

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

APRIL 15, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel & Litigation were discussed.

Roll Call:	Councilman Tucker	Present
	Councilman Lewis	Present
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	Present
	President Pluta	Present

The Police Citation Presentation was postponed.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan stated he was going to make appointments but will wait for Councilwoman Tarlini to be present. There will be an annual clean up and there will be dumpsters placed from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Township for the residents. Code Enforcement will perform a property blitz looking for code violations. They will be looking for abandon vehicles vacant homes and high grass. Any questions contact Glenn Kucher.

Mayor Monahan requested to have the Bristol Township Development Committee placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

A presentation was given by Jerry Jonas, Media Public Information Chairman for the Philadelphia Stand Down. This is a project to bring Veterans into the system that are homeless and have fallen on hard times. This project has been going on for 16 years. Previous Stand Downs were held at the National Guard Armory. The Philadelphia Stand Down is a three day weekend and is always held the weekend after Labor Day this year it will be September 10th, 11th and 12th. It is a military type setting. They have Doctors and Nurses on site. There will three to six hundred Vets. Mr. Jonas state that they would like to hold the Stand Down on the old Thiokol Property this year.

Mr. Ed Speller spoke on the Stand Down. He stated that the Veterans will arrive on a bus and taken back on a bus. This is a drug and alcohol free program.

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Mr. Dan Frawley also spoke on the Stand Down. He stated that security will be provided and Veterans cannot leave the compound. The Stand Down is insured and bonded. The County Commissioners are supportive of the project. This project will help many homeless Veterans.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to proclaim September 10th 11th and 12th Military Stand Down Weekend in Bristol Township. Seconded by Vice President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

Motion by Vice President Davis to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for March 2010. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Mr. Obert questioned if there could be full descriptions on the voucher list. President Pluta said he will look into it.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve the minutes for the March 18, 2010 Council Meeting. Seconded by Vice President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

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REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Bid opening for the 2010-05 Summer Recreation Bus Transportation. Two bids were received.

**1. GTS Transport Corporation for the amount of \$270.00 per bus for up to six hours.
Additional hourly rate is \$40.00 an hour.**

**2. Four Season Transportation for the amount of \$420.00 per bus for up to six hours.
Additional hourly rate is \$60.00 an hour.**

Mr. Bartlett provided the rates of the bond borrowing. The General Obligation Bond for \$9,920,000.00 the interest rate is a variable interest rate that starts out at 2% in 2010 and adjust to 4% for years 2012 2013 and 2014. Then it adjusts back between 2.3% and 3.75% for the life of the bond. The Pennvest Bond the initial rate is 1.274% not to exceed 36 months from the date of the settlement, after that period it moves to 2.547% for the remainder term of the bond.

The curbs and sidewalk escrow account balance is \$110,518.00. The money is used to repair the Townships curbs and resident's curbs that were damaged by plowing.

Mr. Bartlett stated Council already approved T & M to complete the construction design and supervise the construction associated with the Pennvest Project for the Sewer Plant upgrade. Pennvest requires a formal resolution.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 14-2010 authorizing T&M to complete the necessary work to complete the obligations for Pennvest regulations. Seconded by Vice President Davis.

Mr. Obert questioned why this item was not on the agenda. President Pluta stated that it is the requirement from Pennvest that the resolution had to be submitted 23 days before the closing and that would be before the next meeting.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

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Mr. Bartlett requested that residents that have a problem with Berkheimer and would like the Township to help them with it to have information ready such as tax bill parcel number or name of the person spoken to from Berkheimer .

The Per Capita Tax Ordinance states that any resident whose gross income is \$5,001.00 or more shall pay \$10.00 for the calendar year. There is no age limit.

The Lobby Renovations will begin in three weeks.

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution 13-2010, authorizing the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee to file an application with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for a grant to assist in the TCC with start up costs. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Councilman Lewis requested the manager to give a brief overview on the resolution. Mr. Bartlett stated that Bristol Township is a member of the Tax Collection Committee. They are working on developing programs on how taxes are best collected. The money is available through the Department of Community Economical Development.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

Motion by Vice President Davis to approve the Housing Assistance Program. Seconded by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Turner questioned what the Program was. Vice President Davis stated that this program helps residents with low income rehab their homes.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

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Motion by Vice President Davis to approve a 10 year lease with the Oxford Valley Senior Citizens for a one dollar rent charge per year. Second by President Pluta.

Councilman Lewis stated that there were concerns from the Oxford Valley Seniors because their lease is different than the other Senior Group. Councilman Lewis questioned why one lease is 50 year and the other 10 year. Mr. Bartlett stated that when the Bristol Township Seniors were applying for a grant and there were concerns about the facility would not last as long as the items given through the grant.

Vice President Davis amended her motion to approve a 20 year lease. President Pluta amended his second.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

Mr. Lawson stated that the Township does all the repairs and pays for the repairs at the Senior Building.

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve awarding the Sign and Post to the lowest Consortium Bidder, Garden State. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Turner question where the sign would be placed. President Pluta stated all over the Township. Mr. Lawson stated that the Sign and Post Bid is a Consortium Bid through the County. It is for the material and the posts for all the signs in the Township.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

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Motion by President Pluta to approve awarding the Roads Material Bid to the lowest Consortium Bidders, Barrett Asphalt for 9.5 wearing course and Eureka for all other materials. Second by Vice President Davis.

