

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 16TH, 2012

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2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 1907

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COUNCIL MEETING

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bowen	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Ms. Longhitano	Present
	Mr. Pluta	Present
	Mr. Tucker	Present
	Vice President Brennan	Present
	President Lewis	Present

President Lewis stated that monthly reports are available for review in the Township Manager's Office. Additionally, public comments will be taken on Land Development and official action items. General comments will be taken during opportunity for residents to address Council. Council discussed litigation and personnel matters prior to the meeting during Executive Session.

VOUCHER LIST & REQUISITIONS AND MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Miss Longhitano to approve the Voucher List & Requisitions for August 16, 2012.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0, with Mr. Pluta abstaining. Additionally, Mr. Glasson abstained from voting on Vendor# 6190.

Motion by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the minutes for July 19st, 2012, including President Lewis' request to amend the minutes to note that Mr. Pluta left the July 19th meeting early.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0, with Mr. Pluta and Mr. Tucker abstaining.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Declaration of Takings for Four Temporary Construction Easements on Bristol Pike for the Construction of the Croydon Streetscape Project: Consideration to Adopt.

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President Lewis noted that as the business owners affected by the Croydon Streetscape Project had signed the Temporary Construction Easement, voting on this resolution was not necessary.

Township Manager McCauley confirmed that this was the case, noting that the business owners' primary concern was the parking along Route 13. Mr. McCauley stated that he will be tasking Pennoni Associates, the Township's traffic engineers, with performing a study that would involve changing all on-street parking involved in the Croydon Streetscape Project to two-hour parking. This would facilitate the Croydon business owners to conduct business in a more prosperous manner.

President Lewis stated that Township Council wishes to see the affected businesses prosper, but that Council will wait to vote on approval until they receive a traffic study from Pennoni Associates.

Mathew Slakoper, of Mat's Pharmacy noted that the business owners are in favor of the proposed streetscape project, but had desired some relief from SEPTA travelers that currently monopolize the parking in question.

Donna Cuttle of Croydon Acres asked who controlled the inevitable decision on potential parking restrictions.

Township Manager McCauley stated that Township Council controlled this decision.

Steve Rubin of Eye Care for You wished to thank Council and Township Administration for making sure the parking issue was rectified.

Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Miss Longhitano to table the Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Declaration of Takings for Four Temporary Construction Easements on Bristol Pike for the Construction of the Croydon Streetscape Project until a traffic study has been received.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

A Resolution Authorizing the Milling and Paving of Certain Roads in Bristol Township and the Transfer of Supplemental Monies from the Capital Fund to Pay for this Work: Consideration to Adopt.

Township Manager McCauley stated the roads involved would be Clover, Hillcrest, Walnut, and Maple Avenues. Aqua PA will be covering \$49,425.50 of the necessary \$229,625.

Mr. Pluta asked why we could not wait to pave these roads until next year's road resurfacing project.

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Township Manager McCauley stated that Aqua PA will not wait until next year to reimburse the monies for these streets.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve A Resolution Authorizing the Milling and Paving of Certain Roads in Bristol Township and the Transfer of Supplemental Monies from the Capital Fund to Pay for this Work.

Mr. Ken Smith of Edgely had comments regarding the funding for the road resurfacing.

Mr. Jerry Raymer had comments regarding the road resurfacing.

Mr. John Riotto of Maple Avenue had comments regarding the road resurfacing.

Mrs. Linda Tarlini of West Bristol had comments regarding the road resurfacing.

Mr. John Kendrick of Summer Lane had comments regarding milling and paving of Summer Lane.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

A Resolution Authorizing the Replacement of the Roof on the Public Works Garage and the Transfer of Supplemental Monies from the Capital Fund to Pay for this Work: Consideration to Adopt.

Township Manager McCauley stated that it is a well known fact that the Public Works garage is in very poor shape. The Township has obtained a Casino Grant in the amount of \$48,000. However, the estimate to replace the roof is \$192,000. Therefore, a fund transfer of \$144,000 is needed to complete this project.

Mr. Pluta questioned if Council could pass a resolution authorizing a bid for the roof without designating a specific dollar figure.

Township Manager McCauley stated that Council is free to amend the resolution.

Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve A Resolution Authorizing the Replacement of the Roof on the Public Works Garage and the Transfer of Supplemental Monies from the Capital Fund to Pay for this Work, also Authorizing Gilmore & Associates to put this project out to bid.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

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A Resolution Approving Amendments to the PILOT Agreements with Green Lane Properties and Airgas Safety, Inc. and Authorizing Township Officials to Sign and Take All Necessary Steps to Have the Amended Agreements Made Part of the Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone (KOEZ) Application Previously Filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED); Consideration to Adopt.

