

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP
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NOVEMBER 5, 2009
COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Tarlini at 7:10 P.M.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Council members Greer, Monahan, Davis, Pluta and Tarlini.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: litigation and real estate were discussed.

Public Comments will be taken on Land Development and official action items. General comments will be taken during opportunity for residents to address Council.

PRESENTATION BY G.O.A.L.

A PowerPoint presentation was given regarding the Greenbelt overhaul alliance of Levittown. They clean green ways and water ways of debris to eliminate damming of the water ways. Volunteers do the work, Waste management donates the dumpsters. The John Fitch area was cleaned first. Bristol Township gave \$400 for signs. In 2010 Black ditch (near Dogwood) is planned. The Pennsylvania DCNR will provide trees. We will talk to someone about installing them. Funding is needed. The email address is ltowngoal@aol.com and the website is Ltowngoal.webs.com. November 14th is the Black ditch clean up. All interested should show up.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the minutes of October 1, 2009 with corrections. Second by Councilman Greer.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	aye
	Councilman Monahan	aye
	Councilwoman Davis	aye
	Vice President Pluta	aye
	President Tarlini	aye

Motion approved: 5-0

Vice President Pluta called for the motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2009. Second by Councilman Greer.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	aye
	Councilman Monahan	aye
	Councilwoman Davis	aye
	Vice President Pluta	aye
	President Tarlini	aye

Motion approved: 5-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett reported Bristol Township approved nine million dollars from Pennvest for repairs and maintenance of the sewer plant. A lot of people worked hard, legislators lent support.

Hopefully, by Thanksgiving we will know which grants will be collected.

Councilman Greer called for the motion to appoint Gail Gordon, as representative; Jeff Bartlett and Colleen Dunn as alternates for the County Collection Committee. Mrs. Gordon will be first and Mrs. Dunn and Mr. Bartlett are secondary's. Second by Vice President Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Councilman Monahan stated residents of Old Bridge Road said they need another crossing guard; some of the people are crossing the students. Mr. Bartlett stated we will check if another guard is needed. Councilman Greer said conditions need to be looked at. Councilman Monahan stated there is a lot of traffic, speeding and people are not stopping at stop signs. Chief McAndrew stated we will take a look at that.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

- A. Councilwoman Davis called for the motion to approve Release Request #1 as requested by Bristol Venture LP in reference to 5007 Route 13 & Beaver Dam Road in the amount of \$117,838.13. Second by President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	aye
	Councilman Monahan	aye
	Councilwoman Davis	aye
	Vice President Pluta	aye
	President Tarlini	aye

Motion approved: 5-0

- B. Councilman Greer called for the motion to approve Release Request #2 as requested by Bristol Venture LP in reference to 5007 Route 13 & Beaver Dam Road in the amount of \$34,044.18. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	aye
	Councilman Monahan	aye
	Councilwoman Davis	aye
	Vice President Pluta	aye
	President Tarlini	aye

Motion approved: 5-0

- C. Councilwoman Davis called for the motion to approve the Request for Payment as requested by Arawak Paving in reference to the 2009 Milling & Paving Project in the amount of \$606,945.24. Second by Councilman Greer.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	aye
	Councilman Monahan	no
	Councilwoman Davis	aye
	Vice President Pluta	aye
	President Tarlini	aye

Motion approved: 4-1

- C1. (This item was not on the agenda) Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the release of Cinkaj Miller release of escrow. Second by Councilman Greer.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	aye
	Councilman Monahan	aye
	Councilwoman Davis	aye
	Vice President Pluta	aye
	President Tarlini	aye

Motion approved: 5-0

- D. Councilman Greer called for the motion to authorize Russ Sacco to prepare a new ordinance in regards to the Police Pension Plan. Mr. Sacco said the Township was required to provide insurance for police killed on duty. Now, the State funds this. \$25,000 will be saved. The ordinance will be on the next agenda. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	aye
	Councilman Monahan	aye
	Councilwoman Davis	aye
	Vice President Pluta	aye
	President Tarlini	aye

Motion approved: 5-0

- E. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the Housing Assistance Program as requested by Community Development. Second by Vice President Pluta.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	aye
	Councilman Monahan	aye
	Councilwoman Davis	aye
	Vice President Pluta	aye
	President Tarlini	aye

Motion approved: 5-0

- F. Vice President Pluta called for the motion to approve Resolution 28-2009 authorizing an increase in the water rates charged by the Township of Bristol. Mr. Bartlett stated the Township purchases water in bulk from Aqua; we are raising the rates because our rates were raised by Aqua. Second by Councilman Greer.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	aye
	Councilman Monahan	aye
	Councilwoman Davis	aye
	Vice President Pluta	aye
	President Tarlini	aye

Motion approved: 5-0

- G. Vice President Pluta called for the motion to approve Resolution 29-2009 amending Resolution 40-2008 that authorizes an additional increase in the water rates charged to Bucks County Water and Sewer by Bristol Township. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	aye
	Councilman Monahan	aye
	Councilwoman Davis	aye
	Vice President Pluta	aye
	President Tarlini	aye

Motion approved: 5-0

- H. Councilman Monahan called for the motion authorizing Pennoni to apply for a grant through Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Second by Vice President Pluta.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Greer	aye
	Councilman Monahan	aye
	Councilwoman Davis	aye
	Vice President Pluta	aye
	President Tarlini	aye

Motion approved: 5-0

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson stated I checked into the ramps like they have in Middletown. The supplier will send out a representative. These are used a lot to stop cut throughs, it hasn't decreased the flow of traffic but it slowed some traffic. It is noisy for school buses and there is noise from people speeding from ramp one to another.

