

## BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD  
BRISTOL, PA 19007

NOVEMBER 21, 2013

### TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bowen	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Ms. Longhitano	Present
	Mr. Pluta	ABSENT
	Mr. Tucker	ABSENT
	Vice President Brennan	ABSENT
	President Lewis	Present

#### VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for November 21, 2013. Mr. Glasson approved with the exception of PAGE 33, ITEM #6190. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*

Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2013 Council Meeting. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*

#### COMMENDATIONS

Letter of Commendation awarded to Arlene Smith and read aloud by President Lewis for her accurate reporting to the Pennsylvania State Police UCR Unit and hard work. Lt. John Gobzieba presented the Letter of Commendation to Arlene Smith

A Commendation of Merit awarded to Officer Thomas Van Winkle for saving the life of an individual experiencing cardiac arrest on October 25, 2013 by using a defibrillator. Lt. John Godzieba indicated that Officer Van Winkle was not able to attend and it was requested that the Officer be commended at a later date.

A Letter of Commendation was awarded to Sergeant Montgomery Moore for providing crisis counseling to a victim on July 13, 2013 in a time of need.

#### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. According to Township Manager William McCauley traffic improvements are being made by PennDOT on 413, Bath and Durham Roads and Council action is needed for additional turning lanes. Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for traffic signal approval for New Falls & Wistar Roads. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*
- B. Mr. McCauley stated that the submission of an application for traffic signal approval is related to the Wawa development on New Falls and Wistar Roads. Mr. Bowen asked who is paying for the traffic signals. Manager McCauley stated that Wawa will pay for the signals. Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Glasson to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for traffic signal approval for New Falls Road at Bucks County Vocational School. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*
- C. Township Manager McCauley stated that submission of an application for traffic signal approval at New Rogers Road & Rockview Drive is related to the Wawa development. Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Ms. Longhitano adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for traffic signal approval for New Rogers Road & Rockview Drive. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*

#### REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Manager McCauley reported that Council is in receipt of the proposed 2014 Budget and that a Notice of Availability for Public Inspection was published in the Courier Times as well as the Township's website. Mr. McCauley proposes no tax increase, a \$20 decrease to the trash fee, and a 5% increase for sewer payers amounting to \$4.81/quarter. He stated that the budget presentation will be on December 5 and that Council will consider adoption on December 19.

President Lewis pointed out that Council had reopened the Budget in 2012 and decreased taxes and maintained that decrease into 2013.

Manager McCauley reported that he had provided Council with the investment policy statement of the Police Pension Plan. The administrators of the Police Pension Plan have proposed a new type of investment in private real estate that is not currently authorized. The Pension Administrator, PFM, is recommending investing 3-4% of the fund in this investment with a proposed return of 12-14%. The deadline to invest is December 1, which is why the agenda item is being quickly brought to Council this evening. The police pension plan is up 14% this year. Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve the addendum to the investment policy of the Bristol Township Police Pension Plan. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*

Manager McCauley reported that he had received an email from Tony Salvitty back in October inquiring about donating funds to the K-9 Unit. He stated that he missed the email, however Mr. Salvitty was interested in donating bullet proof vests for K-9 dogs, but the K-9's already had vests. Township Manager McCauley stated that Mr. Salvitty was willing to do fundraising toward the care of the animals and noticed that Mr. Salvitty had written an article to the editor of the Bucks County Courier Times. Mr. McCauley will follow up with Mr. Salvitty. Mr. Salvitty apologized for writing a letter to the Bucks County Courier Times, but that just wanted to get the attention of the Manger.

#### REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Township Solicitor Flager questioned if anyone in the audience was from Wawa. Engineer Larry Young stated that he sent the individual from Wawa home. Solicitor Flager stated everyone is pleased that Wawa on Bath Road and Rt. 413 is moving their driveway and making it easier to get in and out of the property. However the Turnpike Commission needs to complete work on a small portion of the sidewalk where Wawa had proposed planting trees and installing new sidewalks. Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to permit Wawa to delay the work on a small portion of land until 2017 by holding \$20,000 in escrow. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*

Solicitor Flager congratulated those individuals who won in the recent election.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Township Manager McCauley stated that the Township is at the end of a three year contract for trash, recycling and bulk item pick up and disposal with Republic Services and that the Township went out to bid for these services in October. The goals of the program include: continue with single stream recycling, reduce the overall cost of operations, reduce litter and promote cleaner streets, create a healthier environment, decrease noise pollution, and not to increase service fees to homeowners. Mr. McCauley stated that the Township proposes once a week automated garbage collection, once a week automated recycling collection, once a week

