

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

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2010
COUNCIL MEETING**

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel & Litigation were discussed.

Roll Call:	Councilman Tucker	Present
	Councilman Lewis	Present
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Present
	Vice President Davis	Present
	President Pluta	Present

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan stated that at the last meeting there was an appointment made to the Civil Service Commission that Council we will have to rescind because of incorrect information that was received. Mayor Monahan was told that Mr. Donald Blystien of 11 Kernel Lane had moved out of the Township. Mr. Blystein still resides at 11 Kernel Lane. Mr. Sacco stated that as long as Mr. Blystein is a resident of the Township Council has no authority to remove him as a member of the Civil Service Commission. The appointment that was made to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Blystein in not an effective motion. Mr. Blalock will remain as the alternate.

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

On September 9, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. there will be a Community Meeting in the Township Auditorium with the residents to go over the Deluca Homes Plan to construct 24 Townhomes on the former Miller Trailer Site.

The Zoning Hearing Board Meeting has been rescheduled to September 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. The Deluca Homes Plan will he heard at the meeting.

The Paving Project is almost complete. Mr. Bartlett requested that the residents continue to cooperate with the Township. The Military Stand Down is scheduled to be held next weekend. Mr. Bartlett had a request to Council to authorize a bid for jail cell door replacement the office space renovation in the Police Station that were authorized through the Casino Grant Program.

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Motion by Vice President Davis to advertise for bids for the jail cell door replacement and the office space renovation in the Police Station. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

Mr. Obert questioned if this should be on the Agenda. Vice President Pluta stated the Managing Director Report was inadvertently left out of the Agenda.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Vice President Davis question what date the Casino Grant Applications must be submitted. Mr. Bartlett stated that all the Resolutions will be formulated for Council for the next Council Meeting to submit the applications for the end of September deadline.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Motion by Vice President Davis to approve Ordinance 2010-06 amending Chapter 160, Article II, "Sewer Rents and Discharge Regulations", Section 160-24 to clarify the sewer charges for multi-unit non-residential structures. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Mobley stated there should be a Public Meeting on the rates.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	no
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-1

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve Ordinance 2010-07 amending the Bristol Township Civil Service Rules and Regulations by providing a mechanism to remove a Police Officer from a promotional list when he/she appears on two promotional lists. Second by Councilman Tucker.

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Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Motion by Vice President Davis to approve Ordinance 2010-08 adopting and approving a proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve the lowest bidder, All Air Tight, for the Bristol Township Garage Building Improvements.

Mr. Obert questioned what Garage Building this was for. Mr. Bartlett stated it was the second Garage in and the cost is \$22,500.00.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

There was no report.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Motion by Vice President Davis to authorize a Traffic Study for Mill Creek Drive and Mayflower Road. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

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Mr. Turner questioned if PennDot would put the stop sign up. Lt Godzieba stated after the traffic study the Township will apply for a permit and then the Township will erect the stop sign.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

No report.

OTHER:

Councilwoman Tarlini stated that she contacted State Representative Melio's office for an update on painting project for the Tunnel Bridge Croydon Station. Amtrac will complete the project in September.

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini that all requests for Committees or Boards be notified of receipt of same, and to anyone who has been appointed to any board or committee to be notified and/or their term that has been expired. Second by Vice President Davis.

Mr. Obert questioned if the motion could include a letter to all applicants. Councilman Tucker questioned who monitors the terms. Mr. Sacco stated the Code determines when a term expires. Mr. Bartlett stated that there is a list in the Managers Office of Appointments and when they expire. Mr. Bartlett stated that it would not be a problem to send the letters out. Councilwoman Tarlini stated that it is a courtesy that should be provided to the residents. When someone moves out of the Township and position is filled the letter will then specify it is being filled for the remainder of the term. Councilman Lewis stated when an appointment is made the term should be specified as it is in the Code. Mayor Monahan stated that it is a good idea. Mr. Mobley stated that it is Council responsibility to go back and make sure the Code is being followed and get the Boards straightened out. Councilwoman Tarlini stated that the previous Mayor did not specify terms when making appointments and the present directory is best list that could be given.

