

**BRISTOL TOWNSHIP
2501 BATH ROAD,
BRISTOL, PA 19007**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2010
COUNCIL MEETING**

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:18pm.

Roll Call:	Councilman Tucker	Present
	Councilman Lewis	Present
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Present
	Vice President Davis	Present
	President Pluta	Present

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel & Litigation were discussed.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan read a report from Mr. Kucher. Bristol Township is working with the Realtors Alliance to change the policy for abandoned homes. A Use and Occupancy will be filed prior to the closing of a property. The fees associated with inspections and required escrows for a temporary U & O will be made out at settlement and paid to the Township three to five days after settlement.

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve the November 19, 2009 Council Meeting Minutes. Second by Vice President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	abstained
	Councilman Lewis	abstained
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

Motion by Vice President Davis to approve the November 24, 2009 Budget Meeting Minutes with minor corrections. Second by President Pluta.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	abstained
	Councilman Lewis	abstained
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

**Bristol Township Council Meeting
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Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve the minutes for the November 30, 2009 Budget Meeting. Second by Vice President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	abstained
	Councilman Lewis	abstained
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve the minutes for the December 3, 2009 Council Meeting with minor corrections. Second by Vice President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	abstained
	Councilman Lewis	abstained
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve the minutes for the December 10, 2009 Budget Meeting with the amended amount of \$2,231,054.00. Second by Vice President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	abstained
	Councilman Lewis	abstained
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2009 Council Meeting. Second by Vice President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	abstained
	Councilman Lewis	abstained
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

**Bristol Township Council Meeting
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Motion by Vice President Davis to approve minutes for the December 29, 2009 Council Meeting. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	abstained
	Councilman Lewis	abstained
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve the minutes for the January 4, 2010 Reorganization Meeting. Second by Vice President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes, with the exception that he was not listed as the liaison for the Sewer Dept.
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved: 5-0

REPORT FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett stated that the bids for the Sewer Plant Project, that will be funded through the Pennvest Loan, have been put out. The plans are available for review. The cost to purchase the set is \$150.00. There will be a pre-bid meeting at the plant for anyone that is going to bid on the project.

Mr. Bartlett stated that we have a pending snowstorm, and asked for the cooperation from the residents to remove as many vehicles from the roadways to help the plow crew.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve the annual donation of \$5,000.00 to Towns Against Graffiti. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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

Motion approved: 5-0

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President Pluta requested Mr. Lawson to report on the new trucks for Public Works. Mr. Lawson stated that to purchase an F250 four wheel drive truck with a plow out of the liquid fuels was in the budget this year. After going out to bid, lowest price was 25,299.00. He requested the Council put a cap of \$25,500.00 for the truck.

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve the price of the Public Works Trucks, for one F250 Truck \$25,500.00 and two F550 \$64,900.00. Second by President Pluta.

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

Motion approved: 5-0

Motion by Vice President Davis to approve the findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of the decision of the Bristol Township Council regarding the Conditional use request by Georgine's Inc. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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

Motion approved: 5-0

Mr. Bartlett stated that a question came up about fees for the future. He stated The Council can assess a fee in the future, if needed. Councilwoman Tarlini stated since the Township has never had this type of Conditional Use before, it could be possible to attach fees at some point.

Mr. Kucher stated that the representatives for Pennoni Assoc were able to make the meeting for the presentation on the Rt. 13 Beautification Project and requested to be placed on the Feb 18 agenda.

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

The drainage projects for Iris Road, Emily Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue are almost complete. The drainage project for Buchanan Street will be starting within the next week. The Whitewood project will be extending the pipe around 150 ft.

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There was a complaint from Mr. Melio's office about a water problem on Gentle Road. Mr. Lawson confirmed that it was ground water coming up. There are plans to pave that road and install a drain underneath the road to take out the ground water.

REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew did not have a report for Council.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

There are two applications for the Zoning Hearing Board. The first was Highlander Realty Management for the former Miller Trailer Park Site requested to be moved to the March 8, 2010 meeting. The second is the Med Flex, Inc. proposed medical waste facility at the corner of Frost and Ford Roads. The application was advertised wrong and will be heard March 8, 2010.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco stated he spoke with the attorney for Med Flex, Inc. and they will give a presentation to the Council at the February 18th meeting.

OTHER:

Councilwoman Tarlini stated that there is an indoor flea Market, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 at the Senior Building. Contact the Center for more details.

President Pluta stated that with the forecast for the snow, he is requesting the residents to please move all vehicles out of the roadway Friday evening

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Mrs. Bettie Richardson of 354 Indian Creek Drive requested that Mr. Lawson check out Ironwood Road for a water drainage problem.

