

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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COUNCIL MEETING

June 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tarlini at 7:05 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: personnel and litigation were discussed.

Vice President Tarlini called for a Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council Members Davis and Mobley were not present at the meeting.

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

Discussion by Thomas McDermott, Director of Community Development, on Bristol Township Foreclosures. Mr. McDermott stated I am working with President Davis on the foreclosure crisis. Pennsylvania is not as severe as other parts of the country. From June to September of the year one hundred forty nine sheriff sales are scheduled. Congressman Murphy, Council and the Community Development have received calls. Some calls are from renters who didn't know the house they were living in was to be lost. There are State programs to stop the sale. If the State programs don't apply a conventional loan could be used to stop the sheriff sale. From July 14 to December 31, 2008 the FHA Mortgage between six and seven percent is for people in trouble with ARMS (adjustable rate mortgage). Strong mortgage and Budget counseling would be required. If approved \$25,000 from the Community Development fund. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to proceed with the project. Second by Councilman Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. Mr. McDermott stated this will help. The first time homebuyer program was established in 1996. Not one of our ninety-six first time homebuyers have foreclosed. Hopefully, this will help. Congressman Murphy will have bankruptcy and foreclosure protection forms. Councilman Pluta stated the director of Consumer Protection is working on this also.

Presentation for Police Pension Plan Refinancing.

The unfunded liability is eleven point eight million dollars and increases seventeen percent year after year. In 1994 the State mandated the local debt account to allow municipalities to fund unfunded pension liabilities. It does not affect the borrowing base; if other projects are planned. The State Aid will stay the same. Councilman Monahan asked Mr. Sacco is this something we should do? Mr. Sacco responded you would create a significant cash flow benefit. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to go out for RFP's for the bond ordinance for the police pension plan. Second by Vice President Tarlini. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. Mr. Sacco stated the RFP will be in July. August will be the bond ordinance. We will close at the end of the year.

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Respond to Resident Complaints: Mr. Bartlett reported the Bucks County Health Department is spraying for mosquitoes, starting tonight at Newport Road, Route 413 and Broadway Avenue. The schedule will be on the website and in the paper.

Last meeting it was requested to look into the savings if the Township would go to a four-day workweek. Berks County and Skukil County are looking into this to see if there is a cost saving.

Council received the final copy of the forensic audit. The audit will be available Monday at 9:00 A.M. There is a fee. The auditors will be here July 17, 2008 to answer questions.

Bid Opening for Bridge: there were three bids, J.D. Eckman Inc. \$87,000, Road Construction Inc. \$152,040 and Eastern Highway Specialties \$60,900. The Township Engineer will evaluate before the bid is awarded.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher reported DKP Properties near Beaver Dam Road (the existing D' Grand Diner Site: this has been in front of the Planning Commission. They are in favor. Proposed is a four-story hotel. Two parcels plan to consolidate at land development. There is a review letter. DKP wants comments, questions, concerns and general feedback. The Planning Commission favored the project; their only comment was they wanted more greenery and sidewalks. It is the look we want. Gary Smith reviewed and gave the letter; which includes comments on storm water and parking.

SKETCH PLAN:

CONDITIONAL USE:

Councilman Pluta called for the motion to accept the request for Conditional Use Approval from Robert Milner Jr., P.O. Box 1099, Bristol for the property located at 1705 Bath Road, Bristol (Tax Parcel #5-28-547) in order to have two 2-bedroom apartments in an R-2 Residential zoned district of Bristol Township. Mr. Sacco stated there was one issue there is a request that it look like it did prior, but says only one front door, do you want two doors, or one. Councilman Pluta responded two doors are okay. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Discussion regarding Comprehensive Plan; Mr. Kucher stated the last one was done in 1986. This assists in decision making. It examines the past and what will happen in the future. Once adopted this will be available on the website. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the comprehensive plan. Second by Councilman Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Discussion regarding Thiokol Property survey results; Vice President Tarlini thanked Mr. Kucher and the staff for a great job. Council did not drag their feet on this project and