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	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Vice President Davis read a letter from a resident who lives on 17 Pine Needle Road requesting a no parking sign to be placed across from her residence because of her disabilities. Mr. Sacco stated that someone should go out and look at the problem. Mr. Bartlett stated it could possibly be made a handicap parking space and will look in to it. Councilman Tucker questioned if a homeowner would like a sidewalk in front of their house would they be responsible to have one put in. Mr. Bartlett stated it would be the responsibility of the homeowner.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Mr. Don Blystone of 11 Kernel Lane stated he would like to thank Mr. Monahan for straightening out the mistake. He stated it would have been common courtesy to inform the Chairman of the Commission.

Don Mobley of Neshaminy Road questioned how the PennVest Loan was going. President Pluta stated that they are still waiting to reapply. Mr. Mobley stated that he spoke with the EPA the fines did not go back to 1995. President Pluta stated that after reading the EPA letter that it was 1997 to 2005. Mr. Mobley stated that it is not fair to the rate payers to keep Mr. Franklin in his Sewer Director position without a license. President Pluta stated that the previous Director was told that he was not allowed to do things that were not in the Union Agreement. Mr. Franklin is a 25 year license holder. Mr. Mobley stated there should be monthly reports on the Sewer Department.

Wayne Turner of Croydon stated that he had pictures of the flooding at the Cedar Avenue Bridge. Mr. Turner stated that the grass is high on the property around the Croydon Station and they should be fined. Mr. Sacco stated that the Township would have to follow procedures and send a notice of violation. President Pluta stated he will have License and Inspections look into the problem. Mr. Turner questioned the picnic policy. Mr. Bartlett stated that he has prepared a form that must be filled out before a formal picnic can be held on Township Property. Mr. Turner questioned if the television service can be rented for debates in the Auditorium.

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Jake Tryon of Croydon also questioned why the grass was high the new along the railroad. Along Newportville Road Croydon Acres residents have moved their fences close to the Road and one property took down the fence and left the debris. Councilwoman Tarlini stated that she believes that the homeowners have an agreement that they can use the property and suggested that Mr. Sacco send a letter to the State and clarify if the homeowners have an agreement.

Mr. Obert of Farmbrook that he would like to bring to Councils attention that the Administration Code states the proposed agenda for the meetings should be forwarded to Council and made available to the public at least 5 days prior to any stated meeting of Council or 24 hours for special meetings. Mr. Obert stated he was waiting to see the agenda online but it was not posted there and not posted anywhere in the Township he questioned what the consequences would be if the Township does not follow the regulations. Mr. Sacco stated they are just guidelines to be followed there is no penalty. Mr. Bartlett stated he will make it his personal duty to post the agenda. Vice President Davis stated that it would be easier if it was posted on the website. Mr. Obert questioned why Public Works worked on a Saturday to paint the Crosswalks. Mr. Bartlett stated that there was overtime authorized for painting the crosswalks before school started. Mr. Obert suggested that a better paint be used that will last 4 years instead of painting every year. Mr. Obert stated that the 2009 Audit Statement should be posted in the paper. Mr. Sacco stated he is not aware of a regulation that it must be posted in the paper. Mr. Obert questioned if anyone from the Township went to the Keystone Presentation in Warrick Township. Mr. Lewis stated that Mrs. Gordon was attending and was going to find out what the collection rate will be. Mr. Obert questioned in the Audit there was \$225,000.00 in the Sewer. Mr. Sacco stated that they had to disclose the Consent Decree in the 2009 Audit. Mr. Patel questioned when he would hear about his sewer bill. Mr. Sacco stated that his bill will go down and directed Mr. Patel to contact Mrs. Gordon.

Motion by Vice President Davis to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 P.M. Second by Councilman Lewis

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

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