DC. Charles Schultz of 2201 Avenue A stated that the Newportville/Fergusonville Civic Association was successful in obtaining a grant for the new street lights from Senator Tomlinson. There are two sets of lights and it is not necessary to keep both sets burning, and pay a double light bill.

DC. Schultz requested that the Township request PECO to remove trees in their right of way on Newportville Road to enable the rain water to flow down properly. President Pluta requested Mr. Lawson to check into the problem.

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Mr. Don Mobley of 153 Neshaminy Road questioned if the Township has sent a letter stating they are against the rate increase to Aqua Water Company. Mr. Bartlett stated that he spoke with representatives from Aqua, but an official letter was not sent.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Tarlini to send a letter to the PUC regarding the water rate increase. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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

Motion approved: 5-0

Mr. Mobley questioned if Councilman Lewis has been named as liaison to the Sewer Department. He requested that his name be eliminated from the discussions on the legal bills. Councilwoman Tarlini stated that Mr. Mobley dropped his case several months ago, but has not signed the papers, and the Township is still being billed for his case. President Pluta responded to the comment about the liaison to the Sewer Department he stated that every Council Member has the same rights. Councilman Lewis is welcome at the Sewer Plant at anytime.

Mr. Tryon did not speak.

Mr. Obert of 51 Freedom Lane questioned if the Medical Waste Project would be a new building being placed on a vacant wooded lot. He stated that it is going to take up another wooded area, the last in that area. He requested that Council consider this when making their decision.

Mr. Obert questioned why at the Budget Meetings there was revenue of \$75,000.00 from the recycling program and has now dropped to \$5,000.00. President Pluta stated he would get that information from the Finance Officer for the next meeting.

Mr. Obert questioned why there were flowers purchased on the voucher list. Councilwoman Tarlini stated they were purchased for the Police Officers Blue Light Memorial.

Mr. Smith of Edgely questioned if all of the money from Liquid Fuels was to be used only for paving the streets. President Pluta stated that \$1,000,000.00 is allocated for paving the roads, anything above and beyond that amount is used for trucks and equipment that maintain the roads.

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Mr. Smith questioned why it took two and a half weeks to repair a streetlight. President Pluta stated he would look into it.

Mr. Retzler of West Bristol congratulated Mr. Monahan on his win for Mayor, and is hoping he will get things done.

Mr. Retzler questioned who is the Attorney of Record for the Township. Mr. Sacco stated that he is the Township Solicitor, but other Counsel could represent the Township depending on the case. Mr. Retzler questioned why the Township would pay for a case when an employee no longer works for the Township. Mr. Sacco stated when an employee is sued and no longer works for the Township, the Township is still at risk because that person was an employee at the time they were sued.

Mr. Retzler questioned why the Director of Building, Planning and Zoning can issue a citation when he is not sworn in. Mr. Sacco stated that the Bristol Township Code authorizes the License and Inspections Department to issue citations.

Mr. Turner of Croydon questioned the Police Chief if the officer that was reinstated on December 9, 2009, has been placed on active duty. Mr. Sacco stated that personnel issues cannot be discussed at a public meeting.

Mr. Turner questioned President Pluta what does a liaison do. President Pluta stated that there is information that needs to be shared. If there is a meeting not everyone is able to attend, the liaison is responsible to attend and keep everyone informed.

Mr. Turner questioned why there was a double wide trailer sitting on a property on Newportville Road. Mr. Kucher stated that sewer permits were issued and construction will begin soon.

Motion by Vice President Davis to adjourn the meeting at 8:22PM. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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

Motion approved: 5-0

MOTIONS APPROVED;

- 1. To approve the minutes for the November 19, 2009 Council Meeting.**
- 2. To approve the minutes for the November 24, 2009 Budget Meeting.**
- 3. To approve the minutes for the November 30, 2009 Budget Meeting.**
- 4. To approve the minutes for the December 3, 2009 Council Meeting.**
- 5. To approve the minutes for the December 10, 2009 Budget Meeting, with the amended amount of \$2,231,054.00.**
- 6. To approve the minutes for the December 17, 2009 Council Meeting.**
- 7. To approve the minutes for the December 29, 2009 Council Meeting.**
- 8. To approve the minutes for the January 4, 2010 Reorganization Meeting.**
- 9. To approve the annual donation of \$5,000.00 to Towns Against Graffiti.**
- 10. To approve the purchase for the Public Works Trucks**
- 11. To approve the Conditional use request for Georgine's Inc.**
- 12. To sent a letter to the PUC regarding the water rate increase.**
- 13. To adjourn the meeting at 8:22PM.**