bulk Item collection, Monday-Friday collections and yard waste collection until November 30. Bids were received from Republic Services, J.P. Mascaro, and Waste Management. Manager McCauley stated that Waste Management was the low bidder on a five year contract (alternate bid #7) at \$3,886,753 for the first year (2014) and \$20,635,297 total over five years. He also stated that the Township would save \$1,264,232 during the first year compared to Republic's 2013 rate of \$5,150,985 as well as \$3,439,391 over three years compared to the three year contract with Republic. Manager McCauley explained automated collection and informed that each household would be provided with a 95-gallon trash toter with wheels as well as a 65-gallon wheeled cart for recycling. Mr. McCauley discussed the benefits of the new carts and explained that they will be large enough for all households. Furthermore, he stated that Waste Management's CNG trucks run cleaner, are quieter and are more energy friendly than diesel trucks. Township Manager McCauley discussed the costs savings and reduced environmental impact of switching to once a week collection and provided a list of other Bucks County municipalities that have already switched to once a week collection. He stated that resident participation and education will insure a successful program, and that residents should be able to generate more recycling with the new containers. Mr. McCauley further stated that the current annual residential rate is \$337 and that a reduction in fees of \$20/year is being proposed which will decrease the rate to \$317 per household per year. Manager McCauley stated that he expects further rate decreases in the future as well. Manager McCauley stated that there were three responsible bidders, Republic, Mascaro, and Waste Management, and that Republic was the low bidder on the prime bid, Mascaro was the low bidder on a five year contract with the same services being proposed. However, the Township is recommending Waste Management's alternate bid #7.

Ellen Miller of the EAC, stated that the group will hold an educational seminar about single stream recycling the fourth Wednesday in January.

Wes Rexler stated that Waste Management use to leave trash cans in the middle of the street.

Tammy Hardy questioned what the 65 gallon container would hold. Mr. Swichar then rolled out the proposed containers.

Cindy Murphy questioned whether grass clippings would be collected. Mike Devaney of Waste Management stated that yard waste would be collected once a week and that leaf bags could be used, but not plastic bags. In addition, regular containers could be used as well.

Ken Smith questioned how the residents will get a reduction in price if the contract price increases every year. Manager McCauley stated that he is being conservative with his

reduction and that the Township wishes to evaluate whether there are any further costs associated with the program before agreeing to additional rate reductions.

Solicitor Flager stated that the Township Manager is being very conservative with his fee reduction and that there would be additional funds available to later reduce the fee.

Township Manager McCauley further recommended option I (additional dumpsters at a cost of \$450/each) as well as option J which provides waste disposal at all Township recreational sites at a cost of \$80,000 for five years, and that recycling would be introduced to parks.

Ms. Longhitano questioned the replacement cost of the new trash and recycling containers. Mike Devaney of Waste Management stated that the damaged container would be replaced at no charge.

Mr. Bowen questioned if the containers will be delivered to every home. Mike Devaney indicated they would be delivered to all residents.

Ann Vescey questioned the meaning of tagging residents who are non-compliant.

Mr. McCauley stated that a tag would be applied to a cart notifying residents if they mix recyclables with their trash.

Pat Mascaro, President of J.P. Mascaro Services, stated that while it was admirable that Council is attempting to save money, he stated that his bid would not reduce the Township's current level of service. He also questioned whether Waste Management's proposed collection services would be sufficient since the number of gallons under the proposed bid would be reduced greatly and also questioned whether the logistical changes would be suitable for the Township.

Bill Fox, General Counsel of J.P. Mascaro Services, stated that the overall service as well as the number of gallons under the proposed bid would be greatly reduced by up to 77%. Mr. Fox stated that his bid is only \$1.22 more per week per resident than Waste Management's bid however the level of service will be reduced greatly. He also stated that the bid specifications also prohibit placing bags outside of the toter or providing additional containers to residents.

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Glasson to accept Waste Management's alternate bid #7 in the amount of \$20,635.297 for the five year bid as well as sections I&J. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*

Wes Rexler questioned how trash containers will be tagged and whether the Township will hire an additional employee.

Chuck Raudenbush stated that Waste Management will tag the containers.

Ken Smith questioned the specifications on where the containers are placed near the curb.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to approve a request for final escrow release by R&S General Contactors in the amount of \$15,327.40. Engineer Young stated that the approval is contingent upon the contractor providing as-built plans as well as a 15% maintenance bond in the amount of \$2090.10. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*

Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to approve a letter dated October 16, 2013 for a reduction in credit by Co-Ax Valve in the amount of \$66,485.29. Engineer Young stated that the approval is contingent upon an 18 month maintenance bond, and that the builder has completed all obligations. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*

Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve a letter dated November 5, 2013 from Robert C. Long to the Director of Planning, Glenn Kucher, requesting a waiver of curbs and sidewalks and a reduction in the non-residential unit tax from \$2 square foot to .25 cents/square foot. Township Manager McCauley stated that the applicant wishes to take advantage of the ordinance amendment that reduced the unit tax from \$2 square foot to .25 cents/square foot and the administration recommends the approval. Barbara Bill questioned the location of the business. President Lewis stated that the business is on Rt. 13 in the vicinity of Spring Avenue and there are no sidewalks there now. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*

President Lewis stated that a letter was received from Michael Andrews of Lower Bucks Municipal Joint Authority requesting a waiver of the land development ordinance process that prohibits accessory buildings by building a 2816 square foot building. Township Engineer Young stated that before Council takes action the applicant should first address the zoning variance issue.

Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Mr. Bowen to approve the signing of a stipulation by TGM Hidden Forest Apartments. Solicitor Flager stated that the applicant will now pay more taxes and that there are various parties involved in the signing of the stipulation. *Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.*

OTHER BUSINESS

President Lewis announced the appointment of Ms. Longhitano as a liaison to the Sewer Department.

President Lewis announced that the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Parade is scheduled for November 23 at 12PM rain or shine.

Ms. Longhitano announced that \$50 gift certificates are available to assist veterans in need by calling Joe Hogan at 215-547-7484.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Ellen Miller, representing the E.A.C. stated that she would like to review the plans for McDonalds and wanted to know the process to review the plans. Engineer Young stated that she should contact Glenn Kucher, Director of Planning. She also announced that a Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission grant was awarded for the Route 13 Trail Connector Project phase 3.

Cathy Spicer-Kubat stated that the Wardogs Youth Football Team has been invited to Tampa, Florida and that a fundraiser will be held so that Bristol Township youth may attend the national championship. They will host a Cow Chip Bingo on November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12PM-4PM, will be collecting donations along the parade route on November 23, and will hold a pep rally on November 26 from 6:00-8:00PM at Ben Franklin Middle School. President Lewis stated that he appreciates her hard work.

Ken Smith stated that a stop sign is needed at Randall Avenue Bridge at Penn Street because motorists are under the impression that the intersection is a three-way stop.

Barbara Bill questioned when the school board hearing will take place. President Lewis stated that the hearing might take place at the next meeting. Engineer Young stated that a review has already been completed at Buchanan School. President Lewis stated that there is no time limit. Township Manager McCauley stated that the Buchanan plan review is ready to go; however the Council Vice President asked that it be removed from the agenda since he was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Ms. Bill stated that she is in favor of the new schools being built and that the longer the process is delayed the more fees will increase.

John Riotto stated that he is against the school board building the new schools. He stated that the schools are very low ranking and that his taxes are too high. He also mentioned there is a Christmas bazaar on December 7 at Newportville Fire House on New Falls Road and he will appear as Santa Clause.

West Rexler stated that the Robert Long process is complete. He requested access to

paperwork regarding fees. Ms. Longhitano assisted she would assist him with obtaining the paperwork. Mr. Rexler stated that a County judge made a decision and that the Township should follow a County decision. Mr. Rexler also questioned the transparency of Council regarding the trash bid process. Mr. Rexler stated that residents will be forced to pay for extra trash cans; however the specifications do not mention extra trash cans. He also questioned how Newportville and Fergusonville residents benefitted from the sale of the water system.

Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Glasson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.



1. Approved the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for November 21, 2013.
2. Approved the minutes from the Council meeting on October 17, 2013.
3. Authorized the submission of an application for traffic signal approval for New Falls & Wistar Roads.
4. Authorized the submission of an application for traffic signal approval for New Falls Road at Bucks County Vocational School.
5. Authorized the submission of an application for traffic signal approval for New Rogers Road & Rockview Drive.
6. Approved the Addendum to the Investment Policy Statement for the Bristol Township Police Pension Plan.
7. Approved the change in plans for the Turnpike Commission, to extend the time frame for a small portion only of the proposed area to be used for heavy equipment traffic and then completed with sidewalks and trees by 2017, with a \$20,000 escrow account or letter of credit being held to complete project.
8. Accepted alternate # 7 for the low bid along with sections I & J in the amount of \$20,635,297 for a five (5) year contract with Waste Management for solid waste collection, disposal and recycling collection.
9. Approved the release of Final Escrow for R&S General Contractor's contingent upon the builder providing the as build plans and the eighteen month 15% maintenance bond in the amount of \$ 2009.10.
10. Approved a reduction in the letter of credit in the amount of \$487,558.29 for Co-Ax Valves contingent upon receiving an 18 month maintenance bond in the amount of \$ 66,485.22.
11. Approved a waiver of curbs & sidewalks and the Non Residential Unit Tax from \$2.00 Square Foot to \$.25 for Robert Long.
12. Authorized Township Manager and Township Solicitor to sign the Stipulated Settlement on the Appeal of TGM Hidden Forest Apartments.
13. Adjourned meeting at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy L. Hardy, Township Secretary