

# BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD  
BRISTOL, PA 19007

July 22, 2015

## COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bailey	Present
	Mr. Brennan	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Mr. Monahan	Present
	Ms. Murphy	Present
	Vice President Longhitano	Present
	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 July 22, 2015.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve the outstanding voucher list for July 22, 2015*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

- B. Call for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting of June 18, 2015.

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*Motion by Vice President Longhitano and seconded by Mrs. Murphy to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on June 18, 2015.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENDATIONS and REPORTS

A. Presentation of Monthly Awards for Exemplary Recycling Performance

President Bowen stated that as part of the "Get Caught Recycling Campaign" the Township's Environmental Officer inspects residents trash and recycling containers to make sure they are recycling. Bristol Township randomly picks two residents who are doing a great job recycling and awards each family with a \$50 gift card at the monthly Council meeting.

President Bowen thanked TD Bank who is a sponsor of Bristol Township's "Get Caught Recycling Campaign."

President Bowen reminded residents that certain items, such as Styrofoam and plastic shopping bags are not recyclable even if they have a recycling symbol or number on them. He stated that plastic shopping bags should either be thrown away with the trash or recycled at a grocery store or Walmart and Styrofoam should be thrown away as trash or reused as packaging material..

President Bowen thanked residents for helping to keep waste out of the landfill and presented the Shinn Family of Levittown with a \$50 gift certificate from TD Bank.

B. Presentation by Florence Kawoczka of Habitat for Humanity: A Brush of Kindness.

Florence Kawoczka, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County, gave a brief overview of the organization's accomplishments, which include building over 100 homes, providing housing to 373 people since 1990, and providing workshops on budgeting and homeownership.

Ms. Kawoczka stated that the Brush with Kindness program assists low-income homeowners with needed exterior repairs and helps them remain safely in their homes.

She stated that the organization is currently accepting applications to build a new home on B Avenue in Newportville.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A. A Resolution of the Township of Bristol Concerning the Adoption of the Final One-Year plan for fiscal year 2015 Community Development Block Grant Funds and the Five Year Consolidated Plan AK ConPlan 2015-2019: Consideration to Adopt.

Community Development Director Thomas McDermott, requested approval from Council to apply for a five-year comprehensive plan, which will include statistics on Bristol Township's economic

development activities, infrastructure plans as well as a one year action plan. He stated two public hearings were held. During the public comments section, members of the public questioned whether the Township would continue with the Slum and Blight program and continue to make curb cuts. Mr. McDermott stated that Community Block Grant eligible areas had recently changed, and, as a result, the Violetwood section would now qualify for curb cuts in 2015. Mr. McDermott stated there is a great deal of bureaucracy at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and, as a result, his department hired an outside consultant to address HUD's multiple requests to revise their application.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Vice President Longhitano to Approve a Resolution of the Final One-Year Plan for Fiscal 2015 Community Development Block Grant Funds and the Five Year Consolidated Plan AK ConPlan 2015-2019.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

#### REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Township Manager had no formal report at this time.

Mr. McCauley stated that the August Council Meeting will be held at the Community Center due to planned construction at the Municipal Building.

#### REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Township Solicitor had no formal report at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Application of Samuel J. Underland, III 5903 Michael Drive, requesting Final Land Development approval to construct an AAMCO Transmission Business on Property located at 2520-26 Durham Road, Bristol (Tax Parcels #5-20-33 & #5-20-34) in a C-Commercial Zoned District: Consideration to Approve.

Thomas Hecker, attorney for Sam Underland, stated he is requesting final land development approval for a proposed 6,270 square foot facility with 55 parking spaces and presented his client's waivers and variance requests. Mr. Heckler stated they requested two waiver items since the preliminary plan approval. He stated they are able to comply with a 24" minimum depth for a storm water facility rather than 48". Mr. Heckler also stated they requested a waiver for the minimum grade of storm drainage, and that the waiver would be limited only to pipe in the underground basin. The applicant agreed to comply with the two waiver items.

*Motion by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Vice President Longhitano to approve the request for Waiver of the Land Development process in order to construct an addition on the property located at 2520-26 Durham Road, Bristol (Tax Parcels #5-20-33 & #5-20-34) in a C-Commercial Zoned District.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

B. Request from MS Consultants to obtain a waiver of the Land Development process in order to construct an addition on the property at Mill Creek Parkway and Edgely Road (Tax Parcel #5-042-116) in a C-Commercial Zoned District: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Rory Garr, Director of Real Estate for Aldi Stores, stated that they are requesting a waiver to build a 1,200 foot expansion of the existing building so that they are able to carry their complete line of products.

