

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007

JANUARY 16, 2014

COUNCIL MEETING

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bowen	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Ms. Longhitano	Present
	Mr. Monahan	Present
	Ms. Murphy	Present
	Vice President Brennan	Absent
	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. President Lewis stated matters of personnel and litigation matters were discussed in the executive session. President Lewis stated that Vice President Brennan would not be attending the meeting due to a car accident.

VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve the outstanding voucher List and requisitions for January 16, 2014. *Motion* carried by a vote of 5-0, with Mr. Monahan abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to approve the minutes from the council meeting on December 19, 2013. *Motion* carried by a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Monahan and Ms. Murphy abstaining.

Motion by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve the minutes from the Council reorganization meeting of January 6, 2013. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

PRESENTATION and REPORTS

- A. President Lewis presented the State of the Township Address highlighting the Township's accomplishments over the past year along with plans for the future. A copy of the State of the Township is attached to these minutes.

- B. Mr. Chuck Raudenbush and Mr. Mike Devaney from Waste Management stated that half of the new carts have been delivered and recycling has already increased by 25% compared to the same time last year despite operational challenges posed by the winter weather. Mr. Devaney informed that trucks use a right side collection procedure in order to promote safety, so that residents may see the truck go down their road and think that they were missed, but they will be back around. Mr. Delaney reminded residents that the second Christmas tree collection will be January 22.

Councilman Bowen questioned whether residents can obtain a second recycling cart as well as the cost of the cart. Mr. Raudenbush stated that customers should wait until the roll out process is complete; however, they would likely be provided a larger recycling container. Councilman Bowen inquired about the smaller containers for elderly residents. Mr. Raudenbush stated that residents should contact the Township for a smaller cart. Mr. Raudenbush reminded residents not to place electronics at the curb due to state law and to utilize the Township's drop off program. Mr. Devaney stated that disabled residents can still place trash bags at the curb if they are unable to use a container. Mr. Raudenbush stated that residents should contact Waste Management customer service at 800-869-5566 with any questions.

Councilman Monahan questioned the process for residents who cannot handle the larger carts and that they should contact the Recycling Coordinator, Scott Swichar, with any questions.

Councilman Bowen stated he was informed by a resident that Waste Management should be careful on Truman Street due to low hanging wires.

Township Manager McCauley asked what a resident should do when their collection is missed for any reason. Mr. Devaney stated that residents should keep their trash at the curb to be picked up the next day. Mr. McCauley stated that Waste Management has been responsive about addressing any issues that have arisen with the new collection contract.

Councilman Monahan questioned whether residents, unable to use their larger container, could continue to use their old trash cans until they receive a smaller container. Mr. Raudenbush stated they may use their old containers until they receive the smaller carts.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Township Solicitor announced that the Township Budget already passed at a prior meeting included an increase in sewer rates by five percent (5%) for residential and non - residential properties within the Bristol Township service area. Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Ms. Murphy to approve an Ordinance increasing sewer rates by Five Percent (5%) for residential and non - residential properties within the Bristol Township service area. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Township Manager McCauley commended Public Works employees for their response to the recent snow storm. Manager McCauley was satisfied with the Township's response to the snow removal and that the majority of complaints received were for State highways not under the control of the Township.

Township Manager McCauley stated that Council had already agreed to purchase lights for a Township-owned field and requested that Council authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare a loan agreement for the Levittown Pacific Little League toward the installation of the lighting system. Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Mr. Glasson to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare an agreement between the Levittown Pacific Little League and Bristol Township for a \$40,000 loan with a 7 year term toward the installation of lighting at the Little League fields. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Township Manager McCauley stated the LED fixtures will be delivered next week and installation of the LED fixtures would begin next week weather permitting.

Mr. McCauley announced the recycling rewards program would begin next month. The EAC will select two residents at the February Council Meeting to receive a \$50 gift card to a local Bristol Township business.

Mr. Scott Swichar stated the Township has evaluated its own recycling efforts and will place more recycling carts around the Township Building and will promote educational initiatives regarding effective recycling. The BTEAC and GOAL will provide an informational presentation, "How To Recycle Effectively" at the Municipal Building on January 22, 2014 at 6:30pm. A school wide recycling program will be held at FDR Middle School on February 7, 2014 from 1:15 to 2:30pm. Mr. Swichar mentioned that information regarding trash and recycling can be found on the Township's Facebook site or web page.

President Lewis requested a banner be placed on the large Electronic Recycling Dumpster. The Manager stated that the program has been highly successful. He also reminded residents that trash collection will operate as normal during the M.L.K holiday.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Township Solicitor Randy Flager had no formal report.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Vinney, representing American Bread Crumb, requested permission to combine tax parcels from a vacant parcel to their existing parcel with no land improvements proposed. He stated they intend on building an addition for a warehouse at a later date and will comply with all comments from the Township's engineer with the exception of a few waivers. Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to approve an application for final subdivision approval for Richard Decker, Jr. for property located on Hardy Street in Levittown, T.M.P. #5-69-46, Zoned M-2, Heavy Manufacturing. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Tim Duffy, representative for the Bristol Township School District, addressed council and noted that all issues from the prior council meeting were addressed with the exception of one item and they will comply with all other items. Mr. Duffy stated they are willing to pay a fee in lieu of for improvements at the corner of Kenwood Drive & Haines Road. Solicitor Flager stated that the under this arrangement there will be no delays and that the improvements will be ADA compliant. Engineer Young stated that School District will contribute \$25,000 toward milling and paving of Haines Road.