Solicitor Ed Zanine stated that this resolution is an amended resolution from April and May regarding a filing of an application with the Department of Community and Economic Development to establish a KOEZ in the Green Lane Industrial area. The DCED questioned some of the wording in the previous resolution Council had approved; therefore, the resolution needed to be amended, and Council must again vote.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Miss Longhitano to approve A Resolution Approving Amendments to the PILOT Agreements with Green Lane Properties and Airgas Safety, Inc. and Authorizing Township Officials to Sign and Take All Necessary Steps to Have the Amended Agreements Made Part of the Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone (KOEZ) Application Previously Filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Township Manager McCauley addressed Council regarding a court-ordered bond that the Township is obligated to pay Traveler's Insurance, dating back to a suit from 1999.

Township Manager McCauley also wished to thank residents that do their share to clean the Township parks, make Township officials aware of criminal activity, and promote overall improvement in quality of life in the community.

Township Manager McCauley addressed the lighting in Pacific Park.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Zanine had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion re: Resale Use and Occupancy Procedures and Policies: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Township Manager McCauley stated that Township Officials and Administration has been engaging in discussion over what options there were to address the vacant house problem within the Township and the public perception problem regarding the Building

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and Planning Department. He then stated that a proposal has been created to refine our Resale Use and Occupancy inspections; as well as the reduction of the \$500 escrow.

Township Council came to a consensus that the Township Solicitor be provided with comments and suggestions from Council regarding the matter. The Solicitor could then create a draft revision of the current policy for the next Council meeting, whereupon Council could discuss the matter further or come to an agreement. Additionally, President Lewis suggested that local real estate agents could also be part of the decision making process, forwarding their ideas to the Township Solicitor as well.

Audit of Financial Records as of December 31, 2011: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Mr. Glasson to let the record show that Township Council has received the audit of Bristol Township's financial records as of December 31, 2011, and to direct Township Manager McCauley to post the audit on the Township website.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Lewis noted that Bristol Township's Community Day will take place on Saturday, August 18th, from 4pm-9pm.

President Lewis also noted that Croydon Acres will be holding another Music in the Park, at the Croydon Acres Park on August 26th from 6pm-8pm.

President Lewis stated that he is still attempting to work with DOW Chemical to find a more high-tech way to notify local residents of potential emergencies.

Mr. Bowen noted that the recent Fundraiser held for the Goldenridge families afflicted by the sewer main backup raised over \$10,000. He thanked the public for their turnout and generous donations, as well as all volunteers and cooks who aided in coordinating the event. Mr. Bowen then wanted to give a special thanks to Mr. Chuck Clayton, who coordinated with his Carpenter's Union to help in the renovation and rehabilitation of the damaged homes.

Township Manager McCauley stated that Council has received three waiver requests from Churches regarding building permits. They are:

Emilie United Methodist, a building permit of \$2,005.00. Township Administration recommends a waiver of \$1,000.00.

First Baptist of Bristol, a building permit of \$2,405.00. Township Administration recommends a waiver of \$1,200.00.

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Wilkinson United Methodist, a building permit of \$725.00. Township Administration recommends a waiver of \$362.50.

Motion by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Miss Longhitano to grant the fee waiver requests for building permits from three local churches as recommended by Township Administration.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Township Manager McCauley noted that due to new grant parameters issued by PennVest, a revised letter of support for the PennVest Tree Grant application adjusting the number of trees requested and planting locations is being presented to Council with a recommendation to approve by Township Administration.

Motion by Mr. Pluta and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the revised letter of support for the PennVest Tree Grant application.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Mr. Pluta apologized for leaving last month's Council Meeting early. Additionally, he stated that some of the comments regarding the Sewer Plant upgrades were inaccurate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Riotto of Maple Avenue had comments regarding a petition for a stop sign at Maple Avenue and Memorial Avenues. Additionally, Mr. Riotto wishes to see the Barryville neighborhood sign moved away from Route 13 and Franklin Avenue.

Mr. Ken Smith had comments regarding the electrical situation at the Public Works building.

Mrs. Linda Tarlini had comments regarding the Traveler's Bond issue.

Mr. Pluta commented on the new form of government adopted by the Township; and how this new form of government affords Council a unique situation previous Councils had not had.

Mr. Wes Retzler had comments regarding various matters.

Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Miss Longhitano to adjourn the meeting at 9:52pm.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

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8. Motion to grant the fee waiver requests for building permits from three local churches as recommended by Township Administration.
9. Motion to approve the revised letter of support for the PennVest Tree Grant application.
10. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith S. Truman, Recording Secretary