

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

MARCH 17, 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan announced that the Bristol Township Senior Center will hold the annual breakfast with the Easter Bunny April 9, 2011 from 9 to 12. The Township Easter Egg hunt will begin at noon on the grounds of the Township Building. Bristol Township is accepting applications for the Bristol Township Summer Camp.

Mayor Monahan stated he would like to put the name Mario Ruggia as Director of Sewer and Water.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to accept the Mayor's recommendation to name Mario Ruggia as Director of Sewer and Water. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Mr. Turner questioned if he has an Operators License. President Pluta stated he does.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blaylock	No
	Vice President Tarlini	No
	President Pluta	No

Motion did not pass 2-3

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Motion by Councilman Blaylock to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for February 2011. 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

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2011 Council Meeting. 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

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett stated the property that was formally occupied by Jones of New York is now going to be occupied by Este' Lauder. They will be doing internal renovations and permits have been issued in excess of \$45,000.00.

There is a Penndot project that is going to start in April on Route 413 starting at Bath Road to Route 1. It will be a 17 month project. The construction will be done in the over night hours from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM. The Contractor has proposed an alternate plan that would drop the project down 7 months for the duration. The construction would occur during the day and a total closure of all north bound traffic for the entire period. The concern raised from the Emergency Providers was they would have to detour to Durham Road to travel. The Oxford Valley Bridge is out and will be closed until late September or early October because of that there is already a huge amount of traffic in that area.

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Motion by Vice President Tarlini to send a letter to Penndot to request they start the work at Route 1. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Councilman Lewis stated that Council should wait for other options.

Mr. Dippolito stated he questioned if Penndot could wait for the construction until after the Oxford Valley Bridge was opened. The Contractor was not too flexible to work with the Emergency Providers with the traffic problems. Mr. Dippolito stated he would prefer that they wait on the construction until the Turnpike Bridge at Route 413 is under construction and do it at the same time. Mr. Dippolito stated that there are less EMS runs in the evening. There were some good points as to the construction being done in the day, traffic safety pedestrian safety and construction workers safety and the noise complaints.

Vice President Tarlini amended her original motion and to request that Penndot does not start 413 project at all until the Oxford Valley Bridge is open and include the suggestions of Mr. Dippolito. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Ms. Beeman questioned if Penndot had the time to look at the economic impact this is going to have on the community. Councilman Tucker stated he would like the construction done at night because the businesses will suffer along Route 413. The Owner of Gibby's Ice Cream on Route 413 stated he is concerned with the economic impact that the construction will have on him. He feels having the construction started in Middletown and start the construction later here once the bridge is open, would benefit his business.

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 authorize advertising of bid for the Municipal Building Window Replacement Project. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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Mr. Turner questioned if the Project is completely funded with the energy grant. President Pluta stated we will not know until the bids come in.

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 Councilman Lewis to authorize advertising of bid for the Newportville Fire Company Substation Building. Second by Councilman Blaylock.

Vice President Tarlini stated she would like to mention that this item is through the Casino Grant. Mr. Bartlett stated it is the Casino Grant and the Fire Company has additional funds to put towards the project.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Sacco spoke on the Appeal of Lexington Harrisburg L.P. in regards to the refund for the 2010 tax year. Mr. Sacco stated when a property owner appeals their assessment the School District takes the lead and obtains an appraisal so it does not make sense for the Township to incur legal fees and appraisal expenses to fight the same battle the School District is fighting. They proceed with the litigation and most of the time resolves it. Once it is signed of by the School District and the County then it will come to the Township for approval. This is the case for this property at 250 Rittenhouse Circle and the Township is the last to sign off on it. The year 2010 was reduced 60 percent of the assessed value and will be refunded. The next 2 years it will go up to about 85 percent of the current assessed value. The 2010 refund

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will be approximately \$9,000.00. The 2011 will be reduced approximately \$5,000.00. and the 2012 will be approximately \$3,000.00.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the Appeal of Lexington Harrisburg L.P. in regards to the refund for the 2010 tax year. 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

