

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

FEBRUARY 3, 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Judge Kline officiated the swearing in of Raymond Blaylock as a member of Council.

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

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan stated he attended a function at the Newportville Fire Company where they presented a plaque to Bristol Township Mayor and Council in recognition for dedication and support for Newportville Fire Company #1.

The fourth annual Black History Month Celebration will be held Friday, February 25, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at Benjamin Franklin Freshman Academy 6401 Mill Creek Road.

Neighborhood First Program will be calibrating with Truman's Voice Club and Bristol Township Recreation Department. Mayor Monahan stated we are fortunate to have many actively engaged citizens in our community. These individuals work tirelessly to improve our community with no thought of recognition or glory. We are asking your assistance in identifying these individuals so they may be formally acknowledged as unsung heroes.

If you know someone, who through their leadership, service and inspiration has been the force for change and excellence please submit your nomination. In 50 words or less why you think your friend or family member is an "Unsung Hero" Send to neighborhoodfirst@msn.com. A special committee will select the winning nomination. Mayor Monahan stated that heavy snowfall and conditions far from ideal may explain some lack of performance, he is not happy attributing all fault to a difficult environment. Change needs to be made which will benefit our performance to better serve the taxpayers of the Township.

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Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve minutes from the December 23, 2011 Budget Meeting. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve minutes from the December 28, 2011 Budget Meeting. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve minutes from the January 3, 2011 Re-Organization Meeting. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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

Motion passed 4-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett stated he and several Council members had a meeting with GOAL. They are doing stream improvements along Black Ditch. They have receive a Grant

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through the Tree Vitalization Watersheds Project. In order to receive the Grant through the Bucks County Conservation District the Township needs to sign on with this Organization approving the work to be done on Township Property.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to authorize Mr. Bartlett to sign for the Township to give GOAL permission to do work on Township Property. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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:

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Housing Assistance Program as requested by Community Development. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Bartlett stated the Traffic Signal Maintenance is required by the State of Pennsylvania must be maintained inspected on an annual basis. The Bucks County Consortium put out a bid and developed a standard pricing structure. The Township worked the consulting engineer Pennoni Associates and developed a contract based around the bid prices approved by the consortium.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract to Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Ordinance 2011-01 An Ordinance of the Township of Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 32 Article II, "Pensions" of the Code of the Township of Bristol. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Mr. Bartlett stated the Ordinance for the Pensions will allow the remainder of the employees to switch to PMRS Pension Plan. There is no additional cost to the Township.

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

Motion passed 5-0

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson stated they have been trying to get all the streets cleared, but at this time they cannot accomplish it due to the thick ice that is on the roadway. Public Works started at 12:00 A.M. Thursday night. The reports received were for 8 to 10 inches of snow. By the time the equipment was dug out the snow was 16 to 18 inches. The snow was wet and heavy and the trucks were getting stuck every 5 minutes. Public Works employees were working 12 to 16 hours a day trying to get the streets clear but it is ice and plows are no capable of getting it up and many pieces of equipment are down making it hard to complete.

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REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Lt. Guy Sava sat in for Chief McAndrew. Lt. Sava announced that many of the residents took part in the Community Outreach Programs in the past year. The Program will start up again in April, the exact date will be posted on the website and the Township's cable channel. They will be starting with the Edgely area, Dogwood, Farmbrook and Junewood Sections of Levittown. Lt. Sava stated the Township does have an Ordinance that prohibits parking on the street during a snowstorm and it has been enforced in the past.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher stated at the last Council Meeting a resident brought up concerns about Fire Trucks and Recreational Vehicles parked on sidewalks in Croydon. Code Inspectors will be going out Community Sweeps once the snow melts to help beautify the Township, and will report back to Council with the results.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco stated that he and the Manager went over the Ordinance for snow removal and they have some recommendations that Council may consider changing. Residents are required to clear the snow from the sidewalk within 12 hours of the snow ceasing, with a fine up to \$1,000.00 if not cleared. The Code also requires all vehicles be removed from all Township roads within two hours of a snow fall. The code does not define snow fall or how much snow and the fine is only \$25.00. The code provides towing on snow emergency routes but not on all Township roadways. Council may want to consider increasing the fine, and also towing on all Township roads. Another change Council could consider is to assign the ability to ticket vehicles to other departments in the Township instead of just the Police. If Council consider this there will have to be an Ordinance change.

