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Bristol Township Unanimously Adopts 2019 Budget with No Tax or Rate Increases

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Bristol Township Council unanimously adopted a \$70.3 million budget at their December 20th Council Meeting. "The Council has again acted responsibly by approving a township budget that holds property taxes steady for the eighth year in a row, does not raise any fees, and keeps a tight lid on spending, but also continues with necessary capital improvements," said Council President Craig Bowen.

"This is the eighth municipal budget that I have proposed. Two years, we reduced real estate taxes and the other six years, tax millage remained the same. In 2014, the trash fee was reduced by \$20 and we have held that trash fee reduction for six years now. The greatest accomplishment of this administration has been increasing services while reducing the cost of government and the size of our work force. Quite simply, we have done more with less!" Township Manager William J. McCauley, III

The adopted operating budget is a balanced budget using no reserves. In addition, the Township will invest \$2,200,000 in Gateway Beautification to improve all gateways and entrances to the Township; \$650,000 in Blight Removal by condemning and demolishing abandoned and vacant houses throughout the Township; \$7,000,000 on the expansion of the Municipal Park Complex consisting of turf multi-use field, practice field, baseball field, walking trail throughout, event space with amphitheater, additional parking, new concession and restroom areas, spray park and inclusive playground; \$1,285,000 for the replacement of the Wistar Road Bridge Replacement; \$7,146,500 investment in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, sewer pump stations and collection system; and Milling and Paving and Curb Ramp Replacement Programs. "Local government has an important role to play in making the lives of all people better, and residents will see even more investments to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods," said Bowen.

"Since coming into office seven years ago, we've made the tough decisions necessary to get Bristol Township headed in the right direction and we've become one of the greatest comeback stories in Bucks County," Bowen said. "I want to thank my fellow Council colleagues and staff for their hard work and dedication in adopting a budget that keeps Bristol Township moving forward," concluded Bowen.

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