

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007

October 16, 2014

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. Monahan	Present
	Ms. Murphy	Present
	Vice President Brennan	Present
	President Lewis	Present

Council President Lewis thanked Troy Brennan for a job well done running the meeting last month during his absence. He also thanked everyone who sent condolences to his family for the passing of his mother.

Council President Lewis 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.

Council President Lewis stated matters of personnel and litigation items were discussed in the executive session.

VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

- A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for October 16, 2014

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Ms. Murphy to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for October 16, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0.

- B. Call for a motion to approve minutes from the Council Meeting on September 11, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on August 11, 2014.

Motion carried by a vote of 6-1. Ms. Murphy abstained.

COMMENDATIONS, PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS

- A. President Lewis presented Certificates of Commendation to the Bennett Family of Venice Ashby and the Frenier Family of Levittown and presented both families with a \$50.00 gift certificate from TD Bank for their exemplary recycling efforts.

Mr. Lewis thanked TD Bank for being a sponsor to Bristol Township's "Get Caught Recycling Campaign." Mr. Lewis stated that during the month of September 369.52 tons of recyclable material was collected compared to 224.19 tons in September of 2013 which is an increase of 64.46% in residential recycling.

Recycling Coordinator, Scott Swichar, informed Council and residents that the Township will host a Clean-Up Day at the Municipal Building on Saturday, November 1st from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Residents are encouraged to dispose of their unwanted refuse and recyclables including household appliances, electronics, toys, clothing and furniture free of charge.

Township Manager Bill McCauley stated that this event is in response to resident's concerns about disposing of their basement and/or attic clean-outs with the once a week trash pick-up started with the new contract this past January. This event will allow residents to dispose of those materials and moving forward the Township would like to have the event once or twice a year.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. A Resolution Approving the Acquisition of 1.2 acres and an 18,825 square foot Manufacturing Facility by Telex Metals, LLC to be Financed by the Quakertown Area Industrial & Commercial Development Authority: Consideration to Adopt.

Robert Cormack, Executive Director of the Bucks County Economic Redevelopment Corporation, requested on behalf of Telex Metals approval to secure tax exempt funding to participate in the financing of the costs of a project for the acquisition of 1.2 acres and an approximately 18,225 square foot manufacturing facility at 105 Phyllis Drive, Croydon, PA. This is a transaction between a banking institution and the company itself with no obligation on the part of Bristol Township. The banking institution would receive tax consideration from the IRS and in return the company would receive a lower interest rate on the acquisition of the building.

President Lewis asked why the name Quakertown Area Industrial & Commercial Development Authority was used. Mr. Cormack stated that the BCEDC uses the Quakertown Area Industrial & Commercial Development Authority along with 12 other IDA's in Bucks County.

Township Solicitor, Randall Flager, stated there is no exposure to the Township.

Councilman Bowen asked if the property would still pay taxes and how many jobs were created in the Township. The company would still be paying taxes and all 31 jobs would be retained.

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Glasson to adopt a Resolution Approving the Acquisition of 1.2 acres and an 18,825 square foot Manufacturing Facility by Telex Metals, LLC to be Financed by the Quakertown Area Industrial & Commercial Development Authority.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0.

Mr. McCauley stated that since January of 2012 Council has created 1,602 new jobs but the first job of Economic Development is to retain every job already in the Township. He thanked Telex Metals for remaining in the Township and has hopes they will expand in the future.

- B. A Resolution Adopting and Submitting to the PA Department of Environmental Protection Agency for Approval as a Revision to its “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” the Mary Devine Elementary School Sewage Facilities Planning Module: Consideration to Adopt.

Mr. Flager stated that this Resolution is necessary so that the School District can receive sewer Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) needed to have Mary Devine open. Council has to approve the application in order for the EDUs to be released.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded President Lewis to adopt a Resolution Approving a Revision to the “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” for the Mary Devine Elementary School Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

Motion carried by a vote of 6-1. Ms. Longhitano dissented.

- C. A Resolution Adopting and Submitting to the PA Department of Environmental Protection Agency for Approval as a Revision to its “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” the 940 Dixon Avenue Sewage Facilities Planning Module: Consideration to Adopt.

President Lewis asked Mr. Flager if his comments would be the same pertaining to this Resolution as for Mary Devine Elementary School. Mr. Flager stated yes.

Motion by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan to adopt a Resolution Approving a Revision to the “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” for the 940 Dixon Avenue Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0..

