

# BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD  
BRISTOL, PA 19007

MAY 27, 2015

## COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

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

### VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

- A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for May 27, 2015.

*Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve the outstanding voucher list for May 27, 2015.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

- B. Call for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting of April 16, 2015.

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*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mrs. Murphy to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on April 16, 2015.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENDATIONS and REPORTS

A. President Bowen presented Certificates of Commendation to the The Lavertu Family of Levittown and The Vondeylen Family of Bristol and presented both families with a \$50.00 Gift Certificate from TD Bank.

President Bowen thanked Township residents for their ongoing recycling efforts.

Mr. Scott Swichar presented an update on the Township's recent Clean-up weekend. A total of 450 residents participated in the two-day event, and residents filled 13 dumpsters with trash and 2 dumpsters with electronics.. On August 22, 2015 the Bucks County Technical High School will host the Household Hazardous Waste Event.

Mr. Swichar thanked the residents and volunteers for the success of the clean-up event and stated that future event dates will be posted soon.

B. Presentation of Citizen Commendation for residents Chris O'Conner and Boris Steven Guzman

Acting Chief Ralph Johnson presented a Commendation to Chris O'Conner of Levittown for assisting the police in pulling vehicles out of the mud during an armed robbery investigation and capture on January 12, 2013.

Acting Chief Ralph Johnson presented a Commendation to Boris Steven Guzman of Levittown for his bravery when he called 911 during a domestic assault which resulted in saving his mother from strangulation.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution of Commendation honoring Christian Alexander Smith upon his attainment of Eagle Scout Status: Consideration to Adopt.

President Bowen read into record a Resolution of Commendation honoring Christian Alexander Smith for attaining Eagle Scout Status. Christian Alexander Smith is a resident of Croydon and a member of Troop 210 in Morrisville and Sea Scout Ship 2012 in Bensalem. Christian Alexander Smith earned 58 Merit Badges and completed a fundraiser and an Eagle Scout Project along the way to attaining Eagle Scout Status.

Council congratulated Christian Alexander Smith for his hard work and character in his pursuit of Eagle Scout status and wished him continued success.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by the entire Council to approve a Resolution honoring Christian Alexander Smith upon his attainment of Eagle Scout Status.*

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*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

- B. Resolution of Commendation honoring the Conwell-Egan Catholic Boys' Basketball Team on winning the 2015 PIAA AA State Championship: Consideration to Adopt.

Councilman Glasson read into record a Resolution of Commendation honoring the Conwell-Egan Catholic Boys' Basketball Team on winning the 2015 PIAA AA State Championship. Conwell-Egan Catholic High School is located on Wistar Road in Bristol Township and is a source of great pride to many residents. The Conwell-Egan Catholic Boys' Basketball team recently completed the most successful season in the school's history. The team reached the apex of high school basketball on March 21, 2015 by conquering previously undefeated Aliquippa High School 62-51 to capture the PIAA Class AA State Title.

Councilman Glasson congratulated the young men and their assistant coach on their success.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by the entire Council to approve a Resolution honoring the Conwell-Egan Catholic Boys' Basketball Team on winning the 2015 PIAA AA State Championship.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

- C. An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Tax Exempt General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015 in the Amount of ten million dollars (\$ 10,000,000.00) (The Bonds); Providing for the Date, Interest, Maturity Dates and Place of Payment in Respect to The Bonds; Accepting the Proposal for the Purchase of The Bonds; Authorizing the Proper Officers to Execute and Deliver The Bonds; Authorizing and Directing the Preparation, Certification and Filing of the Proceedings with the Department of Community and Economic Development; and Setting Forth a Form of Bond: Consideration to Adopt.

Brian Bradley, Director of RBC Capital Markets, explained the financial terms of the Bond issuance. Council is aware that RBC priced and sold ten million (\$10,000,000) dollars in General Obligation Bonds on May 27, 2015. Mr. Bradley stated that the interest market has been volatile since April, particularly in the Municipal Market. The issuance of the Bond provides funds for Capital Projects, including upgrades to the Township's roads and Township facilities. Proceeds of the Bonds designated for Capital Projects shall be deposited into the Township's Capital Fund and applied to capital projects that are approved by the Township Manager. Mr. Bradley stated that investors recognize that Bristol Township is taking positive steps and that the Township Manager and Council are on the right path.

Nevena Simidjijaska, Esq., of Fox Rothschild, and Bond Council for Bristol Township, indicated that the purpose of the Ordinance is to authorize the issuance of the Bond series of 2015 in the amount of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) provide for the date, interest, and maturity dates and

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place of payment in respect to the Bonds; Accept the proposal for the purchase of the Bonds; authorize the proper officers to execute and deliver the bonds; authorize and direct the preparation, certification and filing of the proceedings with the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Township Manager, Bill McCauley, addressed some misconceptions about borrowing money to pay for capital projects. The first misconception is that that the Township will need to increase taxes to pay back the loan. **Mr. McCauley stated that** Council reserved \$8.9 million in the Debt Service Fund allowing the millage rate to remain steady for Debt Service through 2025. Good financial management has been exercised by the current administration and there has been a surplus each year since 2012. Council has taken the surplus and transferred funds into the Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service Fund. The funds have been used to pave 101 miles of Township roads, replace street lights and for improvements to the Municipal Building.

