

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: personnel and litigation were discussed.

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

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

Public comments will be taken on Land Development and Official action items. General comments will be taken during Opportunity for Residents to Address Council.

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett reported the intersection near the train station is open now. There were issues with large vehicles; the problem is being looked into. The issues were reviewed during designing. Remedies are being looked for. The fire companies were involved in the plan.

School is open. Observe the school crossing guards. Pay attention to the kids, some are new and excited and absent minded. There will be no mishaps if everyone listens to the crossing guards.

The mosquito spraying will continue this fall.

Councilman Monahan stated I gave Mr. Kucher a few areas to be sprayed and it rained the day the spraying was scheduled. Mr. Bartlett responded they will reschedule as close to the spray time as possible.

COUNCIL ITEMS: None

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson reported in July two hundred seven calls were received, eighty six were township complaints, eighty are complete, and six are open. Twenty four of eighty seven from our prior complaints are complete, sixty nine are open. During August three hundred twelve complaints were received, one hundred forty were the township's responsibility, one hundred twenty three are complete, seventeen are open complaints, five are old but were completed, ninety one are open complaints.

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Arawak paving bid work is being finalized. Some curb damage is being repaired.

We will let you know when Crabtree will be started.

Councilwoman Davis asked Mr. Lawson to explain to the residents what is not a township complaint. Mr. Lawson stated street lights, private property, these complaints may be passed on or a responsibility of another township or the State, maybe even the railroad. Sometimes we need to give a phone number to the resident or we sometimes call for them and report to the resident who we spoke to. All departments receive calls not to do with the Township and they are given direction.

Vice President Pluta stated Red Cedar Drive near Appletree a lot of sealing work needs to be done. Mr. Lawson stated Gary Smith and I thought (around the inlets) there were areas that could have been done better. But, it doesn't affect water collection and the cars won't run into that.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew reported we partnered with the State Police and checked with radar on Route 413 south of the interchange. Three Bristol Township officers issued twenty two citations and the troopers issued about forty five. Radar is effective and hard to defend.

Money was received from Community Development in the amount of \$94,000 to purchase a mobile home for a police mobile substation. It will be painted the Bristol Township colors and with the logos. The bedroom was removed and made into an office. We are attempting a PAL program. The DARE program continues. The insurance will be \$2,000 per year. The funds of \$94,000 covers the insurance for one year. We can take this to the schools. The 2011 budget year will require \$2,000 for insurance. I would like approval for the budget item for 2011. President Tarlini stated since that is for 2011 a vote can be at another time. Vice President Pluta stated this is a good idea to show police presence in the area. Councilwoman Davis stated it sounds great. We don't know the 2011 budget. Proceed as you are going. Chief McAndrew said my concern is increasing the fleet. Mr. Bartlett stated the insurance vehicle is covered by the grant. There is no issue, at this point. In 2011, we may not have the same vehicle needs. Now it is a great idea to move ahead. Councilman Greer called for the motion to approve an increase of the fleet by one vehicle and look for insurance money down the line. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Sacco reported Habitat for Humanity asked for another continuance. It should be on the October agenda.

OTHER: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Allan Goulding-spoke of trash in the area of the Neshaminy Creek from the road to the creek. Mr. Lawson stated we only own a portion, part is owned by the County. They left a wooded area. We have a park and a fish area and the rest is owned by the County. Mr. Goulding said since the County owns it; it is like a dump site.
2. Gallus Obert-spoke of street lights out in Dogwood for a couple of months (numbers 98098, 98099 across from Dogwood Way). Also, Verizon does not yet have the Council meetings. Mr. Sacco stated there is no furtherer update, I will follow up and report at the next meeting. Mr. Obert said more notice should be given to homeowners prior to paving so they can replace their curbs. Mr. Obert asked for the replacement of the burnt damaged equipment at the park near John Fitch since it is unsafe. Mr. Lawson responded we don't have the money. We could take the park down. Councilwoman Davis stated we are at a bare bones budget and suggested going to the School Board to ask them to assist because of many people losing their jobs. We must be positive and those who have knowledge should teach people what they know.
3. Ken Smith-did not speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Greer called for the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Denise Gorry
Secretary

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

- 1) Approve an increase of the fleet by one vehicle and look for insurance money down the line.

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	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	AGENDA (X)	OTHER (X)
1	Allen Goulding	2717 AVE C Newportville		X
2	GALLUS OBERT	51 FREEDOM LN	X	X
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