

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP
2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007

DECEMBER 20, 2012

COUNCIL MEETING

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bowen	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Ms. Longhitano	Present
	Mr. Pluta	Present
	Mr. Tucker	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. Additionally, items of personal matters were discussed prior to the meeting in the Executive Session.

VOUCHER LIST & REQUISITIONS AND MINUTES

A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for December 20, 2012.

Motion by Vice President Brennan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the Voucher List and Requisitions for December 20, 2012.

Motion carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Pluta voting no.

B. Call for a motion to approve minutes from the following Council Meetings:

November 15, 2012 (Council Meeting)

December 6, 2012 (Council Meeting)

Motion By Mr. Bowen and seconded by Vice President Brennan to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2012 Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Motion By Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2012 Council Meeting.

Motion carried by a vote of 6-0, with Mr. Pluta abstaining.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 142, Pawnbrokers, and Chapter 149, Precious Metals, Gems and Merchandise and Replacing Both Chapters with Chapter 142, Pawnbrokers, Dealers in Precious Metals, Antiques and Second hand or Used Items, Establishing Penalties and Violations and Providing an Effective Date: Consideration to take Appropriate Action

Township Solicitor, Mr. Flager stated that this will support Police Chief Andrews in tracking stolen items by computer and discouraging crime while assisting in recovering stolen property.

Patricia Nickels of Prospect Ave inquired if the 10 day waiting period could be changed to 21-30 days waiting in order to allow victims to discover and reclaim items.

Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to amend the amount of days of the waiting period in Chapter 142 from 10 working days to 15 working days.

Mr. Gallus Obert voiced his concern against passing a new time frame.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-2, with Mr. Pluta and Mr. Tucker voting no.

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded By Mr. Glasson to Approve the Repealing of Chapter 142, Pawnbrokers, and Chapter 149, Precious Metals, Gems and Merchandise and Replacing Both Chapters with Chapter 142, Pawnbrokers, Dealers in Precious Metals, Antiques and Second hand or Used Items, Establishing Penalties and Violations and Providing an Effective Date.

Mr. Pluta inquired if the 50% increase in waiting days was enough of a change to warrant new and additional advertising. Township Solicitor Flager responded that the change did not require re-advertisement of the proposed legislation.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-2, with Mr. Pluta and Mr. Tucker voting no.

- B. A Resolution of Commendation Honoring the Bristol Township Fire Police for their Heroic Efforts in Response to Hurricane Sandy: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Bowen, Ms. Longhitano, Mr. Pluta, Mr. Tucker, Vice President Brennan and President Lewis to Commend and Honor the Bristol Township Fire Police for their Heroic Efforts in Response to Hurricane Sandy.

A certificate was presented to the Fire Police Squad by Bristol Township Council honoring them for their Heroic Efforts in Response to Hurricane Sandy.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- C. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$597,431: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to Accept the Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$597,431.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- D. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$220,000: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Mr. Bowen to Accept the Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$220,000.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

- E. A Resolution Adopting the 2013 Township Budget: Consideration to Adopt.

F. A Resolution Setting Forth the Millage Rates for the 2013 Adopted Township Budget:
Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Vice President Brennan Adopting the 2013 Bristol Township Budget with NO TAX INCREASE and without the use of any fund balance and Setting Forth the Millage Rates required to fund the 2013 Adopted Township Budget.

The Final 2013 Budget proposed with minor changes from the advertised budget was presented by the Township Manager. Streetlight expenditures were reduced by \$852,569 due to a reduction in the casino grant funding. Along with a reduced transfer from General Fund reserves to Streetlight funds by \$200,000 and replaced with a \$75,000 transfer to Parks Capital and \$125,000 transfer to the Capital Projects Fund. The Final Proposed 2013 budget was \$54,558,311 with a reduction in spending \$656,569 over the original proposed 2013 Township Budget.

Ellen Miller of Margo Gardens inquired as to the wisdom of reducing the streetlight budget as the Street Lights Project would ultimately save money. Mr. McCauley explained that the Township was matching that amount of grant funds provided by over 100%.

