

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007

SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bowen	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Ms. Longhitano	Present
	Mr. Pluta	Present (arrived 7:26PM)
	Mr. Tucker	Present
	Vice President Brennan	Present
	President Lewis	Present

VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Tucker to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for September 19, 2013. Mr. Glasson approved with the exception of page 5, line 32, Benjamin Franklin Plumbing, on which he abstained. *Motion carried by a vote of 5-0, with Mr. Tucker abstaining due to being absent from this meeting.*

Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2013 Council Meeting. *Motion carried by a vote of 5-0, with Mr. Tucker abstaining.*

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Motion by Vice President Brennan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt by the Township of Bristol pursuant to the issuance of the general obligation notes, 2013 Series in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$4,000,000 and to approve certain capital projects as well as to approve the Negotiated Sale of the 2013 C Notes to the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

- B. Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to approve a Resolution honoring William Embrico, Sr, on his retirement as an employee in the Public Works Department for Bristol Township after 42 years of loyal service. President Lewis presented a \$100 gift certificate to Mr. Embrico as recognition for his hard work. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

- C. Township Solicitor Flager indicated that with PennDOT approval, the Township may now enforce the Ordinance prohibiting brake retarders. The Ordinance covers Bath Road to Veteran's Highway, the entire length of Hayes Boulevard, Radcliffe Street, Lakeland Avenue, and Bath Road to Beaver. If Council would like to add additional streets in the future this must be done by Ordinance. President Lewis indicated that additional issues would need to be addressed in the future.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Tucker to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 191, Article II, Traffic Regulations, Prohibiting Engine Brake Retarders in Bristol Township. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

- D. Township Manager William McCauley the Township reported that the LED Street Light project is almost ready to begin. Within thirty days, a GPS audit of all Township street lights will be performed. A \$4 million cost was initially expected, however the cost is now projected at \$2.6 million which includes state of the art control monitoring. The benefit to the Township will be realized for the next 20-25 years. Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to approve a Resolution authorizing the Township Manager to submit a grant application to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for the retrofitting of Township street lights in the Amount of \$700,000. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.* President Lewis announced that Mr. Tucker had joined the meeting.

- E. Manager William McCauley stated that this is the third year of a seven year grant to purchase emergency radios for the Police, Fire Department, EMS, and the Fire Marshall's Office. The Township will be paying for the radios over seven years. Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve a Resolution authorizing the Township Manager to submit a grant application to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for emergency radios for police, EMS, volunteer fire, and the Fire Marshal's Office in the Amount of \$220,71. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

- F. Motion by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to approve a Resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement to participate in a joint grant application for Towns against Graffiti. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

- G. Township Manager McCauley noted that the estimated value of the vehicle to be sold on Municibid is less than \$1,000. Motion by President Lewis seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve a Resolution authorizing the sale of the surplus vehicle.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Manager William McCauley stated that Council had previously accepted a contract for Inflow and Infiltration work at Silver Lake Pump Station. While the sewer lines were not as bad as anticipated, leaky joints were in fact found and repaired. The contractor had supplied a credit of \$39,952. Manager recommended a change order in the amount of \$111,763 to perform additional Inflow and Infiltration work in the Croydon Acres Pump Station area since it is anticipated more leaky mains will be discovered. Council President Lewis questioned if repairs would be in the Croydon Park area. Manager McCauley stated that areas to be repaired include: Hillary, Spencer, Lewis Avenue, Karen, Steven Avenue, and Murray Avenue. The net cost of the additional work will be \$71,811.21, which includes contractor credits. Motion by Mr. Glasson, seconded by Ms. Longhitano to approve the change order. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

Mr. McCauley also stated that eleven bids were received for the Croydon Streetscape project which covers Cedar Avenue to Newportville. The low bidder is Ramos Associates in the amount of \$732,377. PennDot is reviewing the bids and the Township is waiting for official notification. Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to authorize the Manager to accept the low bid. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0*

Mr. McCauley stated that 899 letters have been mailed to delinquent sewer customers.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Township Solicitor Flager stated that a notice of appeal was received from Highland Realty. The Zoning Hearing Board had denied the development. Mr. Pluta questioned the reason why the Zoning Hearing Board turned down the decision. Mr. Flager stated that the decision was related to parking and fire safety issues since they were including a garage as parking. Motion by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to enter an appearance of defense for Highland Realty. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

Mr. Flager stated that an appeal was received from Tim Duffy appealing the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board denying the Bristol Township School District's Mary Devine Elementary School development. Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Glasson to defend the appeal. Mr. Pluta-No. *Motion carried by a vote of 6-1.*

Mr. Flager stated that Council had met in executive session earlier in the evening to discuss personnel matters.

NEW BUSINESS

Township Engineer Larry Young indicated that there was a public bid opening on September 5 to install 2,300 linear feet of curb on Township property at Crabtree and Oaktree Drive. The budgeted amount was \$100,000 and the Township received 5 bids ranging from \$94,085 to \$157,000. Mr. Young recommended awarding contract to the low bidder, Donato Spavento & Sons in the amount of \$94,085. Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded Mr. by Glasson to award the contract to Donato Spavento and Sons for curb installation. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

Manager McCauley stated that bids were received for the installation of handicapped ramps at intersections throughout the Township and the recommendation from the Township's Community Development Corporation was to accept the low bid price from Brightline Construction in the amount of \$123,560. Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Tucker to accept the low bid. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

Mr. Young stated that Council needed to reaffirm their prior approval of DHD Ventures Land Development Plan for Bottom Dollar Food Northeast, as required by PennDOT. Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Ms. Ms. Longhitano to reaffirm approval. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

Township Manager McCauley reported as required on the 2014 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for Bristol Township Pension Plans. Motion by Mr. Pluta and seconded by Mr. Glasson to accept and file the report on required MMO's. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0*

Motion by Mr. Bowen seconded by Mr. Glasson to appoint David Ottinger as a Special Fire Police Officer. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

OTHER BUSINESS

President Lewis stated that the 2013 milling and paving program has been very successful. Mr. Young noted that there is a paving crew, milling crew and a separate crew to install inlets.

