

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007

January 19, 2017

COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

Roll Call:	President Bowen	Present
	Vice President Longhitano	Absent
	Mr. Allen	Present
	Mr. Antonello	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Mr. Monahan	Present
	Mrs. Murphy	Present

Also Present: William J. McCauley, III, Township Manager; Scott Swichar, Deputy Township Manager; Randall C. Flager, Township Solicitor; Adam Flager, Deputy Township Solicitor; Kate Murphy, Township Secretary.

Council President Bowen announced that Vice President Longhitano sends her regrets as she is under the weather.

Township Solicitor, Randall C. Flager announced that personnel, litigation and labor issues were discussed in Executive Session prior to the meeting.

Council President Bowen 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.

VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

- A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for January 19, 2017.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for January 19, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

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Larry Mascia, 267 Crabtree Drive, questioned the location of the property titled BLT which received a \$10,000 roof.

Township Manager Bill McCauley stated he believes this is a residential property which received a total roof replacement. He will confirm with Community Development since this project was under Housing Rehabilitation Program.

- B. Call for a motion to approve minutes from the Council Meeting on December 15, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Antonello to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting on December 15, 2016.

Motion carried by a vote of 5 – 0 with Mrs. Murphy abstaining due to absence.

PRESENTATIONS and APPOINTMENTS

- A. Presentation of Certificates of Commendations for exemplary recycling efforts.**

Council President Bowen presented \$50 Gift Certificates to the Alvarado Family of Indian Creek and the McMenamin Family of Violetwood for their exemplary recycling efforts.

- B. Vacancy to Environmental Advisory Committee: Consideration to Appoint.**

Vice Chairman Scot Colby introduced Ann DiCampello requesting her appointment to the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC.)

Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Glasson to Appoint Ann DiCampello to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

Mr. Colby stated that Mike Nye, Ellen Miller, Joe Krug, Cathy Raupp, and April Whitley are seeking re-appointment to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Monahan to reappoint the stated EAC members to a new term.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

Mr. Colby announced the EAC's Annual Potluck Dinner will be held on Sunday February 12th at the Senior Center from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

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Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by John Monahan to Amend the Agenda and hear item 7A before item 6C.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

A. A Resolution of Respect for Helen M. Cini: Consideration to Adopt

Township Solicitor, Randall C. Flager read the Resolution of Respect for Helen M. Cini into the record.

Motion by the Entire Council Adopting a Resolution of Respect for Helen M. Cini.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

Council thanked the Cini family for attending.

B. A Resolution of Commendation Honoring K. Garrison Moore, III Upon his Attainment of Eagle Scout Status: Consideration to Adopt.

President Bowen read the Resolution of Commendation Honoring K. Garrison Moore, III Upon his Attainment of Eagle Scout Status into the record.

Motion by the Entire Council Adopting a Resolution of Commendation Honoring K. Garrison Moore, III Upon his Attainment of Eagle Scout Status.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Antonello to Amend the Agenda and move item 10A to 7B.

A. Application of Republic Bank for Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval for 601 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills, TMP #05-46-388, in the C-Commercial Zoning District: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Attorney Robert J. McNelly on behalf of Republic Bank, is requesting preliminary and final subdivision for a bank branch located at 601 S. Oxford Valley Road. McNelly stated that his client has been before the Zoning Hearing Board on two previous dates and were granted on the relief necessary for construction as well as a letter from the Township Engineer most recent of which his client will comply and are ready to sign the proposed resolution prepared by the Township Solicitor. All waivers that his client is seeking were recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Engineer Clifton Quay, Stantec Consulting Services, presented the application for a 3,000 square foot freestanding bank. The proposed access to the site is from both Queen Anne Drive and South Oxford Valley Road. There are three (3) drive-through lanes and a by-pass lane. Traffic travels in

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a counterclockwise direction around the building with approximately 26 parking spaces. A fully engineered storm system is on site as well as buffer landscaping.

President Bowen inquired what the distance was from the buffer area behind the property and the neighbor, if there was a retention basin in the back and about the types of trees that will be planted for the buffer landscaping.

Mr. Quay stated it is the standard 30 feet distance and that there is a shallow depression and that the bulk of the storage is being done underground and that the depression is tied into the underground storage.

Mr. Antonello inquired about the height of the trees.

The trees are a combination of Evergreens, Armstrong, Red Maple, Spruces, and Douglas Firs as well as shrubs. The height at initial planting will be an average of 13 to 15 feet and at maturity they will be three times that height.

Gallus Obert, Farmbrook, raised concerns over street parking.

