

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007

March 15, 2018

COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call:	President Bowen	Present
	Vice-President Murphy	Present
	Mr. Antonello	Present
	Mr. Blalock	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Absent
	Mr. Monahan	Present
	Mrs. Wagner	Present

Also, Present: Scott Swichar, Deputy Township Manager; Randee J. Elton, Project Manager; Kurt Schroeder, Township Engineer; Edward Zanine, Township Solicitor; Kate Murphy, Township Secretary.

Township Solicitor Edward Zanine announced litigation and real estate were discussed in Executive Session prior to the meeting.

Council President Bowen announced 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.

VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for March 15, 2018.

Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for March 15, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

B. Call for a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting of February 21, 2018.

Motion by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Blalock to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting February 21, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Antonello to amend the agenda to move the Presentation of Monthly Exemplary Recycling Performance ahead of Swearing-In of New Sergeant.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

A. Presentations and Monthly Awards for Exemplary Recycling Performance.

Deputy Township Manager, Scott Swichar announced the Township will host the annual Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 28th and Saturday, May 5th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Residents, with proof of residency, can dispose of their unwanted household junk and electronics free of charge. Residents requesting more information can contact 267-812-2950.

Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, April 14th from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at Harry Truman High School.

Yard Waste – Special Collection of curbside yard waste on March 24th. Township Yard Waste Program begins on April 15th.

President Bowen presented a \$50 Gift Certificate to the Creamer Family of Bristol and the Watson Family of Levittown for their exemplary recycling efforts.

B. Swearing-In of New Sergeant in Police Department.

Chief Colton introduced Officer Eugene (Gene) Zurybida. Officer Zurybida began with the Bristol Township Police Department in May 2006. Prior to Bristol Township Officer Zurybida served three years at Temple University Police Department as bike patrol officer. During Officer Zurybida's tenure with the Bristol Township Police Department he has served as a patrol officer, assigned to Community Policing Unit, assigned to Narcotics Unit and served 3 years as task force officer with DEA. Officer Zurybida is presently assigned to the Proactive Community Response Unit. Officer Zurybida has served as a bike patrol instructor, field training officer and recently trained as a defensive tactics instructor. Officer Zurybida is Co-Captain of Bucks County Hero's Bike Team. Officer Zurybida is married to his wife Antonella and has two children.

Judge Robert Wagner administered the Oath of Office for Officer Zurybida.

C. Presentation from Heritage Conservancy re: Storm Drain Stenciling Project.

Jess Krause presented the storm drain labeling project for the Millcreek Watershed in Bristol Township. The Heritage Conservancy is a nonprofit organization serving Bucks and Montgomery Counties. The storm drain stenciling project is an educational tool for community members for the prevention of residential pollution. The project is 100% grant funded, with no cost to Township. In late 2017 surveying occurred by volunteers to record the current unlabeled storm drains; this totaled 935 storm drain. The labels were custom designed with Bristol Township's phone number for reporting any illegal dumping. Volunteers will begin the labeling

process on April 18th and April 21st. This project benefits the Township by meeting a MS4 requirement for public education and will reduce pollution to Mill Creek. Questions or to volunteer please call Jess Kraus, Watershed Outreach Associate at the Heritage Conservancy at 215-345-7020, ext. 105.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation: Consideration to Adopt.

Township Engineer Kurt Schroeder explained the application is a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$2,808,760.86 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for the Newportville Roundabout Conversion Project which is one of the Beautification Gateway Projects.

Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mr. Antonello Approving the application submission and designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

B. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation: Consideration to Adopt.

Mr. Schroeder explained the application is a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$2,006,530 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for the Route 413 Streetscape and Pedestrian Mobility Enhancement Project which is the I-95/413 Interchange Project, another Beautification Gateway Project.

Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan Approving the application submission and designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

C. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation: Consideration to Adopt.

Mr. Schroeder explained the application is a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$1,264,208 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for the Route 13 Streetscape and Pedestrian Mobility Enhancement Project which is the streetscape along Route 13 from Route 413 to Croydon.

Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan Approving the application submission and designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

D. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation: Consideration to Adopt.

Mr. Schroeder explained the application is a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$920,653.76 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for the Mill Creek Parkway Pedestrian Mobility Enhancement Project which is from Haines Road to Levittown Parkway.

Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mr. Antonello Approving the application submission and designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

E. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Department of Community and Economic Development: Consideration to Adopt.

