

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP
2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 6, 2010

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel and Litigation were discussed.

Roll call:	Councilman Tucker	Present
	Councilman Lewis	Absent (Arrived at 7:09)
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Present
	Vice President Davis	Present
	President Pluta	Present

Mr. Dave Dropa gave a Presentation for the 19th Annual Tiger Classic 5K Run the will be held Friday, June 4, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. at Truman High School. The Run is a way to raise funds for unique activities and enrichment programs within the Bristol Township School District. This past February they distributed \$15,000.00 in grants to help fund 32 Educational Activities. The Run will have a professionally timed 5K race. There will also be a Fun Run walk around Truman and the track. The Fun Run Race will cost \$5.00 without a T Shirt and \$10.00 including a T Shirt. The 5K Race is \$15.00 including a T Shirt.

Motion my Councilwoman Tarlini to suspend the agenda to allow #9 Healthy Kids to do their presentation before #6. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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Roll call vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

A presentation for Healthy Kids Program was given by Teacher Dan Tahaney and Student Council Members: Kelsie Fownler, Crystal Blank, Curtis Clarhout, Alayia Awad and Lexi Cooper. Showing pictures they took from a bus trip as they traveled through the Township to show areas that could have an effect on the choices they make when it comes to making healthy choices. There were many roadways shopping centers and parks that were not pedestrian friendly. They did not have walkways sidewalks or cross walks to get around. Driving would be the only way to get to these places. Not being able to walk to these places has an effect on healthy choices.

Mr. Bartlett stated they could supply the Township with a list of areas that are in need of work or crosswalks and the Township would look into it to see if there is anything that can be done.

Motion by Vice President Davis to resume the agenda. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

President Pluta stated due to computer error the minutes from the April 15, 2010 Council Meeting are not available and will be placed on a future agenda.

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REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett stated they are working with the software Provider to reformat the financial statements to add more information.

Community Clean up events will be held Saturday May 15, 2010 in Green Lawn Park Winder Village Pacific Avenue and the Bloomsdale Fleetwing Section.

The total interest amount that was scheduled to be paid for the Pennvest Loan was \$1,931,403.00, but that amount will be lower since the loan was not as high as originally thought.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 18-2010 authorizing submission of application for designation of an Enterprise Zone on behalf of Bristol Township. Second by Vice President Davis.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the payment in full of two invoices in the amount of \$33,926.70 as requested by Bursich Associates Inc. regarding contract 2009-14 Sanitary Sewer, Internal Televising Inspection and Repair. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

President Pluta wanted it noted that this is I&I work that is being done in the sewer collection system

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Roll call vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve the lowest bidder GST Transport Corp, in regards to bid number 2010-05 Summer Recreation Bus Transportation. Second by Vice President Davis.

Mr. Turner questioned the amount. President Pluta stated \$270.00 up to six hours additional hourly rate of \$40.00 per hour.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Motion by Vice President Davis to approve the proposed 2010 Road Work Project. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

Mr. Lawson stated the street list will be released after the bid specs are reviewed and will be placed on the Townships Web site. The streets that are going to be done in house are Orchard Avenue Norton Avenue Crabtree Turn and another in Newportville.

Mrs. Chichilitti of 76 Gridiron Road stated she has an underground stream that comes out in the front of her home and has flooding on her property. Mr. Lawson stated that Gridiron Road is on the list to be paved. The Township cannot take responsibility for the underground stream. President Pluta stated that the Township cannot be responsible for private property but will do everything to alleviate the problem in the street.

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Roll call vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Motion by Vice President Davis to approve progress payment release Number 3 for contract on Newportville/Fergusonville Lighting Project in the amount of \$94,997.70, as requested by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve lease purchase of Johnston Vacuum Sweeper, \$203,495.00 with the Casino Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the first payment of lease. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Bartlett stated that it is a three year lease with the option to purchase it for \$1.00 at the end of the lease.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

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REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

For the month of April there were a total of 495 calls with another 51 complaints from the Manager Mayor and Council made it a total of 546 complaints. Out of those calls 120 were the Townships 426 were not the Townships responsibility. There are 63 open complaints for April 30th.

Mr. Lawson stated that if any residents would like to use the green belts or fields for activities to give notice to the Public Works Department and they would try to arrange their schedule around so the grass would be cut and cleaned up.

Mr. Lawson stated that there will be some traffic calming devices placed throughout the Township and he feels that they will work.

President Pluta stated he appreciated the invitation for the residents use the greenbelts and park areas and that the Public Works Department would accommodate.

Councilman Tucker questioned if there would be calming devices will be placed on Routes 13 and 413. Mr. Lawson stated that the Township does not have the right to place them on State Highways.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Saturday May 8th at 12 noon there will be a Blue Mass to honoring Police Fire Fighters and EMS Personnel. The Public is invited to St. Michael the Archangel Church on Levittown Parkway and after there will be refreshments served at the Knights of Columbus on Woodbourne Road.

Councilman Tucker questioned if something could be done on Route 413 for the speeding. Chief McAndrew stated that the State Police are planning to work radar there in May and June.

Councilman Lewis congratulated the Police for their effort in the arrests that took place in the Croydon Section.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

The Township Zoning Hearing Board will be hearing a revised application for the Miller Trailer Park Site. The applicant is Delucca Investment Partners LP and is proposing 30 Townhomes at the meeting Monday at 7 P.M. There is a revised application from the Amish Furniture of Bristol LLC for a sign on Route 13 in Bristol Township.

