President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

Roll Call: Councilman Tucker Present
          Councilman Lewis Present
          Councilman Blaylock Present
          Vice President Tarlini Present
          President Pluta Present

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan stated he expected to make the appointment for the Sewer Department but he has a few questions to discuss with Council separately.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve minutes from the February 3, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes
                Councilman Lewis Yes
                Councilman Blaylock Yes
                Vice President Tarlini Yes
                President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 5-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Penndot will be doing some paving work on Route 413 from Bath Road to Route 1. There will be lane closures. Cedar Avenue will be closed for a water main replacement in a couple of weeks.
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Mr. Bartlett stated there are a number of facilities being brought into one large building in the Township and this will bring jobs in the area.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve Co-Stars equipment vendor Let’s Think Wireless for the Surveillance Camera System Project. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Mr. Turner asked what the annual cost will be for the operation of the cameras. Chief McAndrew stated that there will be a 3 year maintenance agreement the cost is $16,671.00.

Roll Call Vote:  Councilman Tucker  Yes
Councilman Lewis  Yes
Councilman Blaylock  Yes
Vice President Tarlini  Yes
President Pluta  Yes

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Bartlett stated every year the Township’s Summer Recreation Program takes trips and transports the students on a bus. The Township advertises for bids.

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve advertising a bid for the summer recreation bus transportation. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Turner questioned if the cost would be over $10,000.00. Mr. Bartlett stated that it could go over $10,000.00 it is an hourly rate.

Roll Call Vote:  Councilman Tucker  Yes
Councilman Lewis  Yes
Councilman Blaylock  Yes
Vice President Tarlini  Yes
President Pluta  Yes

Motion passed 5-0
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REPORT FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

Mr. McDermott stated he wanted to give a brief of what has been happening in Washington with the Grant Funds that are going to be cut and how it directly affects the Township. The Township has received Community Development Block Grant Funds since 1975. They are Federal Funds from HUD. The Township is designated from the Federal Government as an entitled community that means by a formula to receive back to some of the Federal Funds for projects that are eligible under the HUD guidelines. The process starts a year ahead of time. The Township has a $740,000.00 application that was approved by HUD. There have been letters and petitions sent to the Senate to protest and hopefully limit the 62% cuts the House are proposing because that would cut the CDBG Program. Mr. McDermott has a letter signed by the Mayor and Council signed and he will have it certified and send it to our Congressmen and the two Senators.

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson stated there have been calls coming in from residents questioning if they can burn leaves. He has informed the homeowners that open burning is prohibited in the Township. Public Works is also receiving complaints from homeowners that ground water is coming in their basements. Mr. Lawson stated it is the homeowners’ responsibility to have their basements sealed or install a sum pump. Vice President Tarlini questioned if the reports were ready from the pilot program. Mr. Lawson stated they will be ready for the second meeting.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief Mc Andrew requested Council to allow the Police Department to hire a CSO they had four and are now down to two. The Police applied and became a Central Booking Police Department. The Township does booking for Police Departments that do not have the capability of booking and the Township gets paid $150.00. The Township received a check last week from the County for $27,000.00. The Police Department could do more with hiring of a CSO, and it is already in the Budget.
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REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:  

Mr. Kucher stated that his department requested feedback from Realtors to help improve the resale U & O procedures, via the Suburban Realty Alliance Web Site and News Letter. Council received the responses and suggestions. One of the suggestions was to include the second inspection in the first inspection fee and charge a re-inspection fee for the third inspection. There was feedback about the curb and sidewalk ordinance and the escrow fee for temporary re-sales. Mr. Kucher gave Council a couple of options for possible adoption. Mr. Kucher stated temporary sign and banners came up at the last meeting. The temporary sign permits regulations give minimum square footage and height restrictions. No more than four temporary signs per establishment per one calendar year and no more than two shall be permitted at any one time on a site. Temporary Signs are permitted for a maximum for 15 days. President Pluta questioned if a permit is needed for the signs. Mr. Kucher stated there is a permit required and he does the zoning review.  

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:  

Mr. Sacco stated that previously Council approved transferring all of the Township Employees Pension to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. The PMRS requires that the Township adopt their formal Ordinance. 

Motion by Councilman Lewis to advertise the PMRS Ordinance. Second by Vice President Tarlini. 

Roll Call Vote:  
Councilman Tucker  
Councilman Lewis  
Councilman Blaylock  
Vice President Tarlini  
President Pluta  

Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  

Motion passed 5-0
OTHER:

Vice President Tarlini stated she has attended a couple of the School District Meetings. The School District has had two preliminary budget meetings and will continue to review the budget. There is a substantial shortfall. The next meeting is March 9, 2011, 6:30 PM at Franklin Middle School.

Vice President Tarlini stated that three of our Officers have retired Chic McGuigan Ed Wallace and Tim Perkins and Council wishes them well. Vice President Tarlini stated she was a welcomed liaison for the Bristol Township Business Coalition, on the day of the first meeting one of the Board Members requested she not attend. The meeting was used to bash the Township, and Vice President Tarlini would like to straighten out the complaints with the Coalition. Vice President Tarlini is a liaison for L&I there was a meeting with the Suburban Realtors they represent 111 agents the meeting was productive and they are trying to come up with some solutions. There are some businesses coming to the Township and will bring jobs to the Township.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Mr. Wayne Turner of Croydon questioned if there were any meetings in Council Chambers on February 22, 2011. President Pluta stated he and another Councilperson had a meeting with a potential developer. Mr. Turner stated that three cops retired. Three cops were laid off and questioned if they will be brought back. President Pluta stated that would be something that would have to be looked at.

Mr. Troy Brennan of Croydon stated that the Bristol Township Business Coalition had their first meeting and they requested that Mrs. Tarlini not attend the first meeting because business owners have a lot of problems and are intimidated by Council. The Coalition will choose who they want as liaison.

Mr. Mark Robinson of Croydon stated that a handicap ramp was placed at Steven & Spencer Avenues and it is so low that it floods. Public Works would like to put a storm drain in 300 feet from the corner that will be tied into a drain that already floods. Mr. Robinson stated that it would not help because the curb is too low. Aqua installed the ramp and should be responsible to fix it. Mr. Lawson stated that Aqua installed the ramp and it was inspected by L & I and it is ADA compliant. Aqua will not raise it.
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Mr. Lawson stated whether Aqua raises it or not Public Works is going to install a drain at the corner.

Mr. Retzler of West Bristol stated there is a handicap woman named Sherry who works as a greeter at Walmart that is having trouble obtaining a wheel chair. Mr. Retzler requested the Township or Representative Davis to help her. Mr. Retzler stated that after the last meeting he saw a Police Officer make a U Turn by the WaWa on Route 413 and put his lights on to go through the traffic lights and came back to the Township to put his gear in his car. Mr. Retzler reported it. President Pluta stated that he also reported it after receiving Mr. Retzler's voice mail.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M. Second by Councilman Blaylock.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Tucker Yes
Councilman Lewis Yes
Councilman Blaylock Yes
Vice President Tarlini Yes
President Pluta Yes

Motion passed 5-0
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Respectfully submitted by
Betsey Kelly-Kryven
Secretary