President Pluta questioned why Bristol Township is charged more for hauling than Bensalem Township. Mr. Lawson state that Bristol Township is farther from the Quarries than Bensalem Township.

Mr. Obert questioned the price per ton for the 9.5 wearing course. Mr. Lawson state it was \$46.70 per ton. Mr. Obert questioned if the price could go up. Mr. Lawson stated it would only change if the tar or fuel in the asphalt goes up.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve the purchase of an Exmark Lazer Z Advantage Series Lawn Mower from the lowest quote of \$8,392.99 from Bensalem Lawn Equipment Inc. Second by Vice President Davis.

Mr. Lawson stated that it is in the budget for the replacement for a new tractor and mower.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the purchase of a Kubota MX 4700 tractor for \$13,389.87. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Mr. Obert stated that this purchase was not in the Capital Budget. President Pluta stated that this is replacement equipment not a capital improvement.

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Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

Motion by President Pluta to approve a line item transfer in the amount of \$700.00 from line item 054611-250 to property maintenance line 054611-730. To cover the increase of the cost of the tractor. Second by Vice President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson stated the summer projects will begin in a week. The drainage project on Iris Road will have to be completed.

Mr. Lawson stated that there are a lot of complaints for pot holes and requested the residents not to curse any yell at the Public Works Secretary when calling in the complaints With all the bad weather has put the Public Works Department behind.

Vice President Davis questioned when Mr. Lawson planned to go out to bid for the roads. Mr. Lawson stated that can be done now. Vice President stated she would like to see the list first and would like to see it on the next agenda.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew stated that he would like to move the dog cages from River Road to the Municipal Building. This would require a concrete pad three feet by fifteen feet that would be paid out of the discretionary fund.

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**Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the installation of a concrete pad for the dog cages.
Second by Vice President Davis.**

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Council has received a request from the Civil Service Commission to amend the regulation on removing an officer from the promotional list when they are on another promotional list. Mr. Sacco has put together a draft of an ordinance and stated it should be advertised.

**Motion by Councilman Lewis to advertise the Ordinance for the Civil Service Commission.
Second by Vice President Davis.**

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

There was a request from the Solicitor for the Lower Buck Joint Municipal Authority to extend the charter for the Authority that will expire in the year 2020.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to prepare an Ordinance to extend the charter for the Lower Bucks Joint Municipal Authority. Seconded by Vice President Davis.

Mr. Slipp stated that if there would be an extended charter that Middletown and Falls Townships could have some representation.

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Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
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	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

OTHER:

Councilman Tucker questioned the manager if there were ever debates held in the Township Building. Mr. Bartlett stated he was not sure.

President Pluta state on Wednesday April 28th the Friendship Circle is celebrating the month of the young child at 721 Emily Road in Croydon from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Vice President Davis stated Goal is doing a clean out and meeting on Saturday. The Silver Lake Nature Center is having Earth Day Celebration at 11:00 A. M.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Mr. Brian Surrick of Croydon spoke on the flooding in Bristol Township and stated he has spoken to Public Works and has had no response and there is cleaning that has to be done.

Mr. Gallus Obert of Farmbrook stated that he found a site at 7910 Haines Road for the MedFlex Company, instead of building a new building. He stated the Township did not get a good deal for the hot water heater for the Senior Building. He spoke on the list for paving of the roads. Mr. Obert stated there still is not a quarterly finance report. He feels that the money in the curb and sidewalk fund should be spent on curbing for the green belts.

Mr. Jeff Stein of Goldenridge section stated that drivers in the section drive at a high rate of speed and requested help from the Township. President Pluta suggested speed bumps and the Police and Public Works should look into it.

Mr. Don Mobley stated that he read that the Town Hall would not be open for a debate. He feels the Township Hall should be open for a televised debate.

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Motion by Councilman Lewis to open the Town Hall for a televised debate. Second by Councilman Tucker.

President Pluta stated that he was not in favor of the debate and did not feel the debate was open and fair. Vice President Davis questioned who would pay for the video. Councilman Lewis stated it will not be paid by the Township. Mr. Sacco stated a written policy should be put in place.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	absent
	Vice President Davis	abstained
	President Pluta	no

Motion approved 2-1

Mrs. Jennifer Bittle of the Golderidge section spoke on speeding in the Goldenridge section. A young girl speeding almost hit her son. The Chief will look into it. She spoke on resale and rental inspections, she feels the resale inspections are too strict and rental inspections are not. President stated on a resale inspection you must adhere to the new codes.

Mr. Wayne Turner of Croydon questions the Administrative Code 205. Mr. Sacco will look into it. Mr. Turner requested the exact dollar amount for the interest on the loans. Mr. Bartlett stated gave the interest rates not the dollar amount he will get that information.

Mr. Mike Slipp stated that Council should have confidence in the League of Women Voters on the debate. He commented to Council to follow the recommendations of the Government Study to have a Transition Committee and not to wait until the last minute.

Jim Lewis of Goldenridge spoke on the speeding on the Drive and Goodturn Road and the pot hole repairs. He had a complaint on his concrete apron that was installed by the Township.

Wes Retzler spoke on the passing of Joseph Pavone an artist and teacher. He stated he feels the Township should move the Comcast Control Room.

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Motion by Vice President Davis to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 P.M. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Absent
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

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

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- 12. Motion to approve line item transfer of \$700.00 to cover the cost of the tractor.**
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- 16. Motion to open the Town Hass for a televised depate**
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