The vendor will check the tree behind Whitewood next week and remove it.

The paving from Arawak is done, under budget.

Crabtree is done, with no complaints and under budget.

We will move money from this year to next year.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew requested authorization to advertise requests for proposal for twenty remote control video cameras for Weed & Seed. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to authorize advertising for the twenty remote control video cameras for Weed & Seed. Second by Vice President Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Councilman Monahan said complaints were received from Bayard Street, Fayette Drive and Broad Street are similar to the Orangewood complaint with crossing of the children. Chief McAndrew stated I will check. Vice President Pluta stated Petunia Road should be checked also.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher reported me and the Public Works representatives met with Aqua about the main cleaning project. They are looking at multiple streets in Croydon. I will update. The proposed streets will be in your packet along with the proposed plan.

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Councilman Monahan stated there has been an ongoing problem on Hartford Lane with Cats living there. Mr. Kucher stated I will check on that. Maybe public works will clean up and we will lien the property.

Councilman Greer said Septa work has displaced animals. Go look at how neighbors are affected. Councilman Monahan said animal control only does dogs. Pest control could go out. Mr. Kucher said my department could drop information for the Magnolia Avenue residents. Mr. Lawson said wild animals go through the Game Commission.

REPORT FROM FINANCE OFFICER:

Mrs. Gordon stated I have no report, I will report on the budget later.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco reported the CVS decision was appealed. It will go to Commonwealth Court.

OTHER:

Councilman Monahan asked for the status of the sidewalk on Goldenridge Drive and Bristol Emily Road. Mr. Smith said it is on a punch list for General Asphalt. Their bond won't be released without it.

Councilwoman Davis stated I received a text message from the Orangewood Crossing guard near the Violetwood Shopping Center. Chief McAndrew said I will send an officer tomorrow.

President Tarlini called for the motion to go into executive session to discuss a possible legal issue. Second by Vice President Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. Councilman Greer called for the motion to reconvene. Second by Vice President Pluta. Mr. Sacco said the first two residents are not from Bristol Township, a proposal is in, it is okay to comment. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Dr. Franki Gibson-spoke of opening a charter school (Victory) the proposed location in Bristol Township will foster our youth with leadership skills and college readiness. November 14th will be a public forum at the First Baptist Church in Langhorne. Councilwoman Davis asked is this for Bristol Township? Dr. Gibson responded it is for Bucks County, the location would be Appletree Drive. Bucks County Country day is one of the sites being looked at.
2. Dr. Thomas Howard-asked for community support. Dr. Howard is an educator and will provide support (it is an elementary school).
3. Gallus Obert-asked why Bristol Township was omitted from an advertisement for consortium bid for salt? Mr. Bartlett responded we are a member of the consortium. We can use those prices. Mr. Obert asked for the Verizon update and why there are no more videos on demand. Mr. Sacco responded they hope to have it running in 2010. President Tarlini stated the video on demand was done for free and the person no longer does it.
4. Ken Smith-said Radcliffe Street utilities didn't do a great restoration job. PECO wouldn't return calls. People came out and they plan to remedy the problem. The southbound turnpike bridge has a pole sticking out. Mr. Lawson said I will check.
5. West Retzler-spoke of flashing school lights which were not change since the day light savings time.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Monahan called for the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Greer. Poll: all ayes.
Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Denise Gorry
Secretary

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

1. Approve the minutes of October 1, 2009.
2. Approve the minutes of October 13, 2009.
3. Appoint Gail Gordon, as representative and Jeff Bartlett and Colleen Dunn as alternates for the County Collection Committee.
4. Approve the Release Request #1 as requested by Bristol Venture LP in reference to 5007 route 13 & Beaver Dam Road in the amount of \$117,838.13.
5. approve the Release Request #2 as requested by Bristol Venture LP in reference to 5007 Route 13 & Beaver Dam Rod in the amount of \$34,044.18.
6. Approve the Request for Payment as requested by Arawak Paving in reference to the 2009 Milling & Paving Project in the amount of \$606,945.24.
7. Authorize Russ Sacco to prepare a new ordinance in regards to the Police Pension Plan.
8. Approve the Housing Assistance Program as requested by Community Development.
9. Approve Resolution 28-2009 authorizing an increase in the water rates charged by the Township of Bristol.
10. Approve Resolution 29-2009 amending Resolution 40-2008 that authorizes an additional increase in the water rates charged to Bucks County Water and Sewer by Bristol Township.
11. Authorize Pennoni to apply for a grant through Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.
12. Authorize advertising for the twenty remote control video cameras for Weed & Seed.
13. Go into executive session to discuss a possible legal issue.
14. To reconvene.

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	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	AGENDA (X)	OTHER (X)
1	Dr. Franki Gibson	1473 Innis Lane, Yadley, Pa		X
2	Dr. Thomas Howard	318 Nottingham Hill Ln Hamilton, NJ		X
3	GALLUS OBERT	51 FREEDOM LN	X	X
4	REN SMITH	1005 GRIEB Ave	X	P
5	WEST KEZLER	WEST BRISTOL		X
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