

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP
2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 1907

MAY 17TH, 2012

COUNCIL MEETING

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

President Lewis expressed Council's condolences for fallen Bristol Borough fire police officer Dave Wintz and thanked all other emergency responders for their assistance in the Dow Chemical Fire incident.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bowen	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Ms. Longhitano	Present
	Mr. Pluta	Present
	Mr. Tucker	Present
	Vice President Brennan	Present
	President Lewis	Present

VOUCHER LIST & REQUISITIONS AND MINUTES

Motion by Vice President Brennan and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve the Voucher List & Requisitions for May 17, 2012.

Motion carried by a vote of 7-0, with Mr. Glasson abstaining from one bill, #18546.

Motion by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Vice President Brennan to approve the minutes from the April 19th Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

PRESENTATION FROM ROUTE 13 REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

The Route 13 Revitalization Committee was represented by Mr. Rich Brahler of Bucks County Transportation Management Authority. Mr. Brahler emphasized the Route 13 Improvement Plan would promote both traffic and pedestrian safety, create a more aesthetically pleasing corridor, improve traffic signal coordination, and manage access to businesses along the corridor.

Mr. Pluta questioned what the sidewalk width would be. Mr. Brahler indicated it would be the standard five feet in width.

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Mr. Tucker questioned how much money the Township would forfeit if Council did not approve the Route Improvement Project. Mr. Brahler confirmed that the dollar amount was in the vicinity of \$39-40 million dollars.

President Lewis reiterated that if this project is rejected, Bristol Township may not have an opportunity of this nature for another 15-20 years. President Lewis also stated that Council wishes to revitalize Bristol Pike, create a more business friendly traffic corridor; and additionally that this shovel-ready project will bring jobs and business to the Township on its own merits.

Vice President Brennan stated that if Council rejects this project, a \$40 million dollar improvement project will disappear from Bristol Township. Vice President Brennan then said Council seeks a re-paving of the roads that will subsequently be used for re-routing and detours. Additionally, Vice President Brennan also expressed concerns over preemptive traffic signals on re-routed streets to accommodate Township emergency vehicles.

Mr. Brahler stated that aside from the two bridges that are to be reconstructed, PennDOT has assured that Bristol Pike will be open on one lane at the very least.

Township Manager McCauley asked Mr. Brahler to touch on some salient points regarding safety improvements on Bristol Pike. Mr. Brahler noted the reduction of the 6-lane section of Bristol Pike to a 4-lane section, the introduction of median strips and turning lanes. Sidewalk and curbing is another visual cue for drivers to slow down.

Solicitor Flager questioned whether or not the introduction of sidewalks would decrease the parking areas for current Bristol Pike businesses. Mr. Brahler stated that this is true; however the property in question was already owned by PennDOT, and PennDOT is trying to work with business owners by creating the parking lot where one jughandle currently sits.

Mr. Bob White from Bucks County Redevelopment Authority stated his support for the project.

Miss Longhitano asked Mr. White if PennDOT would infringe upon current business parking lots.

Motion by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Miss Longhitano to adopt a resolution approving and authorizing execution of the PennDOT Landscape Maintenance Agreement for the Bristol Pike Reconstruction Project, with floral plantings on median strips as amended; and to approve a resolution approving and authorizing execution of the PennDOT Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement for the Bristol Pike Reconstruction Project.

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Mr. Pluta questioned whether Council had decided to opt for grass or floral plantings for the median strips. Council agreed that they would opt for floral plantings. Mr. Pluta also questioned shoulder width of the road and if the sidewalks could be reduced to 4 feet in width in some areas. Mr. Brahler said that sidewalk width reduction was not an option.

President Lewis stated that since Bristol Borough has already opted for floral plantings on median strips, Bristol Township should follow suit to maintain a similar look.

Mr. James Patterson, business owner on Bristol Pike, stated his disapproval of the Bristol Pike Improvement Project.

Mr. Brian Lachewitz of Concord Lane stated his disapproval of the Bristol Pike Improvement Project.

Ms. Patty Nichols of Croydon stated her disapproval of the Bristol Pike Improvement Project.

Mr. Rob Gay, business owner on Bristol Pike, stated his disapproval of the Bristol Pike Improvement Project.

Mr. Chuck Clayton of Bristol Township commented on the Bristol Pike Improvement Project.

Mr. Ken Smith stated his disapproval of the Bristol Pike Improvement Project.

Mr. Tom Kralle of West Bristol stated his approval of the Bristol Pike Improvement Project.

Mr. Larry Plutowski, business owner on Bristol Pike, stated his approval of the Bristol Pike Improvement Project.

Ms. Kiya Page of Queen Anne Drive commented on the Bristol Pike Improvement Project.

Mr. Bruce Jones stated his approval of the Bristol Pike Improvement Project.

Mr. Bill Rickett, of Bucks County Transportation Management Authority, stated his opinion on the Bristol Pike Improvement Project.

Motion carried 6-1, with Mr. Pluta voting no.