The Township will apply \$5 million toward the 2015 Road Program, \$3 million for sewer plant improvement projects and \$2 million for Municipal Building and public works building improvements. Improvements include a new sally port, salt shed, upgraded HVAC system, and a new public works storage building.

Mr. McCauley read the report from Moody's Investor Services into the record. On May 18, 2015 Moody's Investor Services gave Bristol Township a rating of Aa3, which demonstrates the Township has strong finances, a large tax base, and strong management. The report cited that the Township's strengths are a strong reserve position, stable tax base in proximity to major job markets, and low direct debt burden.

Darlene Meekins, 135 Goldenridge Drive, asked if the Ordinance allowing for this bond and earmarking the money for the future could be changed.

*Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Glasson to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Tax Exempt General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015 in the Amount of Ten Million Dollars (\$ 10,000,000.00) (The Bonds); Providing for the Date, Interest, Maturity Dates and Place of Payment in Respect to The Bonds; Accepting the Proposal for the Purchase of The Bonds; Authorizing the Proper Officers to Execute and Deliver The Bonds; Authorizing and Directing the Preparation, Certification and Filing of the Proceedings with the Department of Community and Economic Development; and Setting Forth a Form of Bond.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

- D. A Resolution of the Township of Bristol Authorizing the Sale of the Following Surplus Equipment and Vehicles: Consideration to Adopt.

*Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of the Following Surplus Equipment and Vehicles.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

- E. A Resolution of the Township of Bristol Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for SR2031 (Green Lane & D&L Trail) and the Township Manager to Sign the Application: Consideration to Adopt.

Tony Spagnoli, of Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) and Joe Janos, of Traffic Planning & Design, spoke before Council two years ago but just recently received project funding from the DVRPC. They asked permission to construct a mid-block trail crossing on Green Lane including an overhead rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) and pave a portion of the trail.

*Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for SR 2031 (Green Lane & D&L Trail) and the Township Manager to Sign the Application.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

#### REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

The Township Manager had no formal report at this time.

#### REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

The Township Solicitor had no formal report at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Application of Sperduto Investments LLC, 967 Roberts Road, Bensalem, for Final Subdivision approval for property located at 400 Princess Avenue, Croydon (Tax Parcel #6-7-42) in an R-3 Residential zoned district of Bristol Township: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

The applicant proposes construction of two (2) single-family detached dwellings. John Genovesi, Tristate Engineers, stated on behalf of the applicant that they will comply with all the items stipulated in the April 9, 2015 review letter from Gilmore & Associates. Further the engineer will redesign the underground basin creating two separate stormwater systems for each lot.

Township Solicitor, Randal Flager, questioned Mr. Shnyder, Counsel for Sperduto Investments, whether his client was in agreement with the Resolution for Final Subdivision approval.

Mr. Shnyder stated that his client is in agreement with the Resolution.

*Motion by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve the Application of Sperduto Investments LLC, 967 Roberts Road, Bensalem, for Final Subdivision approval for property*

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*located at 400 Princess Avenue, Croydon (Tax Parcel #6-7-42) in an R-3 Residential zoned district of Bristol Township.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

B. Application of David Della-Croce LLC, 760 S. Pine Street, Langhorne for Final Subdivision approval for property located at 407 Sycamore Avenue, Croydon (Tax Parcel #5-7-30) in an R-3 Residential zoned district of Bristol Township: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

The applicant proposes the construction of three (3) single-family detached dwellings.

John Genovesi, Tristate Engineers, stated on behalf of the applicant that they will comply with all the items stipulated in the April 9, 2015 review letter from Gilmore & Associates.

Mr. Flager questioned Alex Shnyder, Counsel for David Della-Croce, whether his client is in agreement with the Resolution.

Mr. Shnyder stated that his client is in agreement with the Resolution.

*Motion by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the Application of David Della-Croce LLC, 760 S. Pine Street, Langhorne for Final Subdivision approval for property located at 407 Sycamore Avenue, Croydon (Tax Parcel #5-7-30) in an R-3 Residential zoned district of Bristol Township.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

C. Bids for Township Building Renovations, Sally Port Addition and Salt Shed Construction—General Contractor: Consideration to Accept.

Recommendation by Tony Ganguzza, of Boyle Construction, to accept the lowest responsible bid from Gordon H. Baver for the General Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$1,639,000.

Council President Bowen inquired if Baver was the lowest responsible bidder and if they pay the prevailing wage.

Mr. Ganguzza confirmed that the recommended contractors are the lowest responsible bidders and pay a prevailing wage.

*Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Brennan to accept the low bid of Gordon H. Baver for the General Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$1,639,000.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

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D. Bids for Township Building Renovations, Sally Port Addition and Salt Shed Construction—Plumbing Construction: Consideration to Accept.