Mr. Sacco stated that the Assessment Appeal for parcel 05-020-003 for the 2007 tax year would result in refund of approximately \$9,500.00. For 2008 the refund would be approximately \$8,800.00 for 2009 would be \$8,600.00 and in 2010 \$6,150.00. Parcel 05-020-003-001 the total for the four years is \$2,141.00.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the Assessment Appeal Stipulation regarding HK New Plan Bristol Plaza, for Tax Parcel 05-020-003 and 05-020-003-001 for tax years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Second by Councilman Blaylock.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Lawson stated they were looking to purchase a new backhoe for the last few years but due to the budget money they have not been capable of doing it. This year some equipment was paid off that gave money to be able to afford a new one. Mrs. Gordon stated this would be a three year lease purchase for \$34,000.00 a year.

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Motion by Vice President Tarlini to award Co-Stars Bid for new backhoe/loader to Earthbourne for \$99,430.00 JCB 3cx-14. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Turner questioned if the cost to repair the backhoe would exceed the cost of the lease purchase for the new one. Mr. Lawson stated it would cost over \$80,000.00 to repair the backhoe.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Lawson stated that 2 mowers are going to be replaced and they planned on \$10,000.00 for each mower and they are under budget. This will be coming out of the Recreation Budget line.

Motion by Councilman Tucker to award State Bid for 2 Exmark Grass Mowers to Bensalem Lawn Equipment for \$7,925.39 for 60 inch and \$8,469.29 for 72 inch. 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

Call for a motion to award Bucks County Consortium Bid for Road Material 2011/2010.

Mr. Bartlett stated that this item was put on the agenda for approval anticipating receiving materials from the Consortium. The information was not received until Tuesday and Mr. Bartlett is not comfortable to award the bid and felt it should be tabled until next meeting.

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Motion by Vice President Tarlini to table awarding Bucks County Consortium Bid for Road Material 2011/2012. 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. Lawson stated the bid approval that will be awarded to Bucks County Consortium for Sign & Post is for the speed limit signs stop signs and the material. Garden State is the lowest bidder.

Motion by Councilman Tucker to award Bucks County Consortium Bid for Sign & Post 2011/2012. Second by Councilman Blaylock.

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 Councilman Lewis to award Bid 2011-01 C.D.B.G. Curb Cuts, Heddington Section, to the lowest bidder J.L. Gruber in the amount of \$20,950.00. 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

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Mr. Bartlett stated that there were approvals made by Council for the non uniform employees in the Township to migrate to the Pension Plan with PMRS. An Ordinance is required to approve the entering into a contract.

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve Ordinance 2011-02 electing to establish a Municipal Pension Plan with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System pursuant to Article VI of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law; agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law as amended and as applicable to Member Municipalities. Second by Councilman Blaylock.

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 that the Township worked every day with Patch Management from October to December trying to get all the potholes filled. The GPS printed out a report and 1,462 potholes were filled. The roads are deteriorated. The program with Patch Management went very well and through the winter the material held up. The cost was \$91,000.00 for the 3 months and included the material. Mr. Lawson recommended that it would benefit the Township to bring Patch Management in every 2 months for about 2 weeks it would be an estimated \$90,000.00 per year. President Pluta questioned what was allowed in the budget for road maintenance. Mr. Lawson stated around \$100,000.00 a year. President Pluta questioned if part of this cost be taken out of liquid fuels. Mr. Lawson stated yes and they wanted to use as much as possible from liquid fuels.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

No report was given.

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REPORT FROM FINANCE OFFICER:

Mrs. Gordon stated the Auditors are in doing the 2010 Audit. The Audit should be completed by the end of the month. The Audit Financial Statements should be available by the end of April. It looks like the year will end pretty much as was budgeted. Vice President Tarlini questioned what the approximate number in the reserves. Mrs. Gordon stated we should be starting this year with \$3,461,000.00 and the budget for 2011 includes a deficit of \$1.3 million.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher was not present for the meeting. Councilman Lewis questioned if there was an update on the problem at Spencer Drive and Stephen Avenue. Mr. Smith stated Mr. Kucher said that Aqua has agreed to take out he handicap ramp and replacement along with a couple of sidewalk panels.

