

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

JUNE 16, 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Roll Call:	Councilman Tucker	Absent
	Councilman Lewis	Present
	Councilman Blalock	Present
	Vice President Tarlini	Present
	President Pluta	Present

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan did not have a report.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for May 2011. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Mr. Obert of Farmbrook Section stated he feels the Township should do away with the bottled water and did not feel the Township needed to purchase adding machines.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Absent
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by President Pluta to table approval of minutes for the May 5, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Absent
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 4-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Bid Opening Bid No 2011-05 / 2011 Milling & Paving

- 1. Arawack Paving Co., Inc. total bid \$955,000.00.**
- 2. General Asphalt total bid \$929,493.28.**
- 3. Miller & Son Paving, Inc. total bid \$1,118,714.16.**
- 4. Kehoe Construction, Inc. total bid \$1,171,282.60.**

Motion by Councilman Lewis to conditionally award the apparent lowest bidder for bid No 2011-05 General Asphalt based on final review. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Mr. Turner questioned what roads will be done. Mr. Smith said Dixon Ave Newportville Road Grasspond Road Good Rock Road Gooseneck Road Gun Road Hickory Lane Holly Turn Old Spruce Lane Parkside Circle Rambler Lane Rittenhouse Circle a portion of Stonybrook Drive Violet Road Western Avenue Whitewood Drive Wildflower Road and a portion of Winder Drive. Mr. Obert questioned what roads the Township is going to do. Mr. Obert stated there is nothing wrong with Rambler Lane and some of the other roads on the list. He thinks the Township could do better with the choices. Mr. Lawson stated that Rambler Road only has a one inch top on it just to hold it together. The other roads that were mentioned are going to be done by the Township along with Aqua.

Mr. Jack Slattery of Morris Street said that Morris Street was ruined by the 55 and over condominium construction. There is money in escrow to repair the road. He feels that it should be done by a contractor not the Township. It was supposed to be repaired in 2008. The Company should be held responsible and should be repaired with the escrow money. President Pluta stated that he would like to find out from our Solicitor and the Code Enforcer where we are with this escrow money.

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Ms. Sheila Beeman said they have been patient but the road is in poor condition and the residents need help from the Township.

Mr. Obert stated he had pictures from five years that residents presented to Council of Elkins Avenue and requested that it be put on the list.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Absent
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Bartlett stated that there will be a State Road Re-surfacing Project in the Township it will include several roads and 34 ADA accessible ramps. Mr. Bartlett stated that there is no start date yet but will post the information on the website when he receives it. Mr. Bartlett announced that there will be a Public Bid Opening on July 13, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. for the window replacement for the Township Building.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Ordinance 2011-03 amending Chapter 180, Article VIII, Section 180-84, (B) of the Code of Bristol Township by imposing a reduction in the non-residential unit tax for those persons who apply for a building permit from Bristol Township to construct a non-residential unit or to convert an improvement to real estate into a non-residential unit within the Township. Enactment of this ordinance will reduce the current non-residential unit tax from \$2.00 for each square foot of gross floor area to \$1.00 for each square foot of gross floor area. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Absent
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 4-0

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Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Breathe Safe Fire and Safety, the lowest bidder to bid number 2011-04 in the amount of \$48,500.00. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Turner questioned what this was for. President Pluta said this was for a certain Fire Company.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Absent
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Resolution 15-2011 authorizing the incurring of lease obligation in an amount not to exceed \$167,123.57 to be evidenced by a lease purchase agreement with TD Equipment Finance, Inc. (“Lessor”) to which the local government unit will pay to Lessor the rental payments for the purposes of providing certain equipment for the local government unit: authorizing the execution and delivery of such lease purchase agreement; setting forth the amounts of the rental payments to be made thereunder and covenanting to pay such amounts from current revenues, subject to annual appropriation; authorizing and directing the taking of necessary or appropriate actions, including execution and delivery of requisite documents in connection with the lease purchase agreement; and taking related actions. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Turner questioned what the lease is for. Mr. Bartlett stated it was Police Cars and equipment.

Mr. Obert questioned what the fees are for the lease. Mr. Sacco stated that the interest is 3.3%.

Mr. Ken Smith stated he heard the Crown Victoria car is not made anymore. Chief McAndrew said this is the last year for them.

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	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Bartlett stated Penn Dot is doing a small construction project near the Delaware Canal crossing Route 13. There is a portion of land owned by the Township that requires a temporary easement. Penn Dot will be paying the Township \$1,300.00 for the use of the easement and will return it back to its original condition.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Resolution 12-2011 authorizing designated officials to legally sign agreement for temporary easement with Penn Dot for construction near Route 13. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Absent
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	Yes
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 4-0

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF LICENSE & INSPECTIONS:

President Pluta read a memo from Mr. Kucher who was not present for the meeting. Mr. Kucher spoke to the Board of Assessments regarding the property at 3009 Ford Road tax parcel 05-020-013 that was last assessed in 1987 and does include a house garage etc. The 2 fire trucks in Croydon both have antique plates. They do not appear to be violating any code. Each one is parked on asphalt.

