

# BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD  
BRISTOL, PA 19007

APRIL 16, 2015

## COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

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| Roll Call: | Mr. Bailey                | Present |
|            | Mr. Brennan               | Present |
|            | Mr. Glasson               | Present |
|            | Mr. Monahan               | Present |
|            | Ms. Murphy                | Present |
|            | Vice President Longhitano | Present |
|            | President Bowen           | Present |

President Bowen announced that the monthly reports are available for review in the Township Manager's Office and public comment on land development and official items will be taken during the meeting. In, addition, residents may offer general comments at the end of the meeting.

President Bowen stated matters of personnel and litigation items were discussed in executive session prior to the Council meeting.

Township Solicitor, Randy Flager stated that due to a private family matter Township Manager McCauley could not attend tonight's meeting. Project Manager/Operations Analyst, Scott Swichar would serve in his place.

### VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

- A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for April 16, 2015.

*Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the outstanding voucher list for April 16, 2015.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

B. Call for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 25, 2015.

*Motion by Vice President Longhitano and seconded by Ms. Murphy to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on March 25, 2015.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENDATIONS and REPORTS

A. President Bowen presented Certificates of Commendation to the Finocchiaro Family of Fairless Hills and the Branigan Family of Levittown and presented both families with a \$50.00 Gift Certificate from TD Bank.

Council thanked the residents for their ongoing recycling efforts.

President Bowen reminded residents that yard waste collection will begin on April 20<sup>th</sup> and continue thru December 18<sup>th</sup>.

President Bowen announced that the Township will be holding the second Township Cleanup Event for the residents of Bristol Township. The free event is a great opportunity for residents to clean out their unwanted junk from garages, attics, or basements. President Bowen encouraged residents to mark their calendars for Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 8:00 to 12:30 P.M. at the Bristol Township Municipal Building.

B. Presentation of Official Commendation of Heroism for Sergeant Charles Burns.

Acting Chief Ralph Johnson presented an Official Commendation to Sergeant Charles Burns for an act of Heroism and outstanding courage without regard to personal safety, while rushing into a burning building at Millcreek Apartments and ensuring the safe evacuation of all tenants on March 25, 2012.

C. Presentation of "Glasson Grants" to Volunteer Fire Companies.

Council President Bowen announced that the Township Council would be providing \$20,000 to each of its five volunteer fire companies for the purchase of life-saving equipment or capital improvements. During the 2015 budget process Councilmember Joe Glasson lobbied for his fellow members for the additional funding. Council President, Bob Lewis, referred to the appropriation as "Glasson Grants" and the name has stuck. Checks were presented to four of the volunteer fire companies present.

D. Coates Avenue Field Update from Bucks County Legends Baseball.

Bucks County Legends Baseball President, Mike Cox presented Council with an update on the improvements being made to the Coates Avenue Field. On April 4<sup>th</sup> with the help of 20 volunteers and donations from various Township businesses they broke ground. They were able to remove 30 cubic yards of debris and weeds from the once overgrown field is now a bright spot in the

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Edgely Community. Mr. Cox thanked Council and the community for their commitment to the team and would like to discuss with Council naming part of the field after the late Council President Bob Lewis.

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Vacancy to the Environmental Advisory Committee: Consideration to Appoint.

*Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Committee was tabled due to absence.*

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Resolution of Commendation Honoring the Conwell-Egan Catholic Boys' Basketball Team on Winning the 2015 PIAA AA State Championship:  
Consideration to Adopt.

Councilman Glasson announced that due to a conflict the team was unable to attend and asked that the Council table the Resolution until the May meeting.

- B. Resolution of Respect Honoring John Doster. Consideration to Adopt.

John Doster a life-long resident of Levittown was dedicated to the work of serving and protecting others, joining the Edgely Fire Company as a volunteer firefighter in 1933. Except for his brief service in the U.S Army during World War II, he served continuously as a volunteer firefighter for 82 years upon his death on April 2, 2015.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by the entire Council to Approve a Resolution Honoring John Doster.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

- C. A Resolution of Commendation Honoring the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans.  
Consideration to Adopt.

Township Solicitor, Randall Flager read into the record of Commendation Honoring the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans (DV3) Organization. DV3 is a local organization of veterans and caring people who are dedicated to servicing our community and honoring all those who served in the military for our country. Additionally DV3 helps all veterans by providing education, assistance and instruction on utilizing the available social service programs for those who are struggling with mental or physical issues as a result of their service to our country.

*Motion by Vice President Longhitano and seconded by the entire Council to Approve a Resolution Honoring the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

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- D. An Ordinance of the Township of Bristol Vacating a Paper Street Commonly known as Harrison Avenue and Vacating a 15 Foot Wide Alleyway Adjacent to TMP # 5-029-083. Consideration to Adopt.

*Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to Approve an Ordinance of the Township of Bristol Vacating a Paper Street Commonly known as Harrison Avenue and Vacating a 15 Foot Wide Alleyway Adjacent to TMP # 5-029-083.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

No Report at this time.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

No Report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Report on the Results of the Financial Operations of 2014.

Project Manager, Scott Swichar, presented the results of the 2014 Financial Operations. Swichar stated that 2014 was a terrific year for the finances of Bristol Township. No fund reserves used in 2014 and we finished the year with \$3,109,417 General Fund surplus beating the projection by \$3,009,417. Revenue came in \$820,098 higher than expected and expenses came in \$2,188,519 lower than budget projection. The 2014 Revenue performance was due to increased building permits, transfer tax and increased Earned Income Tax collections. Expenses came in \$2,188,519 under budget while maintaining all levels of services provided to taxpayers

The taxpayers received results in 2014 not lip service. There will be 101 miles of the Township Highways resurfaced, replaced 4,382 street lights and 375 lights at the parks and Township owned buildings with LED Fixtures all connected to StarSense System by the end of this summer. Four budgets were balanced and taxes were reduced twice as well as finishing every year with a healthy surplus. The Township saw the creation of 1,612 new jobs. The trash fee was reduced and the implementation of State of the Art Solid Waste Program with free totes and completely automated collection with natural gas vehicles. Recycling performance by residents increased by 48% in one year. The Township brought the sewer plant back into compliance with environmental regulations.

