

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

AUGUST 18, 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:18 P.M.

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

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan presented a plaque to Bobby DeNucci for winning the National Super Kids Classic Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. Mayor Monahan said if anyone is interested in serving on the Budget Committee to submit a resume by 8/26/11. The Township along with the assistance of the Redevelopment Authority is moving forward with the blighting of 2 properties in the Township 14 Green Lane and 5632 Mitchell Road. The Blight Committee will review and then make recommendations to Council for the blight. Mayor Monahan recommended Councilman Lewis Bob White of the Redevelopment Authority John Greer from the Planning Commission Mr. Jeff Bartlett and Thomas McDermott.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to appoint Councilman Lewis John Greer Jeff Bartlett and Thomas McDermott for the Blight Committee. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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

Motion passed 5-0

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Motion by Councilman Blalock to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for July 2011. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Obert of Farmbrook Section questioned the bill for foundations for lights by Armour Electric. Mr. Bartlett stated that when the lights are hit they are replaced and conduit must be placed in the concrete foundation. When the Township is reimbursed the money put into a recovery account. Mr. Obert feels that \$900.00 for cleaning supplies is too high. Mr. Bartlett stated that the supplies include things like paper towels toilet paper and sanitizer. Mr. Obert requested an itemized list for the supplies. Mr. Obert questioned the charges for modifications for the Sewer Department. President Pluta stated that the job did not go out to bid and the modifications that are being done are at the request of the DEP. The Plans must be approved by DEP before they go out for bid.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Mr. Turner questioned if Council had to take the tabled minutes off the table before voting on them. Mr. Sacco stated that if they were not on the agenda they would have to be taken off the table.

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

Motion passed 5-0

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Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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

Motion passed 5-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett announced that the Redevelopment Authority is accepting applications for Casino Grants they are due September 30th. The Township will be looking to secure some of that money. The 5 Municipalities that receive money are looking to submit a Super Grant to fund the cost of the radio system upgrade for emergency provider's and police for the changes to the FCC band regulations. There will be no federal funding. The Redevelopment Authority is interested in funding the project the cost would be close to \$5,000,000.00. That would be 2.5 million for this year's application and 2.5 for next year's application. This will come before Council for approval along with other applications.

The bridge on Newportville Road between Parkview Avenue and Hazel Avenue will be closed for 6 months for renovation starting around September 6, 2011.

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COUNCIL ITEMS:

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Resolution 17-2011 authorizing the acceptance of EPA Infrastructure Improvement Grant and naming designated officials to administer the grant. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Sacco said the Fire Insurance Escrow Ordinance is already on the books but it has been changed at the State level. Ordinance 2011-04 increases the amount the Township can hold to raise the house and pay taxes or other municipal costs.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Ordinance 2011-04 supplementing Chapter 106, Fire Prevention of the Code of the Township of Bristol by adding Article V, entitled "Fire Insurance Escrow", establishing that in certain fire losses the insurer having a policy with respect to such loss shall transfer insurance proceeds to the Township to be used to pay delinquent taxes and other municipal claims or held as security to be applied to the total cost of removing, repairing or securing the damaged building and providing for fees; setting forth related procedures to implement said act; providing for penalties for violation; providing for severability clause; and establishing an effective date. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Obert said the Ordinance states certain fire loss and questioned if they are listed. Mr. Sacco stated that if it was a small fire and not structure they would not have to go through this process. Mr. Obert asked if the Township gets their money first there may not be enough to fix the house. Mr. Sacco said the money set aside is security that the structure will be raised.

Mr. Retzler questioned how much money would be held. Mr. Sacco said that it depends on the actual amount of the Municipal claim that would be paid.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve Ordinance 2011-05 amending Chapter 191, Article II; Traffic Regulations, by adding Section 191-18.1.2 by prohibiting engine brake retarders on Radcliffe Street in Bristol Township. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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

Motion passed 5-0

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF LICENCE & INSPECTIONS:

The Public involvement meeting for Miller's Trailer Park has been scheduled for August 29, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. The discussion will be the clean up of the site. The immediate surrounding property owners will be notified. Councilman Lewis questioned if any posting will be required. Mr. Sacco stated a Public Notice must be put in the paper he does not think it has to be posted.