Council is not trying to hinder funding. There are many that don't want this. We want to do what is good for all the residents. The results are for the skate park. Mr. Kucher stated there was a low turn out of surveys, only six hundred thirty eight were received. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to direct Mr. Sacco to contract the County to pursue securing the property at Thiokol and give the skate board park assistance towards the next step, which is funding. Second by Vice President Tarlini. Councilman Monahan questioned, this is just to secure and lease the land, correct? Mr. Hayduk stated you are securing the land so we can get funding for the park. Mr. Sacco stated the County will lease five acres of land for \$1 per year. If we secure the land and see if there is enough funding, this is the first step. Councilman Pluta stated this is to secure for the future, possibility of building the skate park, this is not for the Township to build it. Mr. Sacco stated now we must see if enough funding could be raised. First we have to discuss the land. We will go to the County before Mr. Hayduk spends the \$1,000 to apply. I won't bill for the preparation of the lease. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF WATER AND SEWER:

Mr. Britton reported last month at the first meeting I was introduced and passed out my business cards. Since then I wanted to report on the collection system, pumps, the treatment plant and outstanding customer complaints.

Collection System; we have a moratorium. We are working diligently on inflow and infiltration.

Pumping Stations; there are eighteen. Routine maintenance is done to identify what is inadequate and prioritize repairs. One of the pumping stations had an underground storage tank. The corrective work is in process.

Plant; many inspections are on each part of the process. We have a good crew working on these things.

We are trying to look ahead on a Capital Plan. We are working on plans in process such as the Act 537 project.

Elkins Avenue; we (along with the Public Works Department) inspected this to see if the sewer line is road sagging. It is not. We are working with Public Works to restore the road.

Some manholes have problems, if so, call and we will take care of it. I am working to tighten the system to reduce inflow and infiltration.

President Monahan thanked Mr. Britton for a tree problem, which was taken care of on Minot Avenue.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew reported a flooring company who said they would put a floor in at no charge contacted me. They evaluate every five years. It would update the basement. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to give approval to proceed with the contract and get the information on getting a new floor installed in the basement at no charge. Second by Councilman Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

A. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for May 2008. Second by Councilman Pluta.

Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

B. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve the voucher list and requisitions for the Sewer Department for May 2008. Second by Councilman Pluta.

Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

C. Call for a motion to approve minutes from the following Council Meetings: March 13, 2008 (Tabled), March 20, 2008, and April 3, 2008. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to remove from the table the minutes of March 13, 2008. Second by Councilman Pluta.

Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2008. Second by Councilman Pluta.

Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2008. Second by Councilman Pluta.

Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve the minutes of April 3, 2008. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

D. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve transfer in the amount of \$35,00 to complete fire suppression systems at Coates Avenue Building from Parks Capital Fund Line Item. Second by Councilman Pluta.

Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

E. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the escrow releases to Frank Kelly Builders, Inc. for any remaining balances in the following escrow accounts: Lot #1, Sunset Ridge- TMP #5-1-113-001, 4318 Sunset Avenue, Newportville. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Councilman Pluta	yes
Councilman Monahan	yes
Vice President Tarlini	yes

Motion approved: 3-0

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco reported the Government Study will be placed on the November Election. The ordinance will be on the July 17, 2008 agenda. You will elect commissioners. You can start circulation August 5, 2008. Get them to the Township by August 26, 2008. I will contact the Board of elections to see if we can get a petition approved by the Board of Elections and put it on the web.