Township Manager McCauley stated that Aldi will comply with all requirements, and that the Township's goal is to move the process forward and get the store open as soon as possible.

President Bowen questioned whether handicapped ramps will be placed at the four crossings at Edgely Road and Mill Creek Parkway near Aldi.

Solicitor Flager stated that Aldi agreed to install handicapped ramps at all four crossings.

Vice President Longhitano stated that the addition will not impact wetlands or trees.

President Bowen questioned when the store will be opened. Mr. Garr stated he anticipates the building will be open by Thanksgiving.

Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder, read into the record a Motion to approve the Waiver of Land Development Application for Aldi, Inc., for Tax Parcel 05-042-116-001, according to the plans prepared by MS Consultants, Inc., dated 6/26/15, consisting of drawing number C-101, subject to the following conditions:

- Compliance with subsequent review comments and plan approvals by the Township staff and Township Engineer
- Compliance with the requirements of applicable Township Ordinances, including but not limited to the Township Zoning Ordinance, Stormwater Ordinance, and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance
- The installation of ADA accessible curb ramps and sidewalk at the corner of Edgely Rd and Mill Creek Parkway
- Execution of the necessary Development and Financial Security Agreements in a form satisfactory to the Township Solicitor
- Subject to securing any and all permits required from agencies having jurisdiction over this project including but not limited to the Bucks County Conservation District
- Applicant pays all necessary Township fees including professional fees in connection with this approval
- Applicant shall comply with all other applicable Township, County, State and Federal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations pertaining to the project

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Rory Garr, Director of Real Estate for ALDI, agreed to the conditions set forth in the Motion.

*Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Vice President Longhitano to Approve a Waiver of the Land Development process in order to construct an addition on the Property at Mill Creek and Edgely Road (Tax Parcel #5-042-116) in a C-Commercial Zoned District.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

C. Request from Diamond Auto dated July 15, 2015 for an Escrow Release for the development at 3100 Bath Road, Bristol (Tax Parcel #5-024-065): Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder, stated that the Diamond Auto is requesting release of their escrow. Mr. Schroeder recommended a partial escrow release of \$4,228.15 and that they retain \$4,591.60 due to improvements that were not yet completed, *Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mrs. Murphy for an Escrow Release in amount of \$4,228.15 for the development at 3100 Bath Road, Bristol T.P #5-024-065.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

D. Request from MacPherson-Hardy Partnership dated July 15, 2015 for an Escrow Release for the development located at 1611 Hanford Street, Levittown (Tax Parcels #5-69-57-2, 5-69-44, 5-69-56, 5-69-57 and 5-69-57-4) Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder, recommended a partial escrow release of \$125,511.75 and that they retain \$31,411.50 due to work that was not approved.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Brennan for an Escrow Release in the amount of \$125,511.75 for the development at 1611 Hanford Street, Levittown T.P.'s #5-69-57-2, 5-69-44, 5-69-56, 5-69-57 and 5-69-57.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

E. Bid for Used Fire Truck and Pumper: Consideration to Accept.

One bid was received for the purchase of a used fire truck/pumper. Fire Marshal Kevin Dippolito, recommended to Council to accept the bid of \$250,000 for a 2006 Pierce Contender Pumper submitted by the Edgely Fire Company. This pumper will replace a 1988 Pierce Pumper that has 80,000 miles and significant mechanical and pump issues. Fire Marshal Dippolito stated that the 2006 Pumper is in great mechanical condition and should last for ten years.

Manager McCauley stated that \$150,000 in funds was appropriated in 2014 and an additional \$100,000 was appropriated in 2015 toward the purchase of the pumper.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Monahan to accept the bid from Edgely Fire Company in the amount of \$250,000 for a 2006 Pierce Contender Pumper.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

F. Proposal for Tree Trimming and Removal Service: Consideration to Accept.

One bid was received for tree removal and trimming services. Township Manager McCauley recommended to Council to accept the bid of \$1,690.00 for the day rate, \$925.00 for the half day rate (4 hours) and \$25/hour for the emergency call rate from Greenscape Landscape Contractors Inc. *Motion by Mr. Brennan and seconded by President Bowen to accept the bid of \$1,690.00 for the day rate, \$925.00 for the half day rate (4 hours) and \$25 for the emergency call rate from Greenscape Landscape Contractors Inc. to provide tree trimming and removal services.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

G. Proposals for Engineering Services for Improvements to Wastewater Treatment Plant: Consideration to Accept.

Three proposals were received for engineering services for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. Remington Vernick's bid was not to exceed \$352,702, Alaimo's bid was \$850,000, and Gilmore & Associates bid was \$345,000. Township Manager McCauley recommended to Council to accept the low bid of \$345,000 from Gilmore & Associates for engineering services to construct an additional secondary clarifier, grit chamber, chlorine contact tank, form splitting/sludge return and all associated site, electrical, and yard work. Mr. McCauley stated that the Township will perform the engineering work first and then make a decision on whether to complete the entire project or just a portion of the work. The goal is to get the plant rerated and increase capacity.