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson was not present for the meeting. Mr. Bartlett reported on projects that are going on in the Township. Twelve of the Seventeen roads on the paving list have been milled four possibly five have been paved. The other paving projects are being done by the Township part of Green Lane and parts of Airport Road the milling work has been completed. The paving will begin Monday. Drainage project will begin on Broadway Avenue next week. The Township did the binder coat on the

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drainage ditch on Spencer Drive. Aqua is anticipating being out there next Wednesday to do the concrete work. When that is completed the top coat will be done and the handicap ramp will be done.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

No report was given.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco stated the request for proposals for the purchase of the Water Department have been prepared and sent to the proposers. The proposals will be opened at the October 6th meeting. Council received a draft of a bamboo Ordinance. The Ordinance is an addition to the Nuisance Ordinance. Bamboo will be considered a nuisance if it grows on another property. It does not prohibit growing bamboo, but it must be maintained. They will get a notice of violation if it spreads to another property.

OTHER:

Councilman Tucker said he received complaints about the street cleaner not being able to sweep when there are cars parked on the street. He questioned if there was anything on the books to prevent cars parking on the street when the streets are being cleaned. Mr. Sacco said he did not see any provisions for citations or fines when the street is posted. This is something that Council may want to put in the form of an Ordinance in the Code Book.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Ms. Patti Nichols of Croydon stated there are 2 types of bamboo plants that are grown in the house and bamboo grass that is grown outside and invades other properties and destroys.

Ms. Ellen Miller of Eugene Drive questioned where the Environmental Action Committee stands. President Pluta stated that the Township has received two letters of interest.

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Ms. Cathy Raupp of Inkberry Road said there is nothing on the Township website about the EAC that people are needed and questioned if it can be done. Mr. Bartlett said it can be placed on the website and it has been discussed at a couple of meetings. Ms. Raupp questioned if the EAC is something where bamboo should be brought up. President Pluta stated that would be a perfect place to discuss bamboo.

Mr. Wayne Turner of Croydon questioned what work is going to be done on the Newportville Bridge. Mr. Bartlett stated that it is going to be reconstructed and no details were given. Councilman Lewis stated the bridge was reconstructed about 7 years ago. Chief McAndrew stated the banks were reconstructed and that was a temporary fix. Mr. Turner asked if Council would be interested in holding an open forum for future Council candidates and have it televised. President Pluta said yes that will be discussed with the Recreation Coordinator for next year. Mr. Turner questioned if anyone has been contacted by the Charter School. Vice President Tarlini said no one has come to her. Councilman Lewis said he was contacted. President Pluta said he was not contacted. Mr. Turner said there are concerns regarding the Charter School.

Mr. Wes Retzler of West Bristol stated that the Township approved the Fire Ordinance and questioned if there were proceeds left over would the homeowner receive the money. Mr. Sacco stated the Township would not be taking proceeds or excess funds. Mr. Retzler questioned if there were any investigation on the trailer that was set on fire on Newportville Road. President Pluta said he was not aware any. The Fire Marshall would be the one to do any investigations. Mr. Retzler requested a copy of the letter from the Board of Assessments that references the property on Ford Road. Vice President Tarlini told Mr. Retzler that he can contact the Board of Assessments and get a copy of the letter.

Mr. Gallus Obert of Farmbrook questioned if there is a liaison for the EAC. President Pluta said that Councilman Lewis is the liaison but it does not count as a member. Mr. Obert said the Township should have written agreement for the road repair from the Utilities on the work that will be done. Mr. Obert requested the collection rate for Keystone Collections. President Pluta stated that Gail gave that in her report. She will have that information for him. Mr. Obert questioned if the radios will take up all the

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Grant Monies. Mr. Bartlett stated that it will not eat up all the money. There are other Grants that are drafts from some of the Department Heads.

Mr. Obert questioned if the Township could add into the street bids to have the contractor restore the markings on the road.

Motion by Councilman Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 P.M. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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

Motion passed 5-0

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