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Mr. Bowen stated he sympathized with business owners and residents, and the Bristol Township and Council will do anything they can to assist in times of duress.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Township Manager McCauley stated that Bloomsdale-Fleetwing was having its first annual community day on May 20th. However, they could not use the Humphrey Park basketball courts due to their poor condition. However, OKNA Windows and Doors contributed money to resurfacing the basketball courts, as did Jamie Herring of Herring Properties, and AIRGAS of the recently approved KOEZ. These three businesses came to the rescue of the Bloomsdale-Fleetwing Community Days and are directly responsible for renovating the courts at Humphries Park. He thank them for being good corporate neighbors and supportive of their community.

Additionally, Mr. McCauley stated that Dreamland Amusements is opening their carnival in Bristol Plaza tonight, and Jack Goldberg of Dreamland Amusements contributed \$5,000 toward the Township's Capital Fund.

Mr. McCauley also mentioned that he possessed an escrow release for Green Lane Properties for a site improvement security agreement. Final approval had been given in 2009 by the Township Engineer at that time, and the balance is in the amount of \$7,822.20.

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Tucker to approve the final escrow release to Green Lane Properties in the amount of \$7,822.20.

Motioned carried unanimously, 7-0.

Additionally, OKNA Windows will be expanding along Route 13.

Mr. McCauley mentioned that Mr. Tucker had inquired about better lighting in Winder Park. The Township is attempting to find corporate sponsors for this endeavor as well.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Solicitor Flager stated that Council had met in executive session for approximately an hour prior to the Township Council Meeting to discuss personnel matters, legal matters, lawsuits, and the like.

Mr. Flager added that Ballard Spahr LLP, hired to represent Bristol Township in contract negotiation affairs, also represents Walmart, who owns a property in Bristol Township. Mr. Flager recommends a motion to appoint Ballard Spahr LLP as labor and employment counsel with a conflict waiver that this will not preclude Walmart from if/when they may

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seek approval for Zoning or Agri-land use purposes, none of which are pending or anticipated.

President Lewis noted that Walmart is not currently doing business in the Township.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Vice President Brennan to appoint Ballard Spahr LLP as labor and employment counsel with a conflict waiver that this will not preclude Walmart from if/when they may seek approval for Zoning or Agri-land use.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Solicitor Flager additionally mentioned that Bucks County Commissioner Martin wished to have one sentence added to Bucks County's KOEZ agreements. The sentence would be essentially "if ten years from now, the State legislature decides to extend the KOEZ for another ten years, that they must go back to the county to renegotiate."

Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Bowen to ratifying, authorizing, confirming, and approving certain pilot agreements and prior actions taken in connection with the establishment of the proposed Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone (known as KOEZ in Bristol Township), and approving and directing other certain authorized actions in furtherance of this resolution.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Pluta to approve the advertisement of the June 11th bid opening for 2012 Bristol Township street paving program.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Mr. Bowen announced that Falls Township will have a Bullying Awareness Walk on June 3rd in the Falls Township Park.

Mr. Bowen also announced that the Sesame Place Race will occur this coming weekend.

Mr. Pluta announced that the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans will be having their annual Flag Memorial on June 17th at Falls Township Park.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joseph Krug of Eugene Drive questioned when letters of appointment would be sent to the newly elected Environmental Advisory Council.

Mr. Chuck Clayton stated that any applicants who wish to be part of the Zoning Hearing Board please submit a resume to the Township, in care of Glenn Kucher.

Mr. Gerard Lykon reminded the public that his mechanic station is giving a car to a needy family.

Mr. Ken Smith had questions regarding the electric bill at the sewer plant and public works buildings.

Ms. Kiya Page had comments pertaining to the traffic on Queen Anne Drive.

Mr. Tom Crawley had concerns regarding the local earned income tax fee.

Mr. Wes Retzler had comments regarding the grass maintenance of the Route 13 medians.

Motion to adjourn by Vice President Brennan, seconded by Mr. Glasson to adjourn Bristol Township Council Meeting at 9:25pm.

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1. Motion to approve the Voucher List & Requisitions List for May 17, 2012.
2. Motion to approve the minutes from the April 19th Council Meeting.
3. Motion to approve a resolution approving and authorizing execution of the PennDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for the Bristol Pike Reconstruction Project.
4. Motion to approve a resolution approving and authorizing execution of the PennDOT Landscape Maintenance Agreement for the Bristol Pike Reconstruction Project.
5. Motion to approve the final escrow release to Green Lane Properties in the amount of \$7,822.20.
6. Motion to appoint Ballard Spahr LLP as labor and employment counsel with a conflict waiver that this will not preclude Walmart from if/when they may seek approval for Zoning or Agri-landuse.
7. Motion ratifying, authorizing, confirming, and approving certain pilot agreements and prior actions taken in connection with the establishment of the proposed Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone (known as KOEZ in Bristol Township), and approving and directing other certain authorized actions in furtherance of this resolution.
8. Motion to approve the advertisement of the June 11th bid opening for 2012 Bristol Township street re-paving.
9. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith S. Truman, Recording Secretary

