

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

APRIL 21, 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:27 P.M.

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

President Pluta turned the meeting over to Councilman Lewis. Councilman Lewis stated that his son recently passed away and he wanted to express his appreciation to everyone who gave their condolences and sympathy.

Mayor Monahan presented certificates of recognition to the retired officers. Charles McGuigan for 25 years of dedicated service. Sergeant Steven Mawhinny for 25 years of dedicated service. Officer Edward Wallace for 22 years of dedicated service. Mr. Bryan Allen representing State Representative Tina Davis and Representative Frank Farry also had citations from the House of Representatives. Mr. Allen read a statement from Tina Davis and presented citations to the three officers. Mr. Farry presented a citation to Sergeant Mahwinny from Langhorne Borough for his retirement of Sergeant of Bristol Township and becoming the Chief of Police for Langhorne Borough. Chief McAndrew presented Officer Wallace with badge #40. Sergeant Mawhinney with badge #3 and Charles McGuigan with badge #92

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan put the name of Richard Heierling for the Civil Service Commission.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve Richard Heierling for the Civil Service Commission. 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 the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for March 2011. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Mr. Obert questioned why repair of the time clock for the Sewer Department came out of the General Fund and not the Sewer Fund. Mr. Bartlett stated it is part of the Township wide system regardless of the location. Mr. Obert said the Township is paying for towing they should buy a flat bed to tow the excavator around.

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 minutes from the March 3, 2011 Council Meeting. 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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REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

The Township has been providing dumpsters for the residents on Minot Avenue to help clean up after the flooding. The Township Emergency Management and the County Emergency Management is looking to see if they can receive help from FEMA. Community Cleanup Day is scheduled for April 30, 2011 dumpsters will be placed for Bloomsdale Fleetwing Green Lawn Park and Winder Village. Mr. Bartlett stated that he feels that the Township can bring back a second officer from layoff.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to reinstate an Officer from layoff to active duty. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Mr. Obert stated he believes that the Township should bring all the officers back. President Pluta stated that our Police staffing is adequate.

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:

Mr. Kucher stated that after meeting with Business Owners and Realtors he would like to amend the permit fees to relieve some of the burden.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Resolution 13-2011 amending Resolution 173-90 Building Fees Chargeable in Accordance with the Various Regulatory Ordinance of Bristol Township. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Amber Longhitano of Bristol Township thanked the Township for the changes and it is a positive change. The realtors are reluctant to sell homes in Bristol Township due to the \$1,000.00 escrow required lowering it to \$500.00 helps however the property

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value has dropped. Ms. Longhitano questioned what was done with the escrow and if the Township makes any money on it and feels that should be eliminated.

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 Bristol Township Water Department purchases water from Aqua to supply water to their customers. The water lines are owned by Bristol Township and must be maintained by the Township. Some of Council discussed selling the Water Department. The Township will send out an RFP. Then a bid would be placed for the purchase along with the proposed rates and capital improvements over a 5 year period.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to request letters of interest for the purchase of the Bristol Township Water Department making clear the concerns for the rate payers. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Mr. Obert questioned if the PUC controls the water rates. Mr. Sacco stated that the only way control the rates is if the purchaser agrees not to raise the rates. Councilman Lewis said he had concerns about putting the money from the sale into the general fund. Mr. Smith stated that when Aqua took over the water from Bristol Borough the rates became very high and they also lowered the minimum usage amount. Mr. Brennan stated that if the Township keeps the Water Department they would at least have some control over the rates. He feels the rate payers should make the choice.

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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REPORT FROM FINANCE OFFICER:

Mrs. Gordon stated that the tax revenue is slightly down from last year permits are up police services are up. The financial statements will be complete and should be on our website by the first week in May. Mrs. Gordon stated that there has been some confusion with the collections from Keystone Collection because they sent out quarterly statements. Residents are supposed to pay the earned income quarterly but Berkheimer never enforced it. Councilman Tucker questioned how the residents figure what they owe. Mrs. Gordon stated that they can get their earnings from their pay stubs and multiply by a half percent.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher did not have a report.

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson stated the drainage jobs are complete. Council received a preliminary list for the paving. Aqua has been replacing water mains, and has been working well with the Township with the road disturbed. President Pluta questioned if Aqua was going to replace the handicap ramp that was done of Stephen Avenue. Mr. Kucher stated that Aqua said they would replace it. Mr. Lawson stated that they will also put another drain box to help the water drain.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew thanked Council for hiring back a Police Officer. The Police Department has lost two sergeants. The Civil Service states that he must request the Governing Body to put up a name to submit to them. Chief McAndrew requested that Council put up the name Mark Titus.

