

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Davis at 7:07 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: personnel and litigation were discussed.

President Davis called for a Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council Members, Davis, Pluta, Tarlini, Mobley and Monahan were present.

Public comments will be taken as each item is addressed. General comments will be taken during Opportunity for Residents to Address Council.

COMMENDATIONS BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Lieutenant Sava said men and women come and help in all kinds of weather to help the police department. The distinguished unit for the Police Department recognizes the Fire Police by the Police Department and citizens, which recognize the Fire Police for distinguished service. Howard McGoldrick, Lieutenant Alex Gross, Dawn Alstat, David Miller, Dave Walker, John Dolster, Pat Vorhees, and John Gould are valuable partners in public safety.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Fenton reported as a tool for the 2009 budget the capital plan for 2009-2013 is available tonight. It is major projects not part of the normal budget. The plan is not locked in stone. We are working to determine the best work. There are grants for Coates Avenue. Councilman Mobley stated we can't expand because of the sewer plant. Mayor Fenton responded Coates Avenue is started and should be finished. Grant and donational money fund it. Mr. Bartlett stated there is a meeting with the mechanical engineers tomorrow. They will do a full analysis of the building (including the air-conditioning). Some of the public works items are necessary. A number of the items are from liquid fuels. Some of the park items are recommended by the Park Board.

Mr. Bartlett stated we are working on the capital budget with Mr. Britton. The amount is extraordinary to provide unlimited construction. The total is in excess of twenty million dollars. I received it yesterday. It will be forwarded to Councilman Pluta and Councilman Mobley, they are the liaisons. We will add that to the list. Vice President Tarlini requested all of Council receive the request.

Chief McAndrew stated replacement of police cars is on a cycle. Upgrade of police weapons and body armor is critical. The capital plan also includes the purchase of

modular holding cells and special programs for software and materials for the credentialing program. The vehicles are already budgeted each year in the debt service.

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Reaffirmation of plans for Bridge Business Center; Approved by Council. The plans did not get recorded on time. There are no changes. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the Reaffirmation of plans for Bridge Business Center. Second by Councilman Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Mr. Bartlett stated Emily Methodist Church will have a tent set up from June 8 to June 15, 2008. They would like the required fees waived, including fire inspection. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the request from Emily Methodist Church for the required fees (under \$400, including fire inspection fee) for the tent set up from June 8 to June 15, 2008. Second by Councilman Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Mr. Bartlett stated the Bingo's Foundation, a non-profit cat shelter has requested a fee be waived for fire inspection (\$100). President Tarlini called for the motion to *table* the request for waiver of fee from the Bingo Foundation, a non-profit cat shelter. Second by Councilman Mobley. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Mr. Bartlett stated the Holy Temple Community Youth Explosion will advertise on the web they would like one or two officers to speak with kids and do identify a kid program. They wanted that announced.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew thanked the police for a fantastic job. In the next week or so there will be meetings within the police department to think of ways to save gas. Any suggestions would help.

We spoke of the air conditioner in the basement, which would heat the area also. If we did our end of the basement it would go a long way and we are ready to fund that. We are checking for the permits. We will need Gary Smith for the specs. President Davis called for the motion to approve the use of Gary Smith to check the permits for the air conditioner in the basement which would heat the area also. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Mr. & Mrs. Lindrels spoke of a problem (from the end of Wistar Road down) with kids parking out front of their house, noise, drag racing and fights. Chief McAndrew recommended they contact the school security (Tech School). They will come out and check the problem.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Lawson reported in May, we had three hundred twenty five calls. One hundred six of the calls were the Township's responsibility. Fifteen of the calls are not complete yet.

The State was contacted; they will install the drainage for Newportville Road & Hilary Avenue.

Councilman Pluta requested Mr. Lawson contact the Edgely Fire House to secure the fence because someone was walking across the train tracks.