We have a PLAN. The PLAN is working. Work the PLAN!

- B. Application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 5175 Campus Drive, Plymouth Meeting PA for Conditional Use Approval in order to construct a wireless telecommunications facility on the property located at 7205 New Falls Road, (TAX PARCEL #5-31-2) in an MS-Municipal Services zoned district: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

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Conditional Use Hearing began at 8:10 p.m.

Cellco advised Council that they would comply with all of the requirements for constructing and operating a Wireless Communication Facility, pursuant to Section 205-16 (E) (4) of the Bristol Township Zoning Ordinance.

Conditional Use Hearing closed at 9:20 p.m.

*Motion by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Ms. Murphy to Approve to grant Conditional Use Approval to Cellco Partnership to construct a wireless telecommunications facility on the property located at 7205 New Falls Road, (TAX PARCEL #5-31-2) in an MS-Municipal Services zoned district.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

C. Bids for Fuel: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Recommendation of Department Head is for Market Fluctuation Prices, not the Fixed Firm Price. #2 Heating Oil to Superior Plus Energy Services (less than 6000 gallons \$0.1500) used by the Sewer and Treatment Plant. On-Road Ultra Fuel to Superior Plus Energy Services (less than 6000 gallons \$0.1400) used in all Township Vehicles that run on Diesel Fuel. Unleaded Regular to PAPCO Inc. (more than 6000 gallons \$0.0072) used by all Police, Fire and other Township vehicles that run on gasoline.

*Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Vice President Longhitano to approve the bids as recommended for fuel.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

D. Bids for Signs & Posts: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Recommendation of Department Head to use the lowest pricing in each category from Garden State, Custom Products and US Municipal Supply.

*Motion by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the lowest pricing in each category from Garden State, Custom Products and US Municipal for signs and posts used by the Public Works Department.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Bailey announced there will be a walk for peace and Anti-Gun violence on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at 1150 Norton Avenue.

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Councilman Glasson announced that there will be a fundraiser on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> to benefit the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #53 William Penn Fire Co. to assist in the rebuild of their house. The benefit will start at 2 pm located at 123 Main Street Hulmeville, PA.

President Bowen along with the entire Council congratulated Lt. Terry Hughes' daughter who won Miss Bucks County and it has been 14 years since someone from Bristol Township has won that title.

Councilman Brennan urged residents to get out and vote on May 19, 2015.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Carango family of 6907 Bristol Pike asked the Council's assistance in not issuing a permit for the business located at 6909 Bristol Pike.

Mark Crinage, 2401 Ave E, requested the assistance of Council in helping getting the property at 2400 Ave E cleaned-up as it is impeding in his ability to sell his home as well as being an eye-sore and health hazard.

Barbara Hawke, 3211 Nichol Street, came in support of getting the property at 2400 Ave E cleaned.

Chrystina Taylor & Rod Bird, 605 Hartford Road, requested further assistance with the noise level of their neighbor's truck.

Gerard Lykon, Bath Road, spoke of the benefit for the FOP and that Business to Business will be awarding a total of four \$500.00 scholarships to Neshaminy High School, Tech School, Conwell-Egan, and Truman. They will be awarded at the end of June.

*Motion to adjourn meeting by President Bowen and seconded by the entire Council.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 pm.*

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RECAP OF APRIL 16, 2015 MEETING:

1. Motion to approve the Voucher List for April 16, 2015.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes from the March 25, 2015 meeting.
3. Presentation of monthly recycling awards.
4. Presentation of Commendation of Heroism to Sgt. Charles Burns.
5. Presentation of Glasson Grants to the fire companies.
6. Presentation by Mike Cox on the Coates Avenue Filed improvements update from Legends Baseball.
7. Tabled request for a new appointment to the EAC.
8. Tabled a Resolution of Commendation Honoring the Conwell-Egan Catholic Boys' Basketball Team.
9. Approved a Resolution of Respect Honoring John Doster.
10. Approved a Resolution of Commendation Honoring DV3.
11. Approved an Ordinance vacating a paper street commonly known as Harrison Avenue.
12. Report on the results of the Financial Operations of 2014.
13. Approved an Application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 5175 Campus Drive, Plymouth Meeting PA for Conditional Use Approval in order to construct a wireless telecommunications facility on the property located at 7205 New Falls Road, (TAX PARCEL #5-31-2) in an MS-Municipal Services zoned district.
14. Approved bids for Fuel.
15. Approved bids for Signs & Post.
16. Adjournment at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Murphy, Township Secretary

| NAME                         | ADDRESS                            | AGENDA ITEM Y/N |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Stacy Guhl-Carango           | 6907 Bristol Pike<br>Levittown, PA | N               |
| Thomas M. Carango            | 6907 Bristol Pike                  | N               |
| Thomas Carango               | OWNER<br>6907 Bristol Pike         | N               |
| MARK CRINAGE                 | 2401 AVE E<br>NEWPORTVILLE         | N               |
| BARBARA HAWKE                | 3211 NICHOL ST<br>Newportville, PA | N               |
| Chrystina Taylor<br>Rod Bird | 605 Hartford Pl                    | N               |
| GERARD LYKOW                 | BATH ROAD                          |                 |
| Barbara Bell                 | Elyford Rd.                        | N               |
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