

## BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD  
BRISTOL, PA 19007

May 19, 2016

## COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Roll Call:	President Bowen	Present
	Mr. Allen	Absent (Arrived at 7:15pm)
	Mr. Antonello	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Vice President Longhitano	Absent
	Mr. Monahan	Present
	Mrs. Murphy	Present

Council President Bowen announced that the monthly reports are available for review in the Township Manager's Office and public comment on land development and official items will be taken during the meeting. In addition, residents may offer general comments at the end of the meeting.

Council President Bowen stated matters of personnel and litigation items were discussed in executive session prior to the meeting.

President Bowen stated that Councilwoman Longhitano sends her regrets due to being under the weather.

Further Township Manager, Bill McCauley, is attending a seminar and Deputy Township Manager, Scott Swichar will assume his duties for the evening.

### **VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES**

- A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for May 19, 2016.

*Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for May 19, 2016.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.*

B. Call for a motion to approve minutes from the Council Meeting on April 21, 2016.

*Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Antonello to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on April 21, 2016.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 – 0.*

### **COMMENDATIONS, PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS**

#### **A. Presentation of Certificates of Commendations for exemplary recycling efforts.**

Deputy Township Manager Scott Swichar congratulated the residents of Bristol Township for increasing recycling totals for the second straight year.

Mr. Swichar presented an update on the Township's Clean-Up Weekend held on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. More than 400 residents participated in the two-day event, and residents filled 16 dumpsters with trash and disregarded over 100 televisions. To date this event has been the most successful. Future Clean up Event dates are currently being discussed.

Mr. Swichar thanked the residents and volunteers for the success of the event, especially Joan Lamina who was integral in the organization and success of the event.

Mr. Swichar stated the Hazardous Waste Event will be on May 28th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Harry S. Truman High School.

### **PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

- A. A Proclamation Declaring June 4, 2016 as Bailey's Bar & Grille Day in Bristol Township as They Mark their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Consideration to Adopt.

Council tabled the Presentation of the Proclamation to the June Council Meeting.

### **REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

Deputy Township Manager Swichar announced that the Township's energy contract for Street Lighting is up in July of 2016. The Township also has a separate three - year contract for electricity for our buildings set to expire in August. The Township requested that Good Energy, an energy broker, solicit proposals for on our behalf for both the streetlights and buildings. The administration is recommending another three - year contract, combining electricity for both streetlights and buildings at the price of .05028 per kilowatt hour. The new electric contract would be a 5% annual savings versus our existing price of .05315, which is the weighted average of both

existing contracts. The Township will save \$12,964.02 per year versus our current contract, or \$38,892.06 over three years.

### **REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

Township Solicitor, Randall Flager, stated that he will present a progress report on the Recovery Home Issue at the June Council Meeting.

He is proud to announce that Flager & Associates is a sponsor for the Levittown Fire Company #2 Annual Golf Outing as well as the Bristol Riverside Theater Company's production of Man of La Mancha. He encourages other businesses to support their local communities as well.

President Bowen asked that the record reflect that Mr. Allen arrived at 7:15 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Bids to Supply Electric Service to Township Buildings, Streetlights and Facilities: Consideration to Accept:**

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Monahan to accept a three year fixed rate energy contract from Constellation Energy at the price of .05028 per kilowatt hour.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

#### **B. Request from Mary Devine Elementary School Redevelopment dated May 9, 2016 for Escrow Release for Site Improvements: Consideration to take Action.**

President Bowen asked if all three escrow release requests could be combined into one motion.

Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder stated that the three schools are requesting a reduction of construction escrow in varying amounts.

Mr. Glasson asked if the schools were behind since the requested amounts were so large.

Mr. Schroeder stated the schools were projected to be open at the end of the summer.

Mr. Flager asked if Gilmore & Associates are satisfied with the completed work to date on these projects. Mr. Schroeder confirmed.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Allen Approving Escrow Release for Mary Devine Elementary Redevelopment in the amount of \$1,282,634.72.*

*Motion carried by a vote of 6 – 0*

- C. Request from Waldo Emerson Elementary School Redevelopment dated May 9, 2016 for Escrow Release for Site Improvements: Consideration to take Action.**

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Allen Approving Escrow Release for Waldo Emerson Elementary School Redevelopment in the amount of \$988,364.70..*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

- D. Request from James Buchanan Elementary School Redevelopment dated May 9, 2016 for Escrow Release for Site Improvements: Consideration to take Action.**

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Allen Approving Escrow Release for James Buchanan Elementary School Redevelopment in the amount of \$1,464,432.18.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

- E. Request from Deon Square Shopping Center Redevelopment dated May 11, 2016 for Escrow Release for Site Improvements: Consideration to take Action.**

Mr. Schroeder stated that this is the third escrow release request and that they have observed the ongoing work and recommend release.

*Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mrs. Murphy Approving Escrow Release for Deon Square Shopping Center Redevelopment in the amount of \$82,134.00.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

Mr. Antonello asked where they were at in their scope of work.