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson stated on Monday Public Works will be doing sidewalks restoration from the pipe and drainage installations.

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President Pluta stated he has been seeing a lot of high grass tall weeds under signs and around light poles and trees. He would like to see something done as far as the way it is scheduled or make the employees more aware of how they are leaving the area when they think are finished cutting the grass.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew said it was Councils decision to bring back another officer back from layoff in June. Officer Sean Lyons is back on the street. There is one more officer on layoff and will hopefully be called back by the end of the summer. At the last meeting a subject was brought up about an officer that was traveling on Green Lane holding a piece of paper up. The paper was held up to shade the sun from his eyes. There was a first degree murder conviction for Rebecca Olenchock, the woman who murdered her homeless mother. The District Attorney is going for the death penalty. Robert McNair was recently arrested for armed robbery by our patrol unit and the help of the special investigation unit. He was a multi violent crime offender. If he is convicted he will be getting life.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco stated at the last Meeting Council was handed a packet of information and asked to act on it regarding the police. He does not think is warrants any Council action.

OTHER:

President Pluta pointed out that the auditorium has new chairs. They are a part of the Grant the Township received for the continuing renovation.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Patti Nickels of Prospect Avenue requested that Council do something about growing bamboo in the Township. Her neighbors planted it three years ago and it has damaged her driveway and her father's house. President Pluta said bamboo is a controversial issue some call it a plant some call it grass. He asked Mr. Kucher to find

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out the classification of bamboo. If it is actually grass we can use our Ordinance that if it exceeds 14 inches it has to be cut. If it is a plant they may have involve the Solicitor to see what legal action can be taken.

Joe Stone of Morris Street requested no parking signs for Steele Avenue and Morris Street because the customers going to Georgine's Restaurant park all over. Chief McAndrew said they will do a traffic study and give it to Council.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini authorize a traffic study for Steele Avenue. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Absent
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Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Wayne Turner questioned what Public Works does with their waste. Mr. Lawson stated that some goes to Republic, pipe concrete blacktop goes to KPA who is a DEP approved company. Mr. Turner asked if the Township is going to hire Patch Management this year for the potholes. Mr. Lawson said he would like to get them again. With the figures the Township received for paving it looks like we might be able too. Mr. Turner asked how much money was in the reserve and contingency fund. President Pluta said he will have to get back to him with that information.

Mr. Ken Smith questioned the status on the Jake brake sign with the State. Mr. Sacco said they did not hear from the State yet. Mr. Smith said that Aqua is installing a water main on Coates and Palmer Avenues and feels the Township should look at the condition of the roads.

Ms. Sheila Beeman questioned if the State Roads Project is going to close any more roads in the Township. Mr. Bartlett stated he will be attending a meeting and will put the information on the website.

Mr. Gallus Obert stated everybody agrees that Patch Management can do 4 or 5 times more potholes than the Township, but questioned the cost. President Pluta stated it

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was about \$100.00 difference. Mr. Obert said he would like to see the voucher list on the website. Mr. Obert read the Administrative Code on bid openings and feels the bid opening should be done at a Council Meeting.

Dale Frazer Freedom Lane and Ed Armstrong Pineland Drive gave an update on GOAL they cleaned up 190 cubic yards of trash and planted trees and wild flowers.

President Pluta requested a list of the plants and locations be given to Public Works.

Mr. Girard Lykon stated that he had concerns about the employee that was sleeping in his truck for 3 1/2 hours behind a school. The Mayor reviewed this case and said he was praying. Mr. Lykon said if this is true he does not feel he should be paid to sleep on company time. He questioned why he wasn't suspended or fired. Mr. Sacco stated that it is a personnel issue and should not be discussed openly. There is a grievance procedure and the person has the right to grieve it in a couple steps and that is what was done. President Pluta stated he wanted to clarify that it was not 3 1/2 hours.

Mr. Wes Retzler of West Bristol stated he feels the Township should get documentation from the Board of Assessments for Mrs. Tarlini's property. He said the officer who said that he was holding up a piece of paper to block the sun did not have sun on that side of his car. Mr. Retzler questioned when the DEP lifted the sewer moratorium and gave the Township hookups if it was advertised and if the applicants that were on the list were notified Mr. Sacco said yes the people that had applications in were notified.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. Second by Councilman Blalock.

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