OTHER:

Vice President Tarlini stated she would like to welcome Councilman Blaylock and asked that the liaison positions that were appointed to Councilwoman Davis be

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appointed to Councilman Blaylock. President Pluta stated yes they can be transferred to Councilman Blaylock.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Karen Arnold of 41 Ivy Hill Road read a statement she prepared stating that she is embarrassed appalled and ashamed at the lack of efficiency the Township has shown to the residents. With all the reports on the weather Bristol Township should have made sure all personnel on hand and ready to go before the snowfall. Her street was covered with snow that it put the children in danger because the buses were sliding all over.

John Saunders of Kenwood stated the concerns that he has with the way the plowing was handled the plows should not have been out at 5 AM when the streets were iced, they should have gone out when the sun came out and warmed up. He stated he had 3 plow trucks on his street and he thought the other 2 trucks should have been somewhere else plowing.

Troy Brennan of 503 Neshaminy Street has a concern for the residents that could not attend the meetings that were not televised, and they do not know the budget was approved and the Township fell 2 Million Dollars short. President Pluta stated 1.5 Million short. Vice President Tarlini stated there is 2.4 in the reserves. Mr. Brennan stated that puts the Township in a bad situation and questioned if the Township is being proactive now for the future. President Pluta stated that he believes that is the direction the Township is in.

Gallus Obert of Farmbrook stated he had his application in for the Economic Redevelopment Committee and has not been notified that Council is going to pick a person or not pick a person. President Pluta stated he has not had any feed back from the Committee, but there are plenty of other Committees that he could apply for. Mr. Obert questioned Mr. Sacco if Commercial Properties are required to shovel snow. Mr. Sacco stated that they are required to shovel snow, and would also be fined. Mr. Obert questioned what happened to the Sewer Director. President Pluta stated that he was terminated. Mr. Obert questioned if there were any candidates for the position. President Pluta stated there is a Director overseeing the Sewer Plant and

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Council and the Mayor are in talks as to the direction the Sewer Department is going to take.

Tom Kralle of West Bristol questioned what streets fines apply when parking in the street during a snow storm. Mr. Sacco stated all streets. Mr. Kralle stated that there are a lot of cars buried on Penn Valley Avenue and the fines were not enforced. Mr. Kralle stated there is a telephone pole on Newport Road and Dixon Avenue that has been hanging for 2 months. Mr. Bartlett stated once the light is reported Armour has 48 hours to repair. The Township does not have a person that goes around looking at the lights they have to be reported.

Ken Smith stated he read the Township was soliciting a bid for handicap ramp and questioned where it was going to be built. Mr. Bartlett stated the ramps are being handled by Community Development with HUD money and he is not sure where the ramps are being installed. Mr. Smith stated he would like the Township to have a noise ordinance for the salt trucks driving along Radcliffe Street. The trucks should be inspected and should be covered to prevent salt spilling on the street. Lt. Sava stated that the truck issue is being addressed there are 3 members on commercial vehicle enforcement and have brought in \$192,000.00 in fines, Radcliffe Street is a concern and will look into the noise ordinance.

Mike Miller of Second Avenue questioned how First Avenue was clear and for 4 days his was covered in snow. The plows go to fast and that is how they breakdown. Mr. Miller had pictures of his neighbor's foliage and fence blocking his view when he is pulling out of his driveway.

Wes Retzler of West Bristol questioned if the Snow Emergency Routes have to be approved PennDOT. Mr. Sacco stated no.

President Pluta stated he would like to welcome to our new Councilman, Mr. Blaylock. With the snow issues, everyone knows that the Township did a bad job, whatever the reason the Township needs to get it corrected and that is something they are working on.

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Motion by Vice President Tarlini to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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

Motion passed 5-0

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- 8. Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 8:50 P.M.**

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