

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

MAY 5, 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M.

Roll Call:	Councilman Tucker	Present
	Councilman Lewis	Present
	Councilman Blalock	Present
	Vice President Tarlini	Present
	President Pluta	Present

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan stated the Solicitor for the Civil Service Commission has changed Law Firms. He put up the name David Truelove of Hill Wallack.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve David Truelove of Hill Wallack Law Firm as the Solicitor for the Civil Service Commission. Second by Councilman Blalock.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Monahan put up the name Kathy Baker as Secretary for the Planning Commission.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve Kathy Baker as Secretary for the Planning Commission. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Sacco stated that he has been working on the property on Excelsior Avenue that is an eyesore without condemning or blight the property. The Insurance Company is working on a final settlement with the Homeowner. The Township has a Fire Ordinance and money in escrow account that is set aside to pay the Township. Mr. Sacco stated he is hopeful that they will finalize the settlement in a couple of days.

Mayor Monahan stated he spoke with Vijay Rajput about the fire hydrant on Joy Lane and Mr. Rajput would like to meet with Kevin Dippolito to discuss moving it.

Mayor Monahan stated he has been receiving many complaints about a pothole on New Falls Road by Wistar that PECO will not repair, and he feels the Township should fill it. Mr. Lawson stated it is a 10 or 12 inch gas main shut off lid and if the Township paves it we would be responsible if something happened and PECO could not shut the gas off. Mr. Smith stated the Township should keep pestering PECO because it is their gas line.

Mr. Dave Droppa stated that the 20th Annual Tiger Classic 5K Run will be held Friday June 3, 2011 6:30 P.M. at Truman High School. Kim Thomas is the Race Coordinator. They also represent the Foundation for Educational Excellence in the Bristol Township School District that raises and distributes money unique and exciting experiences for the children of the Bristol Township School District.

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett stated there were two bids received for the Summer Recreation Bus Transportation. The first bid was from G S T Transport Corp. \$270.00 per bus for up to 6 hours 35.00 per hour for additional hours per bus.

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The second bid was from Star Transit Company Inc. doing business as Star Tours \$575.00 per bus and \$30.00 per hour for additional hours per bus.

The first bid for the Casino Grant for the Newportville Sub Station was from Tillmore Design in the amount of \$261,000.00. The second bid from Denucci Excavating Corporation in the amount of \$154,535.00. The third bid from Marquis Construction in the amount of \$193,630.00. The bids will be given to the Engineer for the project for review and Council can approve it at the next Council Meeting.

The Summer Camp Registration date has been changed to May 14, 2011 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Bucks County Redevelopment Authority is working with Lower Bucks Hospital to have the area the Hospital certified as a redevelopment area. This would secure low interest funding and Grants for the Hospital.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to authorize Mr. Bartlett to write a letter of endorsement for the Lower Bucks Hospital Project. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Mr. Bartlett stated Council previously approved a 3 year lease for a backhoe that can be purchased for \$1.00. TD Bank requires a Resolution by Council to approve the financing for the lease.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 12-2011 authorizing the incurring of lease obligation in an amount not to exceed \$99,430.00 to be evidenced by a lease

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purchase agreement with TD Equipment Finance, Inc. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Mr. Obert question what the interest would be for the lease. Mr. Bartlett stated that the lease would not exceed \$99,430.00 that will include the interest.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson stated that they have been cutting the grass all week. There were complaints about the grass clumping. Mr. Lawson stated the first cut is always done with last years blades because if there is something that can't be seen in the high grass it can ruin the blades. The blades will be changed for the normal once a week cutting. There have been complaints about Levittown Parkway. That is cut by the State because it is a State Road. There were complaints on the Holly Hill section where GOAL planted trees. It was in the agreement that they would take care of that area around the trees. They will be contacted tomorrow. Patching the roads will start in the next week or so. Councilman Lewis requested an update on the drainage problem on Stephen Avenue. Mr. Smith stated that he received some spot elevations from Public Works to verify what the conditions are. There are a couple of options and he would like to talk to the Manager and Jason before bringing it to Council.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew received notice of a COPS Grant. This is a Grant that will pay for 3 laid off officers for 3 years at an entry level salary rate. The Grant Monies would be \$586,278.53 over 3 years. To satisfy the Grant over 48 months the Township's obligation would be \$608,239.23. For 2 officers the Grant would be \$374,309.63. The

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Township's obligation over 48 months would be \$405,492.82. Councilman Lewis stated this should be researched and keep all our options open. He feels that the Township should apply for the Grant but will not have to accept if until we know the outcome.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to apply for the COPS Grant. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher stated he met with Amber Longhitano to go over the Real Estate statistics. Ms. Longhitano would like to eliminate the escrow all together. He has made calls to surrounding Townships to see how they handle re-sales. Mr. Kucher said they agree that it is important to get people into the vacant homes.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco stated he is hopeful that the single stream recycling will start on the first of June. In the contract there is a 90 day notice that we would have to provide to the hauler if we want to start with the single stream recycling. Republic has agreed to waive the 90 day period. Kathleen Friel is getting together information for the upcoming news letter to provide the residents as to what can be recycled with single stream. Council will have to approve the contract. Mr. Sacco stated each year he is required to provide a legal opinion on the Audit with outstanding litigation that could expose the Township to over \$50,000.00. Mr. Sacco stated he did not have any cases to report and it is a real credit to Council and the Department Heads.