OTHER:

Councilman Monahan stated with the Fourth of July coming, we already see signs of fireworks for sale. We should keep a watch on them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Brian Surrick-spoke of several water main breaks on Minot Avenue and said the Township should insist that Aqua fix the road. Mr. Britton responded I will assist you. Meet with me and restate the issue.
2. Deana Ratner-asked Mr. Britton for his State License number for engineering. Mr. Britton responded I am not a licensed professional engineer. I am not required to have a license. I am dual certified. I hold both water and wastewater licenses.
3. Joan Mormando-did not speak.
4. Jake Tryon-said the ordinance that requires house numbers should be enforced.
5. Ken Keiffer-did not speak.
6. Mike Walsh-did not speak.
7. Mark Hayduk-said a traffic study should be done at five-points intersection before the plans to improve Rite Aid and remove the gas station from that site are approved. Councilman Pluta responded TMA is doing a survey. They can look at it.
8. Bob Ausura-asked for the status of fixing the parking lot lights? Mr. Bartlett responded we are looking at alternate options (solar). It is costly. Also, we are looking at putting lights on the building.

9. Carol Esterline-asked why a charge of \$13 was paid for copies? Mr. Sacco responded about a year ago, a resolution was approved to charge for copies. Mr. Bartlett stated the request was for two years Civil Service minutes. The bill was from the Civil Service Commission. Ms. Esterline offered to assist with the Bristol Township fair.
10. West Retzler-said apartments are in the Township illegally and people who apply to put in apartments are hassled. Vice President Tarlini responded we didn't hassle people, but call in the locations for the illegal apartments and we will check.
11. Gallus Obert-asked for the status of the road repaving? Mr. Bartlett responded items required by the State were submitted. We have started drainage work. As soon as liquid fuels funding comes in we will start.
12. Beau Pustiah-did not speak.
13. Ruth M. Siegan-did not speak.
14. Ken Smith-asked if Mr. Sacco was given permission to contact the person who damaged the guardrail? Mr. Sacco responded yes.
15. Sharon Kasinski-did not speak.
16. Alex Gervasio-did not speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Pluta called for the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Monahan.
Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Denise Gorry
Secretary

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

1. Proceed with the Community Development project.
2. Go out for RFP's for the bond ordinance for the police pension plan
3. Accept the request for Conditional Use Approval from Robert Milner Jr., P.O. Box 1099, Bristol for the property located at 1705 Bath Road, Bristol (Tax Parcel #5-28-547) in order to have two 2-bedroom apartments in an R-2 Residential zoned district of Bristol Township.
4. Approve the comprehensive plan.
5. Pursue securing the property at Thiokol and give the skate board park assistance towards the next step, which is funding.
6. Give approval to proceed with the contract and get the information on getting a new floor installed in the basement at no charge.
7. Approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for May 2008.
8. Approve the voucher list and requisitions for the Sewer Department for May 2008.
9. Approve the minutes of March 13, 2008.
10. Approve the minutes of March 20, 2008.
11. Approve the minutes of April 3, 2008.
12. Approve transfer in the amount of \$35,00 to complete fire suppression systems at Coates Avenue Building from Parks Capital Fund Line Item.
13. Approve the escrow releases to Frank Kelly Builders, Inc. for any remaining balances in the following escrow accounts: Lot #1, Sunset Ridge- TMP #5-1-113-001, 4318 Sunset Avenue, Newportville.

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	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	AGENDA (X)	OTHER (X)
1	BRIAN SURRICK	1383 MINNET AVE CROYDON		X
2	Deana Rather	1383 Minnet Ave Croydon		X
3	Joan Marmando	Croydon Pa		X
4	Mike Tapan	Croydon		
5	Ken Kuffen	172 BLUF RIDGE DR		X
6	Frank Walsh	11 Swan Lane Lew		X
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8	MARK HEYER	54 Rocky Pool	X	X
9	BAL HOSSEIN	Blue Ridge	X	X
10	Carol Esterline	Bristol Twp		
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12	WEST KOLLER	W Bristol		
13	GALLUS OBERT	FREEDOM LN	X	X
14	BEAU POSTAL	HEDDINGTON		X
15	RITA M DEGAN	Lentown		
16	KEN SMITH	Edgely	X	X
17	SHARON KOSINSKI	CRABTREE	X	X
18	Alex GENVASIO	1405 ELKINS Ave.	X	
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