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. McCauley commented on the speech by Vice President Biden at the Port Authority in Philadelphia. Mr. McCauley found VP Biden's comments on how the United States should be investing in its infrastructure interesting since Bristol Township has been doing that for the past three years and he is happy that they have finally seen the light at the federal level. He informed Council that Scott Swichar will be making a presentation to the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority on Friday October 17th concerning our Municipal Grant Applications also known as Casino Grants which Council authorized the submission of at the September meeting. The Township will continue to look for additional funding resources for further improvement. The primary focus for 2015 will be our traffic signals but will continue with the Milling & Paving which we should be closing on the \$3 million from the Delaware Valley Refinancing Authority any day now. Also the Municipal Building will finally see the construction of the Sally Port and Public Works will have a new building to house all of our equipment.

Mr. McCauley mentioned the Township's first Clean-Up day will be on Saturday November 1st. Mr. McCauley expects that this event will be a great success considering how well our residents have stepped up in their recycling efforts at home.

Lastly Mr. McCauley reported that the LED lights for the football field at the Municipal Complex were delivered last week and that the majority of the lights were installed with the remainder being completed once the weather cleared. In speaking with one of the Wardogs coaches, Mr. McCauley stated they were very pleased to be playing under the bright lights. This project was made possible due to the agreement made by Council with the Wardogs Association where they will be paying for the installation of the lights purchased by the Township.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Township Solicitor, Randall Flager, reported that there is a need for an Alternate Member on the Zoning Hearing Board in order for there to be a quorum each month. There is an opening for a three year term at the present time.

President Lewis requested a motion from the Council to name an alternate member for the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Glasson to nominate Anthony Grillo from Neshaminy Street in Croydon to be the alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0.

Mr. McCauley added one item to his Manager's Report with a correction to his statement at last month's meeting. Anthony Salvitty of Laings Avenue was correct when he stated that AQUA had paid their share for road restoration in 2014. McCauley explained that the Township had completed their road paving contract before AQUA did their water main replacement in West

Bristol. Mr. McCauley was happy to report that all of the roads in question, including Laings Avenue, had been resurfaced.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request from New Falls Development, L. P., dated October 7, 2014, for a Financial Security Reduction in the Amount of \$68,565.00 for Wawa, Inc., New Falls & Wistar Road: Consideration to take the Appropriate Action.

Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder from Gilmore & Associates, stated that the request for reduction is in the amount of \$68,565.00; however after review of the completed work he is recommending the reduction in the amount of \$29,390.00, as that is the amount of the improvements completed to date. This will reduce the Letter of Credit held by the Township to \$247,807.48.

Motion by Councilwoman Murphy and seconded by Councilwoman Longhitano to approve a Financial Security Reduction in the amount of \$29,390.00 for Wawa, Inc., New Falls & Wistar Road.

Motion carried by a vote 6-1. Councilman Glasson was not present for the vote.

- B. Application for Conditional Use of Frank J. Walsh for an Accessory Apartment Located at 11 Swan Lane, Levittown, T.M.P #5-72-303, Zoned R-3: Consideration to take the Appropriate Action.

Township Solicitor, Randall Flager, informed Council that this Application had been continued prior to tonight's meeting.

- C. Application of Bristol Township School District for Final Land Development Plan Approval for Property Located at 1800 Keystone Road, T.M.P. #05-053-051 for the Mary Devine Elementary School: Consideration to Approve.

Timothy Duffy on behalf of the Bristol Township School District and Ken Bissinger from Renew Design stated that they have been fortunate to work out a resolution of all outstanding issues outlined in the October 10, 2014 Review Letter from Gilmore & Associates. Every issue is either a Will Comply or has been resolved with an agreement reached to replace the existing sewer line.

Mr. Flager stated that the School District has agreed to replace an approximate 600 foot 15 inch sewer line with new PVC piping which will be good for 50 to 70 years and will alleviate many comments that dealt with the various utilities used by the sewer line and will reduce Inflow & Infiltration into our system. This is a wonderful public improvement for the Township at a significant cost to the School District.

Mr. Duffy stated that they are pleased to offer this new PVC line to enhance the commitment shown by Council to improve the Township's Infrastructure.

Mr. Flager stated at this point there are no outstanding issues on the part of the Township.

Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder, stated that this plan has been around for quite some time now and that this is the fifth Review Letter and that the Sewer, Traffic, and Lighting Engineers are satisfied as well.

Vice President Brennan asked Mr. Duffy if they had all their other permits, DEP and Sewer, to put the project forward and the timeline for this project to start.

Mr. Duffy responded that the DEP has verbally responded that they have all their required permits with the exception of the Resolution that was passed earlier this evening.