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OTHER:

Vice President Tarlini announced that Saturday, May 7, 2011 Representative Tina Davis is having a Consumer Protection and Shredding Event from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at her office on Green Lane. United Chemical sent a letter to Kevin Dippolito thanking him and the Fire Inspectors and Fire Departments for taking time to help them make the Community safer by participating in an emergency training drill. President Pluta read a letter that he received from the Bristol Township School District Board of Directors in reference to comments made about the School District at the last Council Meeting. President Pluta stated at the last meeting there was a comment made about rock salt that was left in the parking lot of the Bristol Township Girls Softball Field. President Pluta contacted Mrs. Thomas the President of the Softball League she told him that the grounds keeper said a Bristol Township truck came with a front loader and cleaned the salt up.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Gallus Obert of Bristol Township reported a storm drain filled with gravel at 31 Petunia Lane. There are broken storm drains located at 103 Plumtree. Mr. Obert questioned why it takes so long to get abandon homes taken care of and if the Township has a list of abandon homes that can be checked out and boarded back up. Mr. Kucher stated that there is only about a half of dozen that the Township has boarded up and the foreclosure process can take a year. Mr. Obert questioned the piles of dirt by Haines Road and by Black Ditch Creek. Mr. Lawson stated the dirt was from a pipe job and Public Works will be cleaning it up.

Ms. Sheila Beeman of Morris St. requested an update on the Sewer Meeting that took place and what it means to the ratepayers. President Pluta stated the purpose of the meeting was to go over the 9 million dollar Sewer Project that is going to replace and renew some of the antiquated equipment to get the plant back to its potential. The goal was to have the projects done without creating a rate increase.

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Mr. Joe Chapin of the Indian Creek Section stated his neighbors are storing tires in a commercial truck and trailer. President Pluta requested Chief McAndrew to look into this.

Mr. Wayne Turner of Croydon questioned if there was a guarantee the moratorium will be lifted after the Sewer Project is complete. President Pluta said no. Mr. Turner requested copies of Republic and Waste Management's Contracts, he also requested a copy of the drug policy for Township Employees.

Ms. Anne Vesce of Laurel Bend questioned if Council is going to hang anything on the back on the wall behind Council. President Pluta stated Council has been discussing what they are going to put up.

Mr. Bernie Salera from Bensalem stated he would like to present a Resolution to Council. This is a Resolution to reinstate that the Legislation that for so many years had prevented a reoccurrence of the kind of financial chaos that was in the depression. It was the bill that was put together for regulation of banking, to have responsible Commercial Banking. He requested Council form a Resolution to be a cosponsor for House Resolution 1489. Councilman Lewis stated Council should take a look at the entire resolution.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to recess the meeting. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Councilman Lewis to resume the meeting at 9:05. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
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	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Ms. Amber Longhitano of Croydon thanked Mr. Kucher for a positive meeting. Ms. Longhitano stated that she is a Realtor and she does not sell houses. The house, the Community, and the Schools sell houses. She commented on the letter from the School District. She said she has high regards for the teachers in Bristol Township and she attended school in Bristol Township. She obtained the rating of the Bristol Township Schools from the website School Diggers.

Mr. Wes Retzler stated he had a letter from the Board of Assessment that 3009 Ford Road was built in 1939 and shows no structures and was bought in 1979. 3013 Ford Road is also not showing the proper records. Mr. Retzler questioned if the Police log off for their breaks. Chief McAndrew stated sometimes they do and sometimes they do not. Mr. Retzler questioned who controls the Sewer Department money. President Pluta stated they have their own budget. Mr. Retzler reported part of fence is down at 320 Indian Creek drive and there is a pool. Mr. Kucher stated that he should have reported this earlier because it is a safety issue and he will have it inspected. There is a jeep dismantled under a tarp at 36 Goodturn Road. Vice President Tarlini told Mr. Retzler that he has 11 vehicles on his property and has caused the Township over \$25,000.00.

President Pluta stated that there is an issue that in the past people that were not permitted to speak that have been signed in by someone else and were not present to sign in. There were two people that were not here at the start of the meeting and their name is on the list. President Pluta stated he wanted to leave it up to Council if they should be permitted to speak. Chief McAndrew stated he had a problem with someone signing someone else's name to an official document.

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**Motion by Vice President Tarlini to follow the opportunity to address Council Ruling.
Second by Councilman Tucker.**

Mr. Troy Brennan stated he was a little late for the meeting and feels Council should start the meetings on time.

Mr. Retzler stated that he signed someone in one time and was yelled at for it.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	No (there are bigger issues)
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 4-1

Motion by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M. Second by Councilman Blaylock.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

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- 1. Motion to approve David Truelove of Hill Wallack Law Firm as Solicitor for the Civil Service Commission.**
- 2. Motion to approve Kathy Baker as Secretary for the Planning Commission.**
- 3. Motion to authorize Mr. Bartlett to write a letter of endorsement for the Lower Bucks Hospital Project.**
- 4. Motion to approve Resolution 12-2011 authorizing the incurring of lease obligation in the amount not to exceed \$99,430.00 to be evidenced by a lease purchase agreement with TD Equipment Finance, Inc.**
- 5. Motion to apply for the COPS Grant.**
- 6. Motion to recess the meeting.**
- 7. Motion to resume the meeting at 9:05.**
- 8. Motion to follow the Opportunity to address Council Ruling.**
- 9. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted by
Betsey Kelly-Kryven
Secretary**