Motion carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Pluta voting no.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Township Manager McCauley proposed John Brem to be appointed to the position of Fire Police Officer.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Pluta to appoint Officer John Brem to the Bristol Township Fire Police.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Township Manager McCauley proposed Marvin Schneider to be appointed to the position of Fire Police Officer.

Motion by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Mr. Pluta to appoint Marvin Schneider to the Bristol Township Fire Police.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Township Manager McCauley would like to thank the Council for the opportunity of working with Bristol Township and he wishes everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Randall Flager wishes everyone a wonderful and safe holiday and stated, "Thank you and it's been an honor and privilege to work with Bristol Township."

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bid for Municipal Building Roof Improvement Projects: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Glasson to Reconsider Awarding Bid for Municipal Building Roof Improvement Project.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Bowen to accept the bid for the Roof Improvement Project to Mike Kobithen Roofing Insulation, Inc for \$92,266 for the base bid with the Infrared Thermographic Survey only.

Mr. Larry Young spoke on reason why bid was to be reconsidered and as to language of actual bid contract and how it was to be used with casino grant.

Motion carried unanimously by vote of 7-0.

- B. Bid for Public Works Building Roof Improvement Project: Considerations to take Appropriate Action.

Motion by Mr. Pluta and seconded by Mr. Glasson to Reject the Bids for Public Works Roof Improvement Project.

Mr. Larry Young stated there was extensive damage to the Public Works roof from Hurricane Sandy and was a safety hazard to the employees working under it; the roof needed immediate emergency repair. All bids came in way over amounts available with grant money.

Motion carried unanimously by vote of 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pluta wishes Bristol Township employees, council members and residents a Happy and Healthy New Year.

President Lewis stated the next meeting of the New Year will be the third Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Patty Nickels of Prospect Avenue wishes to thank the council for passing an ordinance which serves and protects Bristol Township residents.

Mr. Gallas Obert of Freedom Lane inquired on the progressive reports for Queen Anne Drive and their speeding issues. The Township Manager stated that there had been no report from the police department received yet.

President Lewis stated he had a conversation with Jason Lawson about looking into the speed bumps and reviewing PennDOT's newer procedures on installing speed bumps. President Lewis also stated PECO has been notified about trimming the trees so as not to lose electric power in the Township from falling limbs and trees.

Bishop Melvin Howard spoke about an alleged complaint regarding racial harassment. All council and audience members who wished to speak offered their opinion on the issue.

President Lewis stated for the public record that everyone wishing to speak on this matter, including residents who did not sign in, were provided the opportunity to speak.

Motion By Mr. Bowen and seconded by Vice President Brennan to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

1. Approved the Voucher List and Requisitions for December 20, 2012.
2. Approved the minutes from the November 15, 2012 Council Meeting.
3. Approved the minutes from the December 6, 2012 Council Meeting.
4. Amended the amount of days of the waiting period in the proposed amendments to Chapter 142 from 10 working days to 15 working days.
5. Approved the Repealing of Chapter 142, Pawnbrokers, and Chapter 149, Precious Metals, Gems and Merchandise and Replacing Both Chapters with Chapter 142, Pawnbrokers, Dealers in Precious Metals, Antiques and Second hand or Used Items, Establishing Penalties and Violations and Providing an Effective Date.
6. Adopted a Resolution of Commendation Honoring the Bristol Township Fire Police for their Heroic Efforts in Response to Hurricane Sandy.
7. Accepted the Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$597,431.
8. Accepted the Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for \$220,000.
9. Adopted the 2013 Bristol Township Budget and Setting Forth the Millage Rates for the 2013 Adopted Township Budget.
10. Appointed John Brem to the Bristol Township Fire Police.
11. Appointed Marvin Schneider to the Bristol Township Fire Police.
12. Reconsider Awarding Bid for Municipal Building Roof Improvement Project.
13. Awarded Bid the Municipal Building Roof Improvement Project to Mike Kobithen Roofing Insulation, Inc for \$92,266 representing the base bid only.
14. Rejected the Bids for Public Works Roof Improvement Project.
15. Adjourned meeting at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy L. Hardy, Township Secretary