Ken Bissinger, from Renew Design, answered Vice President Brennan's question that they feel confident that this project could start within a month.

Mr. Schroeder reiterated that the majority of the Will Complies are outstanding issues that are reviewed and approved on at the end of the project.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by and seconded by President Lewis to approve the Application for Final Land Development Plan for Mary Devine Elementary School conditioned upon the comments made by Timothy Duffy on the Will Complies on this date October 16, 2014.

John Riottto of Maple Shade commented that he is thoroughly against this project as taxpayers are already overburdened.

West Wexler asked if the School Board is giving the Township the PVC pipe what we are giving them.

Mr. Schroeder stated this is also a benefit to the School District adding this new line because should there be a problem with the old piping the Township would have to go in and dig up the pipe and the School District would be left to fix everything disturbed in the easement.

Councilman Monahan stated that we have to be sure and move forward.

Motion carried by a vote of 6-1. Ms. Longhitano dissented.

- D. Bids for Rock Salt for 2014-2015 Winter Highway Maintenance: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Mr. McCauley stated that this is the Bucks County Consortium 2014-2015 Salt Bids and recommends to go with the low bidder for delivered salt. Morton Salt, Inc is the low bid with a delivered price of \$57.57.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to Approve the Bid from Morton Salt, Inc for delivered salt.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Lewis stated that the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans are having an Agent Orange Victims Balloon Release on Tuesday November 11th at 7:00 pm located at 800 Coates Avenue.

Bristol Township Police Department will be having a Blue Mass October 26th at 10:45 am located at St. Marks Church in honor of fallen officers.

Holiday Auction will be held at the Bristol Township Community Senior Center on October 24th and 25th for more information please call 215-785-6322.

Bristol Township Harvest Festival Day will be Saturday October 25th located at the Municipal Building from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Councilman Monahan commented on the ongoing water lane issues in front of the residences on Sugar Maple Lane. He asked that Jason Lawson and the Township Engineer visit these properties. Further he stated about the conditions of overgrown properties and emphasized that these properties be followed through on as it is unfair to the surrounding neighbors.

Mr. McCauley commented that these problems have existed for quite some time. He stated that the overgrown and abandoned properties are at the point an epidemic. The Township tries to get the property owner, if there is a bank involved or mortgage company involved, to maintain their properties and when that doesn't happen we go in and do it ourselves. We are in the business now where we are cutting grass for a 150 residences. We have funds in Community Development Budget that pays for this and we lien the properties so we get our money back but it is an epidemic and it is the fault of the economy.

McCauley stated that the week of September 23rd he was incapacitated and Scott Swichar served up as Acting Township Manager and did a wonderful job. Mr. McCauley thanked everyone on the management team for stepping up during his absence.

McCauley reported that Council has received a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Compliance Inspection Report for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The inspection report listed no violations and McCauley urged Council to read the entire report.

Councilman Bowen that Croydon Acres is having their Fall Festival on Saturday November 1st from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. All proceeds go towards the Fire Police.

Councilman Glasson wanted to thank former Township Secretary, Tammy Hardy, for her service to the Township and wished her well moving forward.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Anatole Drumas, 916 Ray Avenue, wants to repeal the Per Capita Tax because it is a Nuisance Tax

Mr. Flager stated that this Council has reduced Township taxes for the past three years including reducing resident's trash bill by \$20.00 dollars for 2014.

Mr. McCauley stated that this tax brings in over \$100,000 in revenue and the Township is in no financial position to reduce any revenue.

John Riotto, 2160 Maple Avenue, wanted to bring to the Manager's attention the condition of Franklin & Maple Avenues where the intersection was dug up is now starting to sink.

Barbara Bill, 538, Elsford Road, stated she is one senior that is not upset with her taxes because the School District is doing something wonderful for the Township.

Councilman Bowen asked Mrs. Bill how high taxes would have to become where she would say she's had enough.

Tom Barton, 58 Aster Lane, commented that road conditions throughout the county need to be addressed which would help in the increase property values.

Pat Glasson, 58 Idlewild, is requesting assistance with drug dealing that is occurring on her street.

Girard Lykon, Bath Road, spoke about the Business to Business Association that has expanded to Bucks County is looking for members and to contact him for more information at 215-788-6018. Further Lykon Automotive in cooperation with B2B will be donating a car to a needy family. This program will start November 1, 2014 and applications will be available at the Township Building as well as at Lykon Automotive.

West Rexler, stated that the apartments do have to pay a Per Capita Tax. He commented that the dispatchers make a great deal of comments that they should not to people calling for police assistance.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Vice President Troy Brennan and seconded by the entire Council.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.