Mr. Schroeder explained the application is a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$2,006,530 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to be used for the Route 413 Streetscape and Pedestrian Mobility Enhancement Project.

Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mr. Monahan Approving the application submission and designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

F. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Department of Community and Economic Development: Consideration to Adopt.

Mr. Schroeder explained the application is a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$1,264,208 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to be used for the Route 13 Streetscape and Pedestrian Mobility Enhancement Project.

Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mr. Antonello Approving the application submission and designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

G. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources: Consideration to Adopt.

Mr. Schroeder explained the application is being spearheaded by Jessica Fox, Director of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, C2P2, Community Conservation Partnership Program to be used for the Township Municipal Park Expansion.

Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Blalock Approving the application submission and designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Swichar advised Council the Township received a \$256,603 PennDOT Automated Red - Light Enforcement Grant. The funding will be used to upgrade the intersection at S. Oxford Valley Road and Queen Anne Drive, a high accident rated intersection. The Township will not be installing red light cameras. The funding for this grant comes from the red-light cameras in Philadelphia. The grant will provide funding for traffic safety equipment and pedestrian safety enhancements. There is no match required for the grant.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Zanine advised DEP found a typo in the Resolution approved last month for the ACT 537 Plan concerning the amount of hydraulic capacity and is asking for a revised resolution with the correct amount of 4.2 million gallons per day and 3.75 million gallons per day annual average capacity of wastewater.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to Approve the Revised Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Zanine recalled Council made an offer to the Bristol Township School Board at the end of 2017 for the purchase of the five unused schools. The School District has not responded to the offer and the Township Manager suggests the offer be withdrawn.

Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Vice President Murphy to withdraw the purchase offer.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Zanine recalled Council passed a Resolution in September 2014 authorized a 30% building permit reduction fee for the three new schools the School District was building if they met certain conditions. The last outstanding condition of the School Board Meetings to be televised is now occurring, therefore a motion is in order to grant the reduction.

Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to reduce the building permit fees by 30%.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Zanine recalled at the last meeting Council appointed Mr. Robert Wagner, Jr. as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Wagner Jr. declined. At some point Council may want to consider appointing another alternate.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Application of Green Tree Group Contracting LLC, 300 Farm Lane, Doylestown requesting Preliminary Land Development Approval to Construct Six (6) Single Family Dwellings on the Property located at 2123 Pennsylvania Avenue, Croydon (Tax Parcels# 05-13-237-014 through 019) in an R-3 Residential Zoned District of Bristol Township: Consideration to Take Appropriate Action.

Jeffery Pakrul, Vice President of Construction of Green Tree Group Contracting LLC and Engineer Ed Doubleday presented the proposed application for the construction of six (6) single-family dwelling units on six (6) existing lots on Pennsylvania Avenue between Logan Avenue and Gerard Avenue. Mr. Doubleday detailed each lot will have a driveway to accommodate two off-street parking spaces and a dwelling without a garage. Mr. Doubleday advised the stormwater management will be handled on site and a sanitary sewer system will be constructed in Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Doubleday reviewed the waivers requested.

Mr. Schroeder advised the applicant was granted the waiver recommendation from the Planning Commission with a fee in lieu of. Mr. Antonello asked Mr. Schroeder his opinion on the request. Mr. Schroeder advised Council has typically waived the sidewalks on similar projects where adjacent sidewalks do not exist in the vicinity.

Motion by Vice President Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to Approve the Application of Green Tree Group Contracting, LLC for Preliminary and Final Land Development Approval for Properties located at 2123-33 Pennsylvania Avenue, (Tax Maps 5—013-237-014 through 019) to Construct six single family detached dwellings in a R-3 Residential Zoned District.

Mr. Galus, Farmbrook Section advised there are sidewalks and curbs adjacent to the proposed project on Pennsylvania Avenue but not on the other side of the street. Mr. Antonello stated sidewalks are a concern and are for pedestrian safety. Mr. Schroeder explained because of the flat elevation of the site it is infeasible to install sidewalks and curbs. Mr. Bowen advised Council the Board has to decide if they are going to request a fee in lieu or waive the ordinance requirement.