Mr. Lawson stated we have project approval with the State. We are waiting for a few minor things from the Manager's office. The Municipal Representative is looking for bid packets. We will meet with him early this week with the hope of getting approval.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

- A. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to award the 2008 pipe bid from Warrington Township on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium to the lowest bidder, Chemung Supply. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Councilman Mobley	yes
Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes
President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 5-0

- B. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to award the fuel bid from Upper Southampton Township on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium to the lowest bidder, Sunoco, Inc. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Councilman Mobley	yes
Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes
President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 5-0

- C. President Davis called for the motion to *deny* a waiver of fees, \$50.00, on candy and vending machines as requested by American Church Services. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Councilman Mobley	yes
Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes
President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 5-0

- D. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the Resolution 06-2008 authorizing the filing of applications with the U.S. Department of Justice. Second by Councilman Pluta.

Councilman Mobley	yes
Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes
President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 5-0

- E. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve Ordinance 2008-07 granting to Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc., a non-exclusive franchise to erect, install, maintain and operate cable service in and under, along, across and upon the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, roads, highways including in connection therewith the right and permission to erect, install and maintain poles and to install, attach and maintain wires, cables, appliances and other facilities to such poles and to existing utility poles for the purpose of transmission and of the public desiring such service in Bristol Township and for other purposes for a period of years, setting forth conditions accompanying the grant of the said franchise; providing for township regulation and use of the system and providing penalties for violations. Councilman Monahan thanked the Cable Advisory Board and the public for their input. Second by Vice President Tarlini. President Davis stated I am happy that Verizon is here. I received many complaints that they were not here prior.

Councilman Mobley	yes
Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes
President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 5-0

- F. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve Maryanne Crockett as the grant writer for the Bristol Township Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. Second by Councilman Pluta.

Councilman Mobley	yes
Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes
President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 5-0

G. Councilman Mobley called for the motion to approve a waiver of sign fees as requested by Father Larry, Saint Thomas Aquinas Church. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Councilman Mobley	yes
Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes
President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 5-0

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco stated the codebook is updated online and they sent the supplements out. We should budget annually for updating the code.

We will advertise in the paper for the comprehensive plan (June 19, 2008 agenda) it is not a change in zoning.

OTHER:

Councilman Pluta asked Mr. Sacco to secure grants from the County for Parks and Recreation for non-profit. Mr. Sacco will check into and report at the next meeting.

Vice President Tarlini said Al Sutter of Senator Tomlinson's office said he is working on Newportville Road. He said he spoke with Jake Tryon. It is Penndot's property. I don't know what will happen but they are working on it.

Councilman Monahan stated I reported a rodent problem on Stream Lane in Stonybrook. Mr. Lawson said a phone call was made to report the problem to the Department of Health.

Councilman Monahan requested the status of the ongoing problems at 19 Green Lynne Drive. Mr. Lawson responded a piece of equipment is needed. It is cash on delivery, so, we are waiting.

Councilman Pluta stated I spoke with Mr. Kucher regarding Thiokol. He sent an email. The response was the site work is being done. There are no improvements. They are not authorized to do anything now.

I met with the Sewer Director. He is working on the expanded sewer projects. He is looking for grants and other avenues.

President Davis stated the School District is going over their budget June 10, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Residents are urged to attend, there is a possible tax increase.

Community Development is working on a program for assistance it is called "don't borrow trouble". They will negotiate for you with the mortgage company if you are not yet in foreclosure (phone number 1-888-275-8843). Philadelphia put a freeze on sheriff sales. Congressman Pat Murphy, Senator Tomlinson and Representative Melio are all trying.