REPORT FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR:

Mr. Dippolito stated that one of the hardest things for Emergence Management Responders is notification. The best way to do that is to go to Ready Notify PA. The website is WWW.readynotifypa.org and you can also sign up for weather alerts and warnings that can be sent to your notification devises such as email and cell phones or home phones. This service is free and Mr. Dippolito suggested that everyone sign up for it. Mr. Dippolito stated he wanted to thank the Detectives for the investigation for an arson case that a suspect was in custody with a full confession.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco did not have a report.

OTHER:

President Pluta announced that on Saturday April 16th there will be a meeting in the Auditorium at 10:00 A.M. for the ratepayers of the Bristol Township Sewer. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the ratepayers of the Sewer Projects.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Mr. Girard Lykon owner of a business on Bath Road, and a member of the Bristol Township Coalition stated that their meeting last month with owners of Businesses in the Township they discussed concerns with sign permits and vending machine cost. There was a meeting with Glenn Kucher and they discussed the cost of the permits and Mr. Kucher said they can adjust some of the permit fees. Mr. Lykon stated that it is a good thing that they can work with the Township.

Mr. Ken Smith of Edgely stated that he requested something to be done about the jake brake. President Pluta stated that there are some things that are being done with that problem, but did not have an answer. Mr. Smith stated that if signs are put up it would be greatly appreciated.

Councilman Lewis stated he would like to make a motion to have the Police Department to get signs put up. President Pluta stated that he may want to hold up on the motion since the Police have taken action on this issue. Councilman Lewis removed his motion. Mr. Smith stated that the quiet community has become a truck route and maybe something can be done to re-route the trucks. Lt. Godzeiba stated he will suggest that the commercial vehicle inspectors to spend some time on Radcliffe Street.

Mr. Troy Brennan of Bristol Township questioned what the recommendation was from the Engineer for the Sewer Director Position. President Pluta stated that there was no recommendation from the Engineer.

Wayne Turner of Croydon questioned if the Administrative Code Section 1101 still applies to the Sewer Department. Mr. Sacco stated that it is still in effect. Mr. Turner stated that it should be taken out. Vice President Tarlini told Mr. Turner that being on the Transition Committee that he is aware that there are things that will be taken out and put in and changed in the Code. It is going to be rewritten with the change of Government. Mr. Turner stated that Patch Management has done a good job but they leave stone behind. President Pluta stated that they do put stone over the patch and that is something that is being looked in to. Mr. Turner stated he requested information and still has not received it. Mr. Sacco stated he has not seen the list but if it is public information he will be able to receive it.

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Wes Retzler questioned why Council declined to hire Mario for the Director for the Sewer Department. President Pluta stated that is a personnel issue. Mr. Retzler requested information and he was told he would have to wait 5 days to receive it. Then he was called the same day to pick it up. Mr. Retzler questioned what the position was that the Police Department wanted to fill. Vice President Tarlini stated it was a CSO Position that is in the budget.

Motion by Councilman Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 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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- 1. Motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for February 2011.**
- 2. Motion to approve the minutes from February 17, 2011 Council Meeting.**
- 3. Motion to request that Penndot does not start 413 Project until the Oxford Valley Bridge is open.**
- 4. Motion to authorize advertising of bid for the Municipal Building Window Replacement Project.**
- 5. Motion to authorize advertising bid for the Newportville Fire Company Substation Building.**
- 6. Motion to approve the Appeal of Lexington Harrisburg L.P. in regards to the refund for the year 2010 tax year.**
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- 13. Motion to approve Ordinance 2011-02 electing to establish a Municipal Pension Plan with Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System pursuant to Article VI of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law.**
- 14. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M.**

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