Vice President Davis suggested Council send a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board to support the Amish Sign on Route 13.

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Motion by Vice President Davis to send a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board to support the Amish Sign on Route 13. Second by Councilman Lewis.

President Pluta stated that he would assume because of the revision of the sign application they have addressed the problem and it would not be an issue now. Mr. Kucher stated that they have hired an attorney and will be able to present the application better. Barbra Bill stated that she thinks the signs are a traffic hazard.

Roll call vote: Councilman Tucker	yes
Councilman Lewis	yes
Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
Vice President Davis	yes
President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Mr. Kucher stated he will present the letter to the Zoning Hearing Board on Monday Evening.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco stated he wanted to update Council on the status of a litigation he has been defending since 2007. AV Construction was seeking \$100,000.00 in damages from the Township for failure to pay an invoice for work completed for curb installation and replacement. Mr. Sacco attended a settlement conference on the case, and was able to reduce the amount to \$55,000.00. It is his recommendation the Township settle the case.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the settlement for the AV Construction Case in the amount of \$55,000.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Tarlini.

Roll call vote: Councilman Tucker	yes
Councilman Lewis	yes
Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
Vice President Davis	no
President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-1

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OTHER:

Councilwoman Tarlini stated that she would like to publicly thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her family's loss, and all the support was truly appreciated.

Councilman Tucker announced that Darlene Holliman the Director of Weed and Seed lost her Mother Dorothy Snelling, he attended the funeral as Clergy and to represent Council. Councilman Tucker also thanked the Public Works Department for their speedy action on the flooding in Fleetwing.

Motion by Vice President Davis to appoint Sue DeRosier, to the Lower Bucks Joint Authority Board. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

Roll call vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

President Pluta congratulated Sue DeRosier on her appointment.

President Pluta addressed two articles that were in the newspaper. There was an article that had to do with bringing Business into the Township, and he stated that Council has been working to change the image and bring Businesses in. President Pluta stated that the second article was a personal attack on him, and he does not mind when someone voices an opinion but they should make sure they have the facts and make sure that it is one hundred percent accurate.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Galus Obert of the Farmbrook Section stated that at the last meeting he gave an incorrect address for development. The correct address is 7510 Edgely Avenue. The Healthy Kids Program brought to attention many areas in the Township that need curbing to control drainage. Mr. Obert stated that it was the opinion of a neighboring township that speed bumps hard to maintain. There is still no word on a quarterly report on the Townships Finances. President Pluta stated that he did not have a problem with the Finance Director giving a midterm report, since the first two to three months are not a real reflection of where the Township is because of the tax collections. Councilwoman Tarlini stated last year the Finance Director did come to the meetings and give reports.

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Vice President Davis stated that she would like the Finance Director to also give a report on Berkheimer. Mr. Bartlett stated he would put her on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Obert stated he feels Councilman Lewis should be the liaison for the Sewer Department. President Pluta stated that anyone on Council is welcome to give input on the Department. Mr. Obert stated that the Road List keeps changing and requested an updated list.

Mrs. Chichilitti of Gridiron Road stated that she would like to change the image of the Township. She feels the Township should give notice of when the streets will be paved. Mr. Lawson stated the list will go out and work would not begin for about 60 days after the release. President Pluta stated that the most severe roads are being addressed. Mrs. Chichilitti questioned why the streets are so bad when she pays the highest taxes. President Pluta stated that Township taxes are not high, the high taxes she pays are the School District taxes and that she should address the School Board on them.

Wayne Turner of Croydon stated that the minutes were not ready two times this year and hoped they would be ready in the future for approval. Mr. Turner requested for the future to have something televised at the Township. He feels that the Township should move the television equipment to another room so other people can operate instead of an officer. He spoke on the Township Transition Committee. He questioned if the Township will have a 4th of July parade or any other functions. President Pluta stated he should check with the Recreation Department and give his ideas to the Rec. Board Committee they meet every second Tuesday of the Month. Mr. Turner spoke on the election signs and ordinance.

Wes Retzler of West Bristol stated that he heard on WBCB that the Director of the Sewer Plant did not have a proper license and the DPA fined the Township \$100,000.00. Mr. Bartlett stated that at this time there are no fines from the DEP. Mr. Retzler stated that the grass is so high around the township that the campaign signs cannot be read.

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 P.M. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Roll call vote: Councilman Tucker	yes
Councilman Lewis	yes
Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
Vice President Davis	yes
President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

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- 2. Motion to resume the agenda.**
- 3. Motion to approve resolution 18-2010 authorizing submission of application for designation of an Enterprise Zone.**
- 4. Motion to approve the payment for invoices for \$33,926.70 Sanitary Sewer Internal Televising.**
- 5. Motion to approve GST Transport for Summer Recreation Transportation.**
- 6. Motion to approve the proposed 2010 Road Work Project.**
- 7. Motion to approve release payment of \$94,997.70 for Newportville/Fergusonville Lighting Project.**
- 8. Motion to approve lease purchase of Johnston Vacuum Sweeper.**
- 9. Motion to send a letter to the ZHB to support the Amish Sign on Rt. 13.**
- 10. Motion to approve settlement payment of \$55,000.00 for A V Construction Law Suit.**
- 11. Motion to appoint Sue DeRosier to Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority.**
- 12. Motion to adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted by

Betsey Kelly-Kryven

Secretary