Ken Smith stated his concern the proposed houses will not have garages and parking for only two cars and not proposing the to widen the street, and with parking on both sides it will be narrow and if the requirement of the street width is 26 feet, they should construct as such. Mr. Schroeder explained widening the roadway would create a ponding issue and unsafe condition at this location.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

- B. Application of Dumack Engineering, 1038 2nd Street Pike, Richboro Requesting Waiver of Land Development for Ancillary Improvements of Driveway Dow Chemical Property located on River Road (Tax Parcel # 05-054-157): Consideration to Take Appropriate Action.

Steve Quigley, Landscape Architect for Dumack Engineering presented the application for the construction of an ancillary drive where stone currently exists for the trucks that come into Dow Chemical. The trucks will be stopped at a guarded area for receiving and will either be allowed to enter or use the driveway to turn around and exit.

President Bowen asked what street they will be entering from? Mr. Quigley advised the trucks enter from River Road and the request for this internal driveway is for queuing of the trucks as they are allowed in or out.

Mr. Schroeder advised Council that the request is for a waiver of land development, still subject to land development regulations but would not have to present to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Zanine asked Mr. Quigley if he received and reviewed the resolution for approval tonight and if approved he is authorized to sign the resolution. Mr. Quigley stated he did and is.

Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to Approve the requested Waiver of Land Development for Ancillary Improvements of Driveway on Dow Chemical Property located on River Road (Tax Parcel # 05-054-157).

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Swichar advised Saturday, March 17th is Breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 9:00AM – 12:00PM and then Easter Egg Hunt at 12:00PM.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Antonello stated the St. Patty's Day Parade was a great event.

Vice President Murphy stated the TV show Rise is inspired by Lou Volpe and documents the transformation of the Harry S. Truman theater group that occurred. Vice President Murphy stated the show is very inspirational and shows the pride in the community.

President Bowen wished everyone a Happy St. Patty's Day.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Jason Reilly, Fairless Hills, spoke of his concerns the Civil Service Commission procedures are flawed and conflicts of interests with current members.

West Rexler, 504 Western Ave, spoke of issues not pertaining to Township business and various conspiracy theories regarding the Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randee J. Elton
Project Manager

RECAP MARCH 15, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

1. Approved Voucher List and Requisitions from March 15, 2018.
2. Approved the February 21, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes
3. Swearing in of Office Eugene Zurybida as Police Sergeant
4. Presented Monthly Awards for Exemplary Recycling Performances.
5. Presentation from Heritage Conservancy re: Storm Drain Stenciling Project.
6. Approved Resolution 2018-22 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$2,808,760.86 for the Newportville Roundabout Conversion Project.
7. Approved Resolution 2018-23 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$2,006,530 for the Route 413 Streetscape and Pedestrian Mobility Enhancement Project.
8. Approved Resolution 2018-24 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$1,264,208 for the Route 13 Streetscape and Pedestrian Mobility Enhancement Project.
9. Approved Resolution 2018-25 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$920,653.76 for the Mill Creek Parkway Pedestrian Mobility Enhancement Project.
10. Approved Resolution 2018-26 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Department of Community and Economic Development in the Amount of \$2,006,530 for the Route 413 Streetscape and Pedestrian Mobility Enhancement Project.
11. Approved Resolution 2018-27 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Department of Community and Economic Development in the Amount of \$1,264,208 for the Route 13 Streetscape and Pedestrian Mobility Enhancement Project.
12. Approved Resolution 2018-28 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in the Amount of \$2,000,000 for a Fully Inclusive Playground and Spray Park Areas.
13. Approved Resolution 2018-29 Adopting and Submitting an Update Revision to Bristol Township's Sewage Facilities Management Plan (Act 537) to the PA Department of Environmental Protection for Approval.

14. Approved Motion to Withdraw the Township's Offer to Purchase the Five (5) Vacant School Properties.
15. Approved Motion to Release the Thirty Percent (30%) Reduction of Permit Fees in the amount of \$205,465.00 to the Bristol Township School District.
16. Approved Resolution 2018-30 Accepting the Application of Green Tree Group Contracting LLC, 300 Farm Lane, Doylestown requesting Preliminary Land Development Approval to Construct Six (6) Single Family Dwelling on the Property located at 2123 Pennsylvania Avenue, Croydon (Tax Parcels# 05-13-237-014 through 019) in an R-3 Residential Zoned District of Bristol Township.
17. Approved Resolution 2018-31 Approving the Waiver Request of Dumack Engineering, 1038 2nd Street Pike, Richboro for Ancillary Improvements of Driveway Dow Chemical Property located on River Road (Tax Parcel # 05-054-157)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.