Mr. Schroeder stated they have been under construction for less than six months and request releases as the work has been satisfied.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

President Bowen reported that FEMA hosted a meeting concerning the Flood Plain Mapping for Township residents. He requested that Mr. Schroeder provide an overview of the meeting. FEMA is in the process of updating their flood maps which will affect various properties in the Township. Residents have been notified that if they are in the flood plain and have a mortgage they are required by federal law to carry flood insurance. FEMA has announced a voluntary program, Community Rating Service (CRS), which municipalities can participate to earn credits for property owners to receive discounted flood insurance. The challenge is to get through the

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program and earn those credits. Nationwide there are 22,000 communities enrolled, in the Commonwealth approximately 2,700 and in Bucks County there are two communities, Warwick and Lower Makefield Townships recently enrolled. With this program being fairly new and the lack of enrollees, a good baseline to understand fully what this program would entail and cost would be a guess at this point. Lower Makefield has spent \$50,000 in consulting fees to date. Some feedback from involved communities has stated that there is a direct correlation between the difficulty of the number of people enrolled and amount of people in the flood plain. In other words, the more people you have in the flood plain the more difficult earning the credits in the program.

President Bowen asked how many properties were added with the new flood maps.

Mr. Schroeder stated the number is being increased from 1,800 properties to 2,300, about a 25% increase.

Mr. Glasson asked that it be clarified that 2,300 homes were added to flood plain.

Mr. Schroeder stated that it is 2,300 properties.

Mr. Antonello stated that at the FEMA meeting that through the NFIP over 600 claims have been filed in Bristol Township.

Mr. Schroeder stated that the Township would need to prequalify in order to be enrolled in the program and other criteria such as having an Ordinance in good standing concerning the flood plain, preparation of better maps, and to advertise to assist the residents in getting the proper information. Other more difficult criteria, which would earn more credits, include buying properties in flood plains and demolishing the property.

Mrs. Murphy questioned if the amount of claims a Township has adversely affects the rate. Flood insurance underwrites to the risk and as FEMA looks at Bristol Township will that large number hinder getting to a larger discount.

President Bowen stated that the work the Township is doing with G.O.A.L, restricting the maps and the Turnpike construction with storm water management are all steps in the right direction

Mr. Antonello stated he did not think that the amount of claims filed was one of the components that would be factored into obtaining program credit. Land development, license and inspections approvals and storm water management is related for points.

Mr. Antonello stated that he is kindly disposed to having Bristol Township enroll in the CRS Program.

President Bowen asked Mr. Schroeder to obtain more data to allow for a proper business decision be made for the best interest of the Township.

Mr. Allen stated if we can save the resident \$100 it is worth taking a look into the program.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President Bowen announced the Memorial Day Parade in Croydon will be on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30.

The EAC will host the rain garden cleanup on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

President Bowen reminded residents that we have a phenomenal yard waste program so there is no need for residents to be dumping their waste into the Green Belts or woods.

On Sunday May 22, President Bowen with the help of volunteers will be cleaning up the island at Interstate 95 and Route 413 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Mr. Antonello stressed that it is a \$1000 fine for dumping debris onto the Greenbelts. The community has gotten involved through town watch and social media. If you dump you will get caught and fined.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Gerard Lykon, of Lykon Automotive, located at 3213 Bath Road announced that a Meet & Greet will be hosted on Sunday May 22 starting at 11:00 am. He encouraged residents to come out for food, music and a movie. Further if anyone is interested in joining Business to Business to please contact him.

President Bowen congratulated Gallus Obert on his appointment to the School Board.

West Rexler, of Western Avenue, commented on the camera installation brought to light by Mr. McCauley last month.

Mr. Glasson stated that it was the Township that brought it to the attention of the District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Rexler further commented on the police department.

*Motion by President Bowen and seconded by the entire Council to adjourn the meeting.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.*

RECAP OF MAY 19, 2016 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

1. Approved the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions from May 19, 2016.
2. Approved the April 21, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Presented Monthly Awards for Exemplary Recycling Performance.
4. Declared June 4, 2016 Bailey's Bar & Grille Day in Bristol Township. Tabled Presentation of Proclamation to Chris Ward for June meeting.
5. Accepted the Low Bid of Constellation New Energy to Supply Electric Service to Township Buildings, Streetlights and Facilities.
6. Approved the Request from Mary Devine Elementary School Redevelopment dated May 9, 2016 for an Escrow Release of \$1,282,634.72.
7. Approved the Request from Waldo Emerson Elementary School Redevelopment dated May 9, 2016 for an Escrow Release of \$988,364.70.
8. Approved the Request from James Buchanan Elementary School Redevelopment dated May 9, 2016 for an Escrow Release of \$1,464,432.18.
9. Approved the Request from Deon Square Shopping Center Redevelopment dated May 11, 2016 for an Escrow Release of \$82,134.00.
10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 pm.