President Lewis stated that the Croydon Acres Civic Association is having an outdoor concert on September 28 from 6:30-8:30 PM featuring the band, Jambalaya Mix. The event features volleyball, and will include refreshments. A Halloween party is scheduled on October 27 from 1-5pm at the Croydon Acres Park playground.

Ms. Longhitano stated that tomorrow is National POW MIA day. She stated that the event is dedicated to Walter Sigafos.

Ms. Longhitano stated that the large number of halfway homes and recovery homes in Bristol Township are contributing to rising crime; and Bristol Township has a disproportionate number of group homes.

Mr. Pluta stated that issue of halfway homes had not been resolved despite past attempts. President Lewis stated that halfway homes are a burden on other rate payers since their sewer usage is greater. Mr. Pluta commended Mr. Flager for defending President Lewis at the last Council meeting. Mr. Pluta questioned why roads are not being milled on the side of the roads. Mr. Young commented that most of the roads are in Croydon and the milling would create a lip in the homeowner's driveway thereby creating ponding. Mr. Pluta also questioned the disposition of the water fund. Manager McCauley commented that the fund will be closed and fund balance will be addressed in the 2014 budget. Mr. Pluta questioned the status of negotiations with the TWU. Manager McCauley stated that while police negotiations are complete and a new health insurance plan has been introduced, the TWU does not presently have a contract. He stated that it was his intention to prepare a new contract proposal for consideration by the TWU after discussions with the Township Solicitor.

Mr. Tucker questioned how many stop signs are in Township. Manager McCauley stated that he would check with the Public Works Director.

Motion by Vice President Brennan and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to appoint Russ Sacco to the Civil Service Board to replace David Truelove. Mr. Pluta inquired about why Council is making the change. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Vice President Brennan to appoint Scott Burroughs, as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Tom Rimel, representing Dunmore Corporation of Wharton and Rt. 413 stated there has been an increase in auto accidents at Rt. 413 and Wharton. They have been cautioning employees to be careful at this intersection. They are willing to help with safety at this location. Manager McCauley stated that a traffic study had been completed recently and he will look into the matter further.

Robert Hazel of 6 Myrtle Lane, stated that he is concerned about school taxes. He questioned the result of a meeting with State Representative Tina Davis. President Lewis and Mr. Flager stated that the school

board is a separate entity that sets its own taxes. Township Manager McCauley suggested addressing his concerns to the School Board. Mr. Hazel also discussed limited police patrols in the Magnolia Hills subdivision.

John Riotto of 2160 Maple Avenue thanked Helen Cini who voted “no” against the School Board over the bond issue. He indicated that he has been standing outside the school administration building for nine weeks to protest high taxation by the Bristol Township School Board. He indicated that he is not against the school employees, but rather the School Board.

Wes Rexler questioned why final approval for bottom dollar was now taking place. He questioned who owns the property at 500 Linton and whether it was a halfway house. He also mentioned a 1982 arrest of President Lewis that was in the newspaper. President Lewis stated that Township records proved he was never compensated as Mayor and that all charges were later dropped.

Jon Sanders questioned why a roadway at Frost and Sinclair had not been turned over to the Township. Mr. Young stated that the property owners are contributing money towards paving the roads before dedication by the Township takes place. Mr. Sanders questioned if emergency vehicles can travel down the road at Frost and Sinclair due to people parking on the roadway. Manager McCauley stated that the parking situation would be further examined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

1. Approved the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for September 19, 2013.
2. Approved the Minutes from the Council Meeting on August 15, 2013.
3. Adopted Ordinance authorizing the incurrence of non-electoral debt by the Township of Bristol.
4. Approved Resolution honoring William Embrico, Sr, on his retirement.
5. Adopted Ordinance amending Chapter 191, Article II, Traffic Regulations, Prohibiting Engine Brake Retarders in Bristol Township.
6. Approved Resolution authorizing the Township Manager to submit a grant application to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for the retrofitting of Township street lights.
7. Approved Resolution authorizing the Township Manager to submit a grant application to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for emergency radios.
8. Approved Resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement to participate in a joint grant application for Towns against Graffiti.
9. Approved Resolution authorizing the sale of a surplus vehicle.
10. Approved the change order in the net amount \$71,811.21 for Inflow and Infiltration work.
11. Accepted the low bidder of Ramos Associates in the amount of \$732,377 for the Croydon Streetscape project.
12. Entered an appearance of defense for Highland Realty.
13. Defended the appeal of the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board denying the Bristol Township School District's Mary Devine Elementary School development.
14. Awarded contract to low bidder, Donato and Sons, for curb installation in the amount of \$94,085.
15. Accepted the low bid price from Brightline Construction in the amount of \$123,560 for installation of handicapped ramps.
16. Reaffirmed PennDot approval for DHD Ventures for Bottom Dollar Food Northeast.
17. Accepted 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation report from Township Manager.
18. Approved the appointment of Special Fire Police Officer David Ottinger of the Newportville Fire Company #1.
19. Appointed Russ Sacco to the Civil Service Board to replace David Truelove.
20. Appointed Scott Burroughs, as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board.
21. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy L. Hardy, Township Secretary