Councilman Bowen questioned whether sidewalks will be replaced. Mr. Duffy stated that sidewalk and curbing will be replaced. Councilman Monahan stated that he is concerned about seniors and increasing taxes due to the new schools.

Councilwoman Longhitano stated that the project is being rushed and has concerns about the financial and logistical impacts. Ms. Longhitano questioned whether PlanCon money is being appropriated to the project.

Township Solicitor Randy Flager stated that BTSD Superintendent Mr. Lee could address Council on the PlanCon money issue and stated that Council should only vote on the land development compliance issues.

Wes Rexler questioned the meaning of items #28-29. Solicitor Flager stated it dealt with ADA improvements of Kenwood Drive and Haines Road and that the school would perform the work.

Superintendent Samuel Lee stated that BTSD did apply for PlanCon funds and that he would supply Council with PlanCon approval letters. Ms. Longhitano stated she was told there is no money available for the program.

Wes Rexler questioned whether there were three projects under consideration. Dr. Lee stated that only two projects were being considered by Council at this time.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Ms. Murphy to approve an application for Final Land Development Approval of Bristol Township School District for James Buchanan Elementary School, Property Located at 2200 Haines Road (T.M.P. # 5-071-472). Motion carried by a vote of 4-2 with Ms. Longhitano and Mr. Monahan voting no.

OTHER

President Lewis stated flooding occurred at the Bristol Township National Little League Facilities and requested financial assistance. Mr. Lewis requested that fundraising requests be posted on the public access channel. Manager McCauley stated that due to special circumstances the effort will be posted on the Township Building LED sign.

Councilman Glasson thanked residents for their support of the Levittown Fire Company # 2's Christmas Tree Sale.

Councilman Bowen stated he is honored to serve on Council for another term and he announced the 2nd Annual Ryan Strong 5K Run/ Walk scheduled for May 30, 2014, with an 8 a.m. registration at Bucks County Technical School. The fundraiser is honoring Mr. Ryan Viola, a 17 year old BCT student who was killed by a car on his way to school.

Councilman Monahan thanked residents for the opportunity to serve on Council and will work to the best of his ability.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Ms. Tamara Monroe of the Monroe Foundation requested Township support of the Monroe Foundation which helps autistic children.

Councilman Bowen stated that funding for these organizations are directed from the federal government through the Community Development department and the federal government has significantly cut funding.

Manager McCauley stated that he was advised by the Community Development Director that no funds had been secured in 2014 for the Monroe Foundation or any other organizations as of this date.

Jennifer Smeltzer discussed her relationship with the Monroe Foundation and how it has benefited her daughter who has Autism. She questioned whether Council should hire employees who have DUI convictions.

Freddie Toletto discussed an incident regarding electrical damage at the Veteran's building. Mr. Toletto stated that he wanted to know the protocol for emergency situations at the building. President Lewis stated that the proper protocol is to call Emergency Management Coordinator, Kevin Dippolito regarding emergency issues. Councilman Glasson stated that there is now a protocol of checks and balances in place. Councilman Bowen stated that the Township owns buildings used by residents who do not live in Bristol. Solicitor Flager stated that the First Class Township Code prohibits spending funds on certain items. President Lewis stated that the Township in fact provides a lease to the veterans at a cost of \$1 a year.

Mr. Ken Smith questioned progress on laws regarding halfway houses. Councilwoman Longhitano stated that the Township Solicitor is still researching the issue. Mr. Smith stated that he is concerned about the proposed incinerator and whether there is a loophole in the code about whether the incinerator could be installed.

Ms. Jen Stiltner questioned Council's support of the Township Manager.

Mr. West Rexler of West Bristol commended Councilwoman Longhitano for expressing her opinions on the School District's plans. Mr. Rexler questioned the 5% increase on sewer rates.

Ms. Angela Nober of the Bristol Township School Board thanked Council for placing the final land development item on the agenda.

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Mr. Rick Lutz, 8 Inland Road, questioned whether there is a backup plan if the Waste Management contract is not successful. Mr. Lutz questioned how vehicles parked along the road would impact automated collection.

Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Glasson to adjourn. *Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

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1. Approved the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for January 16, 2014.
2. Approved the Minutes from the council meeting on December 19, 2013.
3. Approved the Minutes from the council reorganization meeting on January 6, 2014.
4. Approved the Ordinance of the Township of Bristol Increasing the Sewer Rates and Charges by Five Percent (5%) For Residential and Non Residential Properties within the Bristol Township Sewer System Service Area.
5. Authorized the Township Solicitor to prepare an agreement between the Levittown Pacific Little League and Bristol Township for the Loan of \$40,000 with a 7 year term for the installation of the Lighting at the Little League Fields.
6. Approved an Application for Final Subdivision Approval for Richard Decker, Jr. for Property Located on Hardy Street in Levittown, T.M.P. #5-69-46, Zoned M-2, Heavy Manufacturing.
7. Approved an Application for Final Land Development Approval of Bristol Township School District for James Buchanan Elementary School, Property Located at 2200 Haines Road (T.M.P. # 5-071-472).
8. Adjourned meeting at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Hardy
Township Secretary