Motion by Councilman Tucker to submit the name of Mark Titus for Acting Sergeant to the Civil Service Commission. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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	Councilman Blaylock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Chief McAndrew announced that on Friday May 6, 2011 there will be a Blue Mass at 6:30 at St. Michael the Arch Angel.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco did not have a report.

OTHER:

Councilman Lewis stated electronic devices such as computers cell phones TV's radio and monitors can be dropped for recycling on April 21 22 and 23, 2011 behind the Amish Market at E Waste Experts @ 416 Green Lane. Vice President Tarlini announced that the Turnpike has lowered their tolls for the Street Road exit. Councilman Lewis stated that a tree fell on a paper street by 52 Ash Street and requested the Solicitor to comment. Mr. Sacco stated that the tree was located in Bristol Borough. The paper street shown on the map and was never built he believes that after 7 years it reverts back from the center line to the adjacent property and from the center line to the other adjacent property and becomes part of their property. They would be responsible for the tree.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Mr. Wes Retzler of West Bristol questioned if Council would extend Public Comment another hour since there was no Public Comment the last Council Meeting. Mr. Sacco stated that there is nothing stated that Council must extend Public Comment. Mr. Retzler questioned if the Sewer Department employees must clock in. President Pluta stated they do have to clock in. Mr. Lawson stated that when the time clock was broken the Sewer Department clocked in at Public Works.

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Mr. Ken Smith of Edgely questioned if anything was happening with the Jake Brake problem. Mr. Sacco stated that Lt. Sava is working on it. President Pluta stated that a letter was drafted and he assumed that it has been sent to Penndot. Mr. Sacco stated an ordinance will be drafted.

Mr. Mark Robinson of Croydon questioned why Public Works is installing storm drain when replacing the handicap ramp will stop the water problem on his street. Mr. Lawson stated that the elevation level is a problem and they were holding off on installing the storm drain since November.

Mr. Wayne Turner of Croydon stated there was a meeting regarding the Sewer Construction he questioned if the construction is being done to sell the Sewer Department. President Pluta said his opinion is no. Mr. Turner stated that is why people want an authority to make sure it will not be sold. He questioned if the Water Department Customers could make up an authority and run the Water Department. President Pluta stated that if they did not run the Department properly the Township would be responsible. Mr. Turner questioned when the Pumping Station Construction will start since there is money being spent in the Profit and Loss Report. President Pluta stated it will have to go out to bid the fees in the report are for Engineering Cost.

Mr. Gallus Obert of Bristol Township questioned where the ordinance is for the Public Comment. Mr. Sacco stated it is in the Sunshine Law. Mr. Obert asked why a Sewer Director has not been chosen. Mayor Monahan stated they are working on it. Mr. Obert questioned if the Township window replacement project will be fully funded with Grant Money. Mr. Bartlett stated that we would not know until the bids come in. Mr. Obert stated that the Financial Statements are not on time the Administrative Code states they should be ready on the 13th of April. Mrs. Gordon stated that should be changed because they collect money up until March 31 and it would not be possible to have the report in 13 days. Mr. Obert stated he would like somebody to look into why the asphalt price is so high. Mr. Lawson stated that when the price of oil goes above \$50.00 they are aloud to fluctuate. Mr. Obert stated that Aqua is replacing water lines in Croydon and whoever is doing the milling and the paving is doing a good job and feels the Township should pay them to finish the whole street.

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Motion by Councilman Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 P.M. 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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- 1. Motion to approve Richard Heierling for the Civil Service Commission.**
- 2. Motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for March 2011.**
- 3. Motion to approve minutes from the March 3, 2011 Council Meeting.**
- 4. Motion to reinstate an Officer from layoff to active duty.**
- 5. Motion to approve Resolution 13-2011 amending Resolution 173-90 Building Fees Chargeable in Accordance with the Various Regulatory Ordinance of Bristol Township.**
- 6. Motion to request letters of interest for the purchase of the Bristol Township Water Department.**
- 7. Motion to submit the name of Mark Titus for Acting Sergeant to the Civil Service Commission.**
- 8. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 P.M.**

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