

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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COUNCIL MEETING

September 4, 2008

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: personnel and litigation were discussed.

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

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

Public comments will be taken as each item is addressed. General comments will be taken during Opportunity for Residents to Address Council.

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett requested authorization to destroy outdated files (twenty year old files). Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to authorize the destruction of outdated files (twenty years old). Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Mr. Bartlett stated three members will be appointed by the Mayor and Council for the budget process. We should determine the involvement of Council whether they would want to sit in on committee meetings or be notified. Councilman Mobley responded Council should be notified. President Davis agreed. It was decided to notify Council of the committee meetings for the budget. Mr. Bartlett stated notification will be through email or everyone's packet.

Mr. Bartlett stated Silver Lake is having a Green Fest on September 13, 2008. Bristol Township is one of the sponsors (Green Initiatives). As part of this program, we will do paper shredding and recycle. Also, sponsored is animal junction, a reptile animal exhibit.

The Bristol Township Fair is September 9 to September 13, 2008.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew reported Lieutenant Hughes was selected for the FBI academy. He will bring back a wealth of knowledge. It is a ten week program.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher reported checking into complaints. A report of the status will be given next meeting.

LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Septa c/o William Caden, Market Street, Philadelphia requesting Preliminary & Final Land Development approval for property located at the corner of Bristol Pike & Cedar Avenues, Croydon (Tax Parcels #5-8-179, 5-8-222, 5-8-223, 5-8-224, 5-8-225 & 5-8-225-1) in an R-2 Residential, R-3 Residential and C-Commercial zoned district of Bristol Township. Mr. Kucher stated this will include in approval a quick claim deed to SEPTA, proposed deed transfer is from Coventry Avenue. Mr. McMaster was the representative and gave a PowerPoint presentation. The project is ADA compliant; it has a bus drop off and a unique process to take care of ice in the cold months. Relief is requested from various zoning. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to approve the request for Preliminary & Final Land Development approval for property located at the corner of Bristol Pike & Cedar Avenues, Croydon (Tax Parcels #5-8-179, 5-8-222, 5-8-223, 5-8-224, 5-8-225 & 5-8-225-1) in an R-2 Residential, R-3 Residential and C-Commercial zoned district of Bristol Township. Mr. Kucher stated this will include in approval a quick claim deed to SEPTA, proposed deed transfer is from Coventry Avenue. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

- A. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the Housing Assistance Program.
Second by Councilman Pluta.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Mobley	yes
	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion Approved 5-0

- B. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve Release Request #2 Bristol Commerce Center (AKA Green Lane Prop.) in the amount of \$313,863.85. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Mobley	yes
	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion Approved 5-0

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco reported ITS&S Fireworks Store (in the designated a zone) is going to the Zoning Hearing Board. If Council is opposed I would attend. This will be heard at the October Zoning Hearing Board. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion for the attorney to attend and oppose the ITS&S Fireworks Store at the October Zoning Hearing Board. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

OTHER:

Councilman Monahan stated there are a lot of rodent complaints. Thirty to forty cats are on one street. Skunks, possums and a lot of other rodent complaints are being received. I contacted Professional Pest Control. They sent a letter. Rat control, trapping skunks, cats and possums (for ten hours per month) is \$415 per month. No travel time is charged. The only time charged for is time worked. Tullytown sent a letter. They use the service. They are satisfied and recommend them. The letter was signed by the Bristol Borough Manager. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to hire Professional Pest Control for the next four months. Second by President Davis. Mr. Bartlett stated Council must authorize taking this out of contingency. Councilman Monahan stated the Department of Health was notified by Mrs. Strong. Vice President Tarlini requested a proposal for Bristol Township. Councilman Monahan stated it will be the same. This is what they charge. If the problem continues we will have to put it in the budget.

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Jerry Smith of Levittown said across the street from my home is a cat colony. There are twenty five cats killing everything and tearing up gardens (62 Old Brook Lane). The house was up for sheriff sale, it is vacant. Poll: Councilmember Mobley voted no, Councilmembers Pluta, Monahan, Tarlini and Davis voted yes. Motion approved 4 ayes -1 nay.

Vice President Tarlini stated September 6, 2008 is the African American Parade (Green Lane) at 9:00 A.M. and the Croydon Civic Association has Game day at 12:00 P.M.

Councilman Mobley asked about the animal control procedure. Mr. Lawson responded the man is out sick. An outside service is assisting. Cats are free roaming animals.

President Davis stated last meeting there was a presentation for Miller's Trailer Park. That was just a sketch plan and has to go to Zoning. It will be published when it goes to the Zoning Board.

Councilman Pluta stated some residents disregard the safety of the Public Works employees. Please be cautious of the men working.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Bob Ausura-thanked Council and residents for their help with the Government Study Commission.
2. Ken Smith-gave time to Jim Bracken- Mr. Bracken said he is from Croydon and heard Habitat for Humanity backed out from the purchase Miller's Trailer Park. Now, the owner said he will pull in twenty trailers. Mr. Sacco responded we talked about that. It would not be allowed. They abandoned that use. Mr. Bracken recommended the Township purchase the land for open space and make a park. Mr. Sacco stated the Township would have to pay fair market value. It could be put on the potential list to buy. Councilman Mobley stated Croydon needs a park. Vice President Tarlini stated we all received calls. Most asked us to look into the open space for the property. There are several options; all should be investigated.
3. Jake Tryon-asked if the ground was tested (in the area of Miller's Trailer Park)? Mr. Kucher responded yes, rubber was found; with any development that must be removed.
4. Gallus Obert-gave Council information on paving numbers and said I think we still can do what is planned for 2008. New costs for the current supplier are a little higher. Our number one supplier was too busy so we can go to the second lowest bidder and still stay within the budget.

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Also, over the holiday weekend we need a backup plan for ACO. The root of the rat problem is in the Stonybrook ditch. We need a plan to clean out trees growing there.

5. Donald Scott-did not speak.
6. Jerry Smith-did not speak.
7. Carol Esterline-did not speak.
8. Wet Retzler-asked can a citizen go and review police reports if they are not involoved? Chief McAndrew responded no. Mr. Retzler said there is a moratorium on connections, who imposed that? Councilman Mobley responded DEP; the Township is working to resolve that.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Davis called for the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Mobley. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Denise Gorry
Secretary

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

1. Authorize the destruction of outdated files (twenty years old).
2. Approve the request for Preliminary & Final Land Development approval for property located at the corner of Bristol Pike & Cedar Avenues, Croydon (Tax Parcels #5-8-179, 5-8-222, 5-8-223, 5-8-224, 5-8-225 & 5-8-225-1) in an R-2 Residential, R-3 Residential and C-Commercial zoned district of Bristol Township. Mr. Kucher stated this will include in approval a quick claim deed to SEPTA, proposed deed transfer is from Coventry Avenue.
3. Approve the Housing Assistance Program.
4. Approve Release Request #2 Bristol Commerce Center (AKA Green Lane Prop.) in the amount of \$313,863.85.
5. The attorney to attend and oppose the ITS&S Fireworks Store at the October Zoning Hearing Board.
6. Hire Professional Pest Control for the next four months.

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	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	AGENDA (X)	OTHER (X)
1	Bob Ausora	Blue Ridge	X	X
2	KEN SMITH	EDGELY	X	X
3	JAKE TRYON	CROYDON	-	-
4	GALLUS OBERT	FREEDOM LN.	X	X
5	DONALD SCOTT	MAIN AVE CROYDON	X	X
6	JERRY SMITH	ORANGEWOOD		X
7	Carol Esterline	Bristol Twp.		X
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