The Township will start advertising for jobs for residents. Jobs posted that union people have not taken will be posted in the hallway from now on. Go to the Manager's office for applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Gallus Obert-said the capital budget should be more detailed.
2. Jake Tryon-questioned the fees not collected for occupancy permits. Mr. Sacco responded it was discovered a few months back, there is a dispute over the finance charges. It was more to blame on the finance system used at the time to collect the bills. The current invoices were sent out without the past due amounts.
3. Joan Mormando-did not speak.
4. Mary Beth Ventura-said the skate park should move forward to keep children safe. President Davis responded the survey is due on June 11, 2008. We have a group that doesn't want the open space reserved. Some want golf and some want golf and the skate park. We will present the results June 19, 2008. We are doing our homework to represent all the residents.
5. Mark Hayduk-handed in surveys. Vice President Tarlini stated the County won't maintain that. Bristol Township will be responsible for the Maintenance. Mr. Sacco stated the Council will only invest in the County regional. They will provide the land and some engineering. President Davis stated when we go for this, you will do the fund raising, is that correct Mr. Hayduk? Vice President Tarlini stated I told you, you need to get this as a County project for funding. Mr. Hayduk stated I want to know if you are going to sell the land to the County for \$1. Councilman Monahan stated what will this cost? Mr. Sacco responded the next step would be cost and funding. President Davis stated June 19, 2008 it will be on the agenda.
6. Bob Ausora-said he is resigning from the Cable Advisory Board because he will seek an office in the Township.
7. Kevin Deeny-suggested the Township send a letter of support (from Council) regarding the group working on the idea to study Levittown Housing to make them more energy efficient. The letter of support would ask for funding. Then the information would be available to homeowners. Also, this will help with contractors. The information was given to Mr. Bartlett. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to draft a letter in support of the study of Levittown Housing to make them more energy efficient. Second by President Davis. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.
8. Ken Smith-said he spoke with Mr. Sacco regarding a contractor's work on Pitt Avenue. A section of Randall Avenue is not properly paved. Mr. Sacco stated it looks like the contractor damaged the guardrail. I will work with Mr. Bartlett on this.

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9. West Retzler-asked why Miller's Trailer Park was sold without paying their sewer bill? Mr. Sacco responded it was sold. The sewer staff did a good job and the bill was paid in full.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Davis called for the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Mobley. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Denise Gorry
Secretary

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

1. Approve the Reaffirmation of plans for Bridge Business Center.
2. Approve the request from Emily Methodist Church for the required fees (under \$400, including fire inspection fee) for the tent set up from June 8 to June 15, 2008.
3. Approve the use of Gary Smith to check the permits for the air conditioner in the basement, which would heat the area also.
4. Award the 2008 pipe bid from Warrington Township on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium to the lowest bidder, Chemung Supply.
5. Award the fuel bid from Upper Southampton Township on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium to the lowest bidder, Sunoco, Inc.
6. Approve the Resolution 06-2008 authorizing the filing of applications with the U.S. Department of Justice.
7. Approve Ordinance 2008-07 granting to Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc., a non-exclusive franchise to erect, install, maintain and operate cable service in and under, along, across and upon the streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, roads, highways including in connection therewith the right and permission to erect, install and maintain poles and to install, attach and maintain wires, cables, appliances and other facilities to such poles and to existing utility poles for the purpose of transmission and of the public desiring such service in Bristol Township and for other purposes for a period of years, setting forth conditions accompanying the grant of the said franchise; providing for township regulation and use of the system and providing penalties for violations.
8. Approve Maryanne Crockett as the grant writer for the Bristol Township Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.
9. Approve a waiver of sign fees as requested by Father Larry, Saint Thomas Aquinas Church.

MOTIONS DENIED:

1. *Deny* a waiver of fees, \$50.00, on candy and vending machines as requested by American Church Services.

MOTIONS TABLED:

2. Request for waiver of fee from the Bingo Foundation, a non-profit cat shelter.

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	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	AGENDA (X)	OTHER (X)
1	GALLUS OBERI	FARMBROOK	X	X
2	Jake Lujan			X
3	Joan Mormando			X
4	MaryBeth Ventura	3 Freedom Lane		
5	MARK HEYDE	LETTOWN	X	X
6	Bob Ascura	LETTOWN, PA	X	X
7	KEVIN DEERY	LETTOWN PA		X
8	KEV SMITH	EGELY PA	X	X
9	WEST KOTZLE	BRISTOL PENNSA		
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