

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Tarlini at 7:04 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 and Davis were present. Councilman Monahan was not present at the meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Call for a motion to approve minutes from the following Council Meetings: July 2, 2009, July 7, 2009 and July 23, 2009. Vice President Pluta called for the motion to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2009 Council Meeting. Second by Councilwoman Davis.

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

Motion Approved: 3 ayes, 1 abstain

Vice President Pluta called for the motion to approve minutes from the July 7, 2009 Council Meeting. Second by Councilwoman Davis.

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

Motion Approved: 3 ayes, 1 abstain

Councilman Greer called for the motion to approve minutes from the July 23, 2009 Council Meeting, with corrections. Second by Councilwoman Davis.

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

Motion Approved: 4-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett reported the Budget Committee is meeting with department heads, the finance officer and myself. There is good input from the residents on the Budget Committee. The budget should be received by the scheduled date of the ordinance.

Ten casino grants were submitted through the Redevelopment Authority, a total of \$800,000 in requests. We will find out the results in November.

As a result of the road bid advertisement the Township would not have been able to receive liquid fuels money. It was advertised for rebid in public, not at the Council meeting. Minutes will be taken and it will be a public meeting. This will allow us to do a quick review of the bids and approve a bidder on October 15, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. The bid opening will be 9:15 A.M. Bids are due at 9:00 A.M. Vice President Pluta called for the motion to authorize the meeting October 13, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. and the Road Project bid opening at 9:15 A.M. Second by Councilman Greer. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Mr. Bartlett said this weekend there will be mosquito spraying. Hopefully this is successful. The information is on the website.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

- A. Vice President Pluta called for the motion to approve the release as requested by D.J. Pinciotti Construction Co. for the inlet replacement in the Appletree Section in the amount of \$14,418.90. Second by Vice President Pluta.

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

Motion Approved: 4-0

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REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson reported paving of three streets in West Bristol was finished. Aqua is to pay for half of the road. We did this work for them.

A few storm drains are to be added in Levittown. Drivers should watch the signs and be careful.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew reported a grant for \$400,000 was approved for video cameras in Bloomsdale (the Weed and Seed area). There are no matching funds. Congressman Murphy worked hard on that grant. President Tarlini called for the motion to accept the \$400,000 grant for video cameras in Bloomsdale (Weed and Seed area). This is a no matching funds grant. Second by Vice President Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Councilwoman Davis said on Strawberry Lane a boy was hit by a car ten years ago, he died recently. Now, the family is seeing more traffic, again, because of the Walmart which opened recently. The family would like something placed there to slow traffic. Chief McAndrew stated we measured the traffic before the opening. We will do it again after the grand opening. We have three units that can be placed there.

President Tarlini stated complaints were also received from Kenwood Drive. Some were kids were skateboarding in the street and not moving for traffic. The residents were concerned about the children getting hurt. Chief McAndrew said our patrols keep an eye out and alert kids and parents of dangers. We will do our best to let them know this is dangerous.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher reported attending a FEMA flood insurance conference. Bucks and Montgomery Counties are the preliminary flood areas. Maps will be available. There is nine months to review then they will finalize it. This will be electronic. Now, we have old maps. FEMA will notify homeowners of the change.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

Mr. McDermott reported three resolutions will be for approval, there will be the normal approval to apply for the 2010 funds, also there is a clause approving a five year plan. This is done every five years. It doesn't include amounts or project.

The Federal Government is asking for tax release lien for some of the abandoned vacant homes. This is called the NSP Program. They will then be viable properties.

Councilwoman Davis asked for an update of people losing their homes. Mr. McDermott said the funding of counseling for foreclosures still has some funds available. We see less people applying. Hopefully the economy turned around. Twenty eight were helped, fourteen definitely saved their homes.

The resolution will also include funding for BARC School for 2010.

REPORT FROM FINANCE OFFICER: report deferred to the next meeting.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco reported previously Council denied the request from CVS for the property at Oxford Valley and Queen Anne Drive because of impervious surface and traffic. The judge agreed with the Township. The land use appeal was denied. They can appeal in ninety days.

OTHER:

Councilman Pluta commended Community Development for what they do for residents.

Councilman Greer stated that is the consensus of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Theresa Jaluello-Frey-asked why the train station construction at Cedar Avenue and Route 13 stopped and when will it continue? Gary Smith responded there is a need for the removal of dirt stockpiled. They need an approved site to truck it out. Rain was also an issue. The preconstruction meeting addressed this. President Tarlini said the Septa Engineer Mr. Kadin contacted me this week. They are going to pave the road. They are going to take the wooden boards off and add the railings. They met with the fire companies and the streets will be the right width.
2. Michael Slip-said the Township suffers with a small tax base. We seek grants and some are missed, some we don't know exist. We could have done better on the sewer grant. There is money available from the casino grants. This is supposed to be for one third outside the contiguous line of Bensalem. They are breaking the rules. We should fight with a court to stop this. Half of the money from the non contiguous townships can be obtained and we will be awarded all of it. The newspaper also agrees with this. President Tarlini stated last year Councilwoman Davis and I had a fight with the commissioner. The answer was, Mr. Cowley wrote the ruling; they are going the County's portion which they can give to whoever they want. If we do this alone we could be penalized for it during the procedure of giving the grant. People who approve may frown on this. I don't want to lose any money over this. Councilwoman Davis stated I love the idea, what is the procedure and time frame? Mr. Sacco stated I can look into this. It wouldn't impact this year. Our position is those funds were to offset the impact on surrounding communities. It is too early to see the impact. President Tarlini stated for some boroughs and townships it is the only way for them to get the money. They said we were ungrateful. We tried to fight for our Township. We could get hurt and the Redevelopment Authority could look unkindly to Bristol Township. Councilwoman Davis stated I don't think the Redevelopment Authority would penalize us. Councilwoman Davis called for the motion to file an injunction against the County Commissioners and Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Sacco stated let me investigate this first. Second by President Tarlini. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

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3. West Retzler-said Mr. Lawson did a god job with West Bristol and a quick job on the roads. But, on Western Avenue there was a pot hole filled in front of one home while others were left unfilled. Mr. Lawson stated that material was left from paving. They looked for a hole to utilize the material. We always use leftover material for that purpose. Mr. Retzler stated local police departments investigate themselves, nothing gets done that way.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Greer called for the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilwoman Davis. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Denise Gorry
Secretary

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

- 1) Approve the minutes from the July 2, 2009 Council Meeting.
- 2) Approve minutes from the July 7, 2009 Council Meeting.
- 3) Approve minutes from the July 23, 2009 Council Meeting, with corrections.
- 4) Authorize the meeting October 13, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. and the Road Project bid opening at 9:15 A.M.
- 5) Approve the release as requested by D.J. Pinciotti Construction Co. for the inlet replacement in the Appletree Section in the amount of \$14,418.90.
- 6) Approve the release as requested by D.J. Pinciotti Construction Co. for the inlet replacement in the Appletree Section in the amount of \$14,418.90.
- 7) Accept the \$400,000 grant for video cameras in Bloomsdale (Weed and Seed area). This is a no matching funds grant.
- 8) File an injunction against the County Commissioners and Redevelopment Authority.

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	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	AGENDA (X)	OTHER (X)
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2	Michael S. P.	East Center Ave Bristol Pa 19007		✓
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