost approximately \$700,000.00, Gary Smith is looking into it.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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

Motion passed 5-0

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- 1. Motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for August 2011.**
- 2. Motion to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2011 Council Meeting.**
- 3. Motion to approve the joint grant application for the radio system in the amount of \$2,500,000.00.**
- 4. Motion to approve the joint grant application for Towns Against Graffiti.**
- 5. Motion to approve grant application for \$35,000.00 for emergency generator. \$60,000.00 for storm inlet box replacement program. Road paving project for \$200,000.00. Roof replacement project for Public Works \$48,000.00. Township Municipal Complex Electric Sign Project \$22,000.00. Solar lighting for Municipal Complex \$30,000.00. GIS System mapping field work project \$17,000.00. Municipal Building roof replacement repair \$50,000.00. Portable 6 inch diesel bypass pump \$58,000.00. Gun buyback program \$25,000.00.**
- 6. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M.**

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