

# BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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## COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Tarlini at 7:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: personnel and litigation were discussed.

President Tarlini called for a Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council Members, Tarlini, Pluta, Mobley, Monahan and Davis were present.

Public comments will be taken on Land Development and Official action items. General comments will be taken during Opportunity for Residents to Address Council.

### EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Fenton discussed the bad state of the economy. Bristol Township would like funds from the Economic Stimulus Plan. We would like to present our needs to Congressman Murphy for the stimulus plan for Bristol Township. This will encourage people to improve the homes and I would like to decrease taxes fifteen percent for new businesses.

LERTA; lower tax for new business is needed. The Township needs improvement to infrastructure. We hope to get this through the stimulus plan. We are, on our own, trying to stimulate the economy.

March 28, 2009 is the Easter egg hunt. The event is free. Seniors are having a breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

May 9, 2009 starts the summer basketball program.

June 9 to June 13, 2009 is the Township Fair.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Call for a motion to approve minutes from the following Council Meetings: December 18, 2008 and January 5, 2009. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve minutes from the December 18, 2008 Council Meeting. Second by Vice President Pluta.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Mobley	Abstain- was not present at Dec. 18 meeting
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion Approved: 4 ayes-1 abstain

Councilwoman Davis called for the motion to approve minutes from the January 5, 2009 Council Meeting. Second by Councilman Mobley.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Mobley	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion Approved: 5-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Opening of Bid No. 209-01 Street Lighting Maintenance: The bids were opened. The bidders were: (1) Armour Electric- first year \$42,799, Second year \$43,796, third year \$44,891. (2) M.J. Electric, their bid was hourly- first year \$205.57, second year \$212.59, third year \$212.59. (3) Republic Intel Service- first year \$35,226.08, second year \$45,226.08, third year \$45,226.08. The bids will be reviewed to make a determination. A report will be given the next meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Discussion regarding the Bristol Township Towing Ordinance: Mr. Bartlett reported the language and charges are not moving ahead until we meet with the towing companies. The meeting will be next week.

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REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson reported the parts for reconstruction came in early. The land clearing was done earlier. Tree trimming will stop for now. The snowfall was from 1:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. that evening.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher reported the application for Habitat for Humanity for thirty-six townhomes for Miller's Trailer park was reviewed at the Township and County level. They will need to go for zoning changes. I will keep you up to date.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

Mr. McDermott reported the 2009 (HUD) budget Council approved up to \$700,000. Tomorrow, when the Senate votes we may get an increase.

NSP Program; neighborhood strategy program HUD funds go to the State we applied for three point two million dollars. There are many applications. We are in daily contact with the DECED. We will be involved with the stimulus bill. Bristol Township and Bristol Borough are the only ones eligible for this money. The regulations are not finalized yet, after they are finalized it will be decided whether there would be addition funding or for new projects.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco reported the property owner of Llanberis Avenue appealed to the Commonwealth Court. The decision will be made in six to ten months.

The CVS appeal is still pending. It will take about six months.

The property at 1248-1250 Marie Lowe Drive was condemned. The ruling said don't pay KBSI, but, pay lien holders.

We need the Council President's signature to approve filing the application for lien removal. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the filing for lien removal of 1248-1250 Marie Low Drive, which was condemned. Second by Councilman Mobley. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

OTHER:

Councilman Pluta stated we are in need of people to serve on boards and committees. Mr. Sacco stated there is a need for members for the Bristol Township Industrial Development Authority. That provides low interest loans throughout the township.

Councilwoman Davis said the Levittown Pacific girls softball is having sign ups.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Gallus J. Obert-said the road paving project should get moving because the bid process takes time. Mr. Bartlett stated the roads are due at the next meeting. People already picked up the bid packets. Hopefully we can award that bid that meeting. Mr. Obert said the Mayor mentioned a fifteen percent reduction of taxes how could that money be made up? Mr. Bartlett stated it would be new companies, not existing companies, to encourage new business. President Tarlini stated the Mayor brought it to us tonight. Mr. Obert said the fireman grant has now run out. Mr. Bartlett stated we pay a reduced amount each year. One hundred percent of the salaries will be budgeted next year.
2. Jake Tryon- said someone should inspect the ground at (the former Miller's Trailer Park) at Main and Cedar Avenues because years ago it was swamp land.
3. Ken Smith-said \$140,000 was transferred from the street lights to general fund, is that allowed? President Tarlini stated I will find out for you from the finance director.
4. Joan Mormando-did not speak.
5. West Retzler- spoke of snowplows which run on the grass on his property. Do they have the right to drive on peoples properties? Mr. Lawson stated you can't determine where the road and grass ends, if there is a problem call us.
6. Bob Lewis- said the proposed townhouses on Cedar Avenue will increase the tax rate but a commercial proposal would be more positive for the area. Houses increase required services.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Monahan called for the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilwoman Davis. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
*Denise Gorry*  
Secretary

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

- 1) Approve minutes from the December 18, 2008 Council Meeting.
- 2) Approve minutes from the January 5, 2009 Council Meeting.
- 3) Approve the filing for lien removal of 1248-1250 Marie Low Drive, which was condemned.

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	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	AGENDA (X)	OTHER (X)
1	GALLUS J. OBERT	51 FREEDOM LN	X	X
2	TAKE TRYON	ERCYDON	X	X
3	KEN SMITH	EDGELEY	X	X
4	JOAN MORMANDO	BRISTOL TWP		✓
5	WEST KETLER	W BRISTOL		✓
6	BOB LEWIS	BRISTOL TWP	✓	✓
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