



BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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Bristol Township, in order to fully inform its residents, authorizes the release of the following statement:

Township Council President Craig Bowen announced today that he will ask for a motion to table the consideration of the pending ordinance to have the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad serve District 6 in Bristol Township replacing the Bucks County Rescue Squad until the Township Council's August 16, 2018 meeting. According to Council President Craig Bowen, the ordinance was to be considered at tonight's Council meeting. "I am going to call for a motion to table this matter until the Council's August meeting and it will not be considered at tonight's meeting", said Bowen.

The Council President stated that he would also ask Council to direct the Township Manager to meet with representatives of the Bucks County Rescue Squad to address the serious management and financial concerns of the Township that led to the ordinance being proposed. Bowen said that the Township Manager would also contact Bristol Borough officials to meet and discuss the long-term viability of the Rescue Squad. "There were management issues that brought this matter to a head, but the Rescue Squad has operating losses every year and has stayed in business by getting grants," he said. Bristol Township obtained an \$83,052 grant in 2015 to allow the Rescue Squad to meet payroll according to Bowen.

The ultimate goal of the Township Council is to provide the best emergency services for the residents of Bristol Township and Borough to make sure the service is available when the need arises stated Bowen. "I am hoping that this additional time will allow us to meet that goal," he said.

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