Mr. McCauley stated that Gilmore & Associates bid was not only the lowest price, but also fair and reasonable. He believes that the firm can provide the services in a professional manner.

Councilman Murray questioned why the bids varied so greatly and whether Gilmore & Associates would increase their price down the road.

Township Manager McCauley stated the price was fair given the scope of work and that a change order would be needed for additional work.

Vice President Longhitano questioned if Gilmore & Associates bid included a not to exceed clause.

Mr. McCauley stated that a not to exceed clause is unreasonable since the Department of Environmental Protection might later request additional work due to the Township still operating the Wastewater Treatment Plant under a consent order.

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*Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Brennan to accept the low bid of \$345,000 from Gilmore & Associates for Engineering Services for Improvements to Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

OTHER BUSINESS

President Bowen announced that there is a vacant seat on the Bristol Township Planning Commission.

Councilman Brennan nominated Ed Murphy to fill the vacant seat.

Councilman Monahan nominated Joe Hogan to fill the vacant seat.

President Bowen questioned if Mr. Monahan was referring to Joe Hogan Jr. or Joe Hogan Sr.

Councilman Monahan stated that he was referring to Joe Hogan Jr.

President Bowen questioned if Joe Hogan Jr. lives in Bristol Township.

Councilman Brennan stated that Joe Hogan Jr. lives in Washington.

*Motion by Councilman Brennan and seconded by Vice President Longhitano to appoint Ed Murphy to the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

President Bowen wished residents a happy Fourth of July.

Councilman Monahan stated that an anonymous resident left a letter at the front desk detailing his concerns about township roads. Mr. Monahan stated that he would forward the letter and pictures to the Township Manager.

Councilman Bailey stated that business owners in Bristol Township should consider hiring candidates who may have made mistakes in the past but already paid their debt to society.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Chuck Clayton, 70 Outlook Lane, announced there will be a benefit in Tullytown for the Team Franky Foundation on Saturday, August 15 from 11:30 to dusk. He also stated that he attended a recent School Board meeting and there was a question about whether the Township raised taxes and whether they would consider raising the Earned Income tax to benefit the School District. He also thanked the paving crew for their efforts as well as Township employees Joan Lamina and Jason Lawson.

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Al Angelini, of 612 Fairless Hills, stated he is concerned that the earned income tax hurts seniors and residents in the community and that the School Board is interested in increasing this tax. He stated that the School District will not receive PlanCon funds as they initially promised and that they had not properly planned for the pension crisis.

Councilman Brennan stated that he is frustrated that the School Board continues to raise taxes and that voters continue to elect the same candidates.

Ken Smith, of the Edgely section, asked if the intersection at Edgely & Mill Creek will be upgraded using funds from Bottom Dollar. He also questioned who is responsible to maintain plantings and grass on Route 13.

Councilman Brennan stated that the Township will be responsible for maintenance of the plantings once the Route 13 project is complete.

Solicitor Flager stated that if the plantings are not maintained, residents will be able to contact the Township rather than PennDOT.

Brian Lackewitz, of 507 Concord Lane, stated that the School Board does not respect or properly communicate with residents.

West Rexler, of 504 Western Ave, questioned if the Township has a subpoena policy.

John Riotto, of 2160 Maple Ave, urged residents to attend School Board meetings and vote for new School Board members in the November election.

*Motion to adjourn by Mr. Brennan and seconded by the entire council .*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

*Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.*



RECAP OF JULY 22, 2015 MEETING:

1. Approved the Voucher List for July 22, 2015.
2. Approved the Minutes from the June 18, 2015 meeting.
3. Presented monthly recycling awards.
4. Heard a presentation from Florence Kawoczka, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County: A Brush of Kindness
5. Approved a Resolution for the Final One-Year Plan for Fiscal 2015 Community Development Block Grant Funds and the Five Year Consolidated Plan AK ConPlan 2015-2019.
6. Approved the Application for Final Land Development to construct an AAMCO.
7. Approved the request for Waiver of Land Development from MS Consultants for ALDI.
8. Approved Escrow Release for Diamond Auto.
9. Approved Escrow Release for MacPherson-Hardy Partnership.
10. Accepted bid proposal for used fire truck and pumper.
11. Accepted bid proposal for tree trimming and removal services.
12. Accepted proposal for engineering services to design improvements to Wastewater Treatment Plant.
13. Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Murphy, Township Secretary