Recommendation by Mr. Ganguzza, to accept the lowest responsible bid from Myco Mechanical for the Plumbing Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$98,900.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Monahan to accept the low bid of Myco Mechanical for the Plumbing Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$98,900.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

E. Bids for Township Building Renovations, Sally Port Addition and Salt Shed Construction—HVAC Contract: Consideration to Accept.

Recommendation by Mr. Ganguzza to accept the lowest responsible bid from Myco Mechanical for the HVAC Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$353,000.

*Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Glasson to accept the low bid of Myco Mechanical for the HVAC Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$353,000.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

F. Bids for Township Building Renovations, Sally Port Addition and Salt Shed Construction—Electrical Contract: Consideration to Accept.

Recommendation by Mr. Ganguzzato accept the lowest responsible bid from Electri-Tech for the Electrical Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$338,000.

*Motion by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mrs. Murphy to accept the low bid of Electri-Tech for the Electrical Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$338,000.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

G. Bids for Township Building Renovations, Sally Port Addition and Salt Shed Construction—Site Work Contract: Consideration to Accept.

Recommendation by Mr. Ganguzzato accept the lowest responsible bid from Bencardino Excavating, Inc for the Site Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$263,000.

*Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to accept the low bid of Bencardino Excavating, Inc. for the Site Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$263,000.*

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*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

H. Bids for Township Building Renovations, New Public Works Building—General Construction Prime Contract: Consideration to Accept.

Recommendation by Mr. Ganguzzato accept the lowest responsible bid from Gordon H. Bayer for the General Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$696,000.

*Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Glasson to accept the low bid of Gordon H. Bayer for the General Construction Prime Contract in the amount of \$696,000.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

OTHER BUSINESS

President Bowen announced that a vacancy **exists** on the Lower Bucks Joint Municipal Authority and proposed Councilwoman Murphy to fill a seat left vacant by the passing of former Council President Bob Lewis..

*Motion by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Bailey to appoint Councilwoman Murphy to the Lower Bucks Joint Municipal Authority.*

*Motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Murphy abstained.*

President Bowen stated that recent complaints from residents have been forwarded to the Township Manager..

President Bowen stated that PennDOT is responsible for cutting the grass on their property, the Levittown Parkway. He stated that McDonald's Restaurant on New Falls Road will have their grand opening on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Monahan stated he has received a good amount of calls concerning high grass and wanted residents to know these calls have been forwarded to L&I.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Tony Bolger, of Green Lynne, stated that the left side of the pavement on Mill Creek Road is already starting to crack and crumble.

West Rexler, of 504 Western Ave, discussed the Township's form of Government and the authority of the Township Manager.

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

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.*



RECAP OF MAY 27, 2015 MEETING:

1. Motion to approve the Voucher List for May 27, 2015.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 16, 2015 meeting.
3. Presentation of monthly recycling awards.
4. Presentation of Citizen Commendation to Chris O'Conner & Boris Steven Guzman.
5. Approved a Resolution of Commendation honoring Christian Alexander Smith for attaining Eagle Scout status. .
6. Approved a Resolution of Commendation honoring the Conwell-Egan Boys' Basketball team on winning the 2015 PIAA AA State Championship.
7. Approve an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Tax Exempt General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015 in the Amount of Ten Million Dollars (\$ 10,000,000.00) (The Bonds); providing for the Date, Interest, Maturity Dates and Place of Payment in Respect to The Bonds; accepting the Proposal for the Purchase of The Bonds; authorizing the Proper Officers to Execute and Deliver The Bonds; Authorizing and Directing the Preparation, Certification and Filing of the Proceedings with the Department of Community and Economic Development; and setting Forth a Form of Bond
8. Approved a Resolution authorizing the sale of Surplus Equipment and Vehicles.
9. Approved a Resolution authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for Green Lane & D&L Trail.
10. Approved the application of Sperduto Investments LLC, 967 Roberts Road, Bensalem, for final subdivision approval for property located at 400 Princess Avenue, Croydon (Tax Parcel #6-7-42) in an R-3 Residential zoned district of Bristol Township.
11. Approved the application of David Della-Croce LLC, 760 S. Pine Street, Langhorne for final subdivision approval for property located at 407 Sycamore Avenue, Croydon (Tax Parcel #5-7-30) in an R-3 Residential zoned district of Bristol Township
12. Accepted the low bid for Township Building Renovations Sally Port Addition and Salt Shed Construction—General Contractor
13. Accepted the low bid for Township Building Renovations Sally Port Addition and Salt Shed Construction—Plumbing Contractor
14. Accepted the low bid for Township Building Renovations Sally Port Addition and Salt Shed Construction—HVAC Contractor
15. Accepted the low bid for Township Building Renovations Sally Port Addition and Salt Shed Construction—Electrical Contractor
16. Accepted the low bid for Township Building Renovations Sally Port Addition and Salt Shed Construction—Site Work Contractor
17. Approved Bids Accepted the low bid for Township Building New Public Works Building—General Contractor.
18. Approved appointment of Councilwoman Murphy to LBJMA.
19. Adjournment at 9:12 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kate Murphy, Township Secretary