Tom Barton, Appletree, expressed concerns over traffic and parking.

Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Monahan to Approving the Application of Republic Bank for Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval for 601 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills, TMP #05-46-388, in the C-Commercial Zoning District.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

C. State of the Township: 2016 Year in Review.

President Bowen Presented the 2017 State of the Township Address. A copy of the State of the Township Address is attached to these minutes.

ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

C. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for Traffic Signal Improvements in the amount of \$300,000: Consideration to Adopt.

Township Manager McCauley stated this resolution is to formally accept the grant from the Redevelopment Authority in the \$300,000 for Traffic Signal Improvements.

Louise Wilson, Violetwood, inquired about the location and type of improvements proposed.

Deputy Township Manager, Scott Swichar stated the first intersection is Bristol-Oxford Valley Road, Bath Road and Lakeland Road and the second intersection is Oxford Valley Road/Levittown

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Parkway and New Falls Road. Improvements include the modernization of the existing signal by replacing the foundation, supports, mast arms, conduit, wiring, signal heads, controller assembly, vehicular/dilemma zone detection, sign/pavements markings as well the installation of uninterrupted power supply/emergency generator plug; optimize the signal timing/phasing. The ADA ramps will be upgraded and pedestrian push buttons, hand/man pedestrian signal with countdown timers will also be installed.

Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Allen Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for Traffic Signal Improvements in the amount of \$300,000.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

D. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for Emergency Responder Radio Replacement in the amount of \$220,712: Consideration to Adopt.

Mr. McCauley stated that this grant is the sixth year of a seven year grant for the Bristol Township Emergency Responder acquisition that purchased radio equipment.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mrs. Murphy Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for Emergency Responder Radio Replacement in the amount of \$220,712: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

E. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for Police Body Cameras in the amount of \$56,905: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Allen Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for Police Body Cameras in the amount of \$56,905.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

F. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for a Police Prisoner Van in the amount of \$53,169: Consideration to Adopt.

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Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Glasson Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for Police Prisoner Van in the amount of \$53,169.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

G. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for a Storage Building for Levittown Fire #2 in the amount of \$67,900: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Glasson Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for a Storage Building for Levittown Fire #2 in the amount of \$67,900.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

H. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bucks County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mrs. Murphy Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bucks County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

I. A Resolution for Official Sewage Facilities Plan Revisions for New Land Development for 940 Dixon Avenue: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Monahan Approving Official Sewage Facilities Plan Revisions for New Land Development for 940 Dixon Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

J. A Resolution for Official Sewage Facilities Plan Revisions for New Land Development for Bio-Pharm, Inc: Consideration to Adopt.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Allen Approving Official Sewage Facilities Plan Revisions for New Land Development for Bio-Pharm, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

Township Manager McCauley explained that the resolutions for 940 Dixon and Bio-Pharm were re-approvals as a Department of Environmental Protection requirement since the Township submitted their 537 Plan in the interim.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Township Manager McCauley stated that since the Township has revised the Executive Summary of the 537 Plan PennDot is requiring the Township to approve a revised resolution which council was given during Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Glasson Adopting and Submitting an Update Revision to Bristol Township's Sewage Facilities Management Plan (Act 537) to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for Approval.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

Mr. McCauley reported that the Township is in receipt of Moody's Investment Service Annual Comment on Bristol Township as of December 2016. Once again it is an excellent report.

The report reads that, "The credit position for Bristol Township is very healthy, and its Aa3 rating is on par with the median rating Aa3 for cities nationwide. The notable credit factors include a robust financial position and a moderate pension burden with a low debt liability. It also reflects a healthy socioeconomic profile and tax base.

The financial position of the township is very strong and is favorable with respect to the assigned rating of Aa3. The available fund balance as a percent of operating revenues (71.4%) far surpasses the US median and saw an impressive increase between 2015 and 2012. Furthermore, the net cash balance as a percent of revenues (64.3%) is far superior to other Moody's-rated cities nationwide.

The township has a moderate debt liability to its Aa3 rating. The net direct debt to full value (1.2%) is slightly below the US median.

The ability to generate positive operating margins indicates strong financial management. Advantageously, on average, Bristol Township's operations were positive and concurrently, the tax base grew."

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Flager stated his firm is still waiting on the Bucks County Planning Commission to respond to the Medicinal Marijuana Ordinance that was sent.

Also in light of the numerous complaints on Hookah Lounges his firm is continuing to research what restrictions can be placed and a proper Ordinance will be drafted to address this issue.

Larry Mascia, 267 Crabtree Drive, asked what the ordinance would entail.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Establishment of Council Meeting Dates and Times: Consideration to take Approve.

Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Allen to Approve the Council Meeting Dates and Times for 2017.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Bowen explained concerning the reason for upgrading the traffic signal intersection at Haines Road and Kenwood Drive is for the installation of a pre-emption signal which allows emergency vehicles can control the traffic signal when the need arises

Mr. Antonello nominated Melissa Murray-Rigney as a second Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Ms. Rigney is a resident of 2501 Palmer Avenue. She has a background in land use and zoning and is a licensed attorney in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Glasson to Appoint Melissa Murray Rigney as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

Mr. Monahan asked how long Ms. Rigney has been a resident of Bristol Township.

Ms. Rigney responded a month and a half.

Mr. Allen reported that at the school board meeting there have been complaints about the traffic enforcement at Brookwood Elementary School making left turns where posted not to do so during certain times as well to announce to residents to please obey the traffic rules.

Mr. McCauley questioned why the school administration is not asking the police department directly since the Township met with them before school started and developed their traffic plan in cooperation with them.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Louis Wilson, 19 Vulcan Road, inquired about the Township's parking ordinance and if it is acceptable to park recreational vehicles on front lawns.

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Sean Meola Jr., Williams Avenue, spoke on behalf of residents that are concerned with the possible asbestos, among other violations, from construction debris on Airport Road.

Mr. McCauley stated that the DEP did check this location and the asbestos found on the siding were not found to be in a friable condition and therefore not regulated. Also, the property owner did acquire a permit for the fence.

Gallus Obert, Freedom Lane, stated he accepted a position to be the Council Liaison for the Bristol Township School Board. He asked if the two depressed manholes in front of Mill Creek Park be addressed. Further he asked for Council's help to market the vacant schools.

Mr. Flager stated that they have been in several meetings to bring business to those buildings. President Bowen suggested the board speak with the RDA. McCauley suggested they reach out to the YMCA on Queens Boulevard.

Gerard Lykon thanked all the businesses and volunteers who helped make the Give a Family a Christmas donation a wonderful success.

Rick Coleman stated that the Business to Business Association along with Lykon Automotive would be holding a fundraiser to purchase a new K9 dog for the Police Department due to the sudden passing of Apollo. There will be an fundraising event held at Rob's Auto on Thursday March 2nd from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Township Manager McCauley stated that this is a great thing the business community is doing. The Township can certainly afford to purchase a new dog, but the cost of the acquiring a K9, along with the required training and care is expensive.

West Rexler, West Bristol, discussed issues unrelated to the Agenda.

Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by the entire Council to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Murphy
Township Secretary

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RECAP OF JANUARY 19, 2017 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

1. Approved the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions from January 18, 2017
2. Approved the December 15, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Presented Monthly Awards for Exemplary Recycling Performance.
4. Adopted Ann DiCampello to the Environmental Advisory Committee.
5. Adopted a Resolution of Respect 2017-1 for Helen M. Cini.
6. Adopted a Resolution of Commendation 2017-2 Honoring K. Garrison Moore, III Upon his Attainment of Eagle Scout Status.
7. Adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Application of Republic Bank for Preliminary and Final Subdivision Approval 2017-3 for 601 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills, TMP #05-46-388, in the C-Commercial Zoning District.
8. Presented the State of the Township: 2016 Year in Review.
9. Adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the RDA 2017-4 for Traffic Signal Improvements in the amount of \$300,000.
10. Adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the RDA 2017-5 for Emergency Responder Radio Replacement in the amount of \$220,712.
11. Adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the RDA 2017-6 for Police Body Cameras in the amount of \$56,905.
12. Adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the RDA 2017-7 for Police Prisoner Van in the amount of \$53,169.
13. Adopted a Resolution 2017-8 Authorizing the Acceptance of a Municipal Grant Program Contract Awarded by the RDA for Storage Building for Levittown Fire # 2 in the amount of \$67,900.
14. Adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bucks County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan 2017-9.
15. Adopted a Resolution for Official Sewage Facilities Plan Revisions for New Land Development for 940 Dixon Avenue 2017-10.

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17. Adopted a Resolution for Official Sewage Facilities Plan Revisions for New Land Development for Bio-Pharm, Inc 2017-11.
18. Adopted a Resolution Adopting and Submitting an Update Revision to Bristol Township's Sewage Facilities Management Plan (Act 537) to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for Approval 2017-12.
19. Appointed of Melissa Murray Rigney as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board
20. Approved Council Meeting Dates and Times for 2017.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:54 pm.