

# BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD  
BRISTOL, PA 19007

MARCH 25, 2015

## COUNCIL MEETING

Vice President Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bowen	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Ms. Longhitano	Present
	Mr. Monahan	Present
	Ms. Murphy	Present
	Vice President Brennan	Present

Vice President Brennan 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.

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

### VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES

- A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for March 25, 2015.

*Motion by Mr. Bowen and seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve the outstanding voucher list for March 25, 2015.*

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

- B. Call for a motion to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 19, 2015

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*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Ms. Murphy to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on February 19, 2015.*

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

Vice President Brennan stated that due to the unfortunate passing of Council President Robert Lewis there is a vacancy on Council.

Vice President Brennan asked for a motion from Council appointing Councilman Craig Bowen as Council President.

*Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Glasson to appoint Mr. Bowen as Council President.*

*Motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with Mr. Bowen abstaining.*

President Bowen thanked Council and promised he will do his best to fill the shoes of Bob Lewis.

Vice President Brennan announced that at this time he would like to step down as Vice President out of respect for the partnership he had forged with Bob Lewis.

*Motion by Mr. Brennan and seconded by President Bowen to appoint Councilwoman Longhitano to the position of Council Vice President.*

*Motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with Ms. Longhitano abstaining.*

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENDATIONS and REPORTS

- A. President Bowen presented Certificates of Commendation to the Werst Family from Edgely and the Shaw Family from Levittown and presented both families with a \$50.00 Gift Certificate from TD Bank.

Council thanked the residents for their ongoing recycling efforts.

President Bowen announced that the Township will be holding the second Township Cleanup Event for the residents of Bristol Township. The free event is a great opportunity for residents to clean out their unwanted junk from garages, attics, or basements. President Bowen encouraged residents to mark their calendars for Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 8:00 to 12:30 P.M. at the Bristol Township Municipal Building.

- B. Swearing-In of New Police Officers

Township Manager McCauley asked Council for a motion to confirm the appointments of Stephen Andrews and Thomas Leinheiser as Police Officers for Bristol Township.

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*Motion by Ms. Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Glasson to confirm the appointments of Stephen Andrews and Thomas Leinheiser as Probationary Police Officers for Bristol Township.*

*Motion carried unanimously 6-0.*

Judge Kline administered the Oaths of Office to Stephen Andrews and Thomas Leinheiser and welcomed them to Bristol Township.

Council welcomed the new officers to Bristol Township.

*Motion by President Bowen and seconded by Mr. Brennan to move item 8B to the next Order of Business.*

B. A Resolution of Respect Honoring Robert Lewis, Jr.: Consideration to Adopt.

*Motion by President Bowen and seconded by the entire Council to approve a Resolution of Respect Honoring Robert Lewis Jr.*

*Motion carried unanimously 6-0.*

President Bowen read into the record the Resolution of Respect Honoring Robert Lewis Jr. Council presented the Lewis Family with Resolution 2015-7 and extended their deepest sympathies to the Lewis Family.

#### APPOINTMENTS

A. Vacancy on the Township Council to fill the unexpired term of Robert Lewis, Jr.: Consideration to Appoint.

Township Solicitor, Randall Flager, stated that Council has 30 days to fill the vacancy but since this is the only meeting in that timeframe Council has the opportunity to appoint someone to serve until January 2, 2016.

*Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Mr. Brennan to appoint Murray Bailey Jr. to the Bristol Township Council to fill the unexpired term of Robert Lewis, Jr.*

*Motion carried unanimously 6-0.*

The Honorable Clyde Waite, who was a dear friend to Mr. Lewis and a former Bristol Township Solicitor, administered the Oath of Office to Murray Bailey Jr.

Judge Waite stated that he believed it was only fitting for him to officiate the swearing in of Mr. Lewis' replacement because of his long relationship with Bob Lewis.

B. Vacancy to the Environmental Advisory Committee: Consideration to Appoint.

*Motion by President Bowen and seconded by Mr. Brennan to table the appointment to a later date.*

*Motion carried unanimously 7-0.*

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

A. A Resolution of Commendation Honoring Steve Kaufman: Consideration to Adopt.

President Bowen read into the record the Resolution of Commendation of Mr. Kaufman for his heroic efforts in extinguishing a house fire in Bristol Township while on his regular route collecting trash for Waste Management.

*Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Vice President Longhitano to approve a Resolution Honoring Steve Kaufman.*

*Motion carried unanimously 7-0.*

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Township Manager McCauley announced that the security cameras in Winder Village have been installed and are operational.

Further the box lights in the front parking lot of the Municipal Building have been updated to the new LEDs. The Township has approximately 90 to 100 lights that still need to be updated to the LEDs and that we are now in the Township parks and playgrounds to improve the lighting system. Township employees will be trained in the coming week in the Star Sense system. We are currently using the Star Sense technology to give PECO better information to get lights operational quicker when there are power issues.

The street sweeping schedule was recently posted. The sweeping will begin on Monday April 6 and Mr. McCauley asked that residents take notice to the date their street is scheduled for sweeping and asked that residents please do not sweep debris into the streets as it will go into our storm drains resulting in the debris moving into our waterways.

Mr. McCauley recently received the 2014 Revenues and Expenditures report from Finance Officer. He will present a full 2014 Financial Operations Report at next month's Council meeting. McCauley is pleased to announce the Township had another great year. This was a great job done by the Department Heads managing their budgets and we also beat revenues fairly well. McCauley stated he was pleasantly surprised.

Mr. McCauley thanked the Public Works Department once again for their efforts in delivering exceptional services to the Township. The amazing thing about the great job done by the Public Works employees this winter is that, as Council knows, they have not received a raise since 2009 as a result of mismanagement by past administrations. McCauley stated that one of his goals for 2015 is that the Public Works Department receives a new contract and the employees receive significant raises for the tremendous work they have done throughout the past few years. Mr.

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McCauley has spoken to the President of the TWU and stated that the Public Works department deserves a new contract and raises as they have truly risen to the occasion.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Township Solicitor, Randall Flager, expressed his sympathy to the Lewis Family and Council on the tragic loss of Council President Lewis.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION

Township Manager McCauley asked Council to add to the Agenda a Commendation of Heroism to Detective Douglas Slemmer for his heroic acts on September 18, 2011.

*Motion by Vice President Longhitano and seconded by the entire Council to add the Commendation of Detective Slemmer to the March 25, 2015 Agenda.*

*Motion carried unanimously 7-0.*

Acting Chief Johnson read into the record the Commendation of Detective Slemmer.

Detective Slemmer, without regard to his own personal safety, rushed into a home during a domestic disturbance to find the helpless victim with a belt tied around her neck. Detective Slemmer removed the belt and stayed with the victim until the paramedics arrived.

Mr. McCauley stated that heroism seems to be the recurring theme for this evening with Steve Kauffman, Detective Slemmer and that Bob Lewis was an everyday hero.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request from Bucks County Legends Baseball League to Partner with Bristol Township to Lease Coates Avenue Baseball Fields: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Mike Cox, President of the Bucks County Legends Baseball League, expressed the organizations condolences to the Lewis Family, residents of Bristol Township and to Council.

Bucks County Legends were founded in 2010 with a team of 12 players looking for a more competitive baseball experience. In five years the program has grown as large as six teams and currently has five teams with over 50 young athletes.

After meeting with the Bristol Township School District in February for the third time with no progress in getting the permits needed for a new complex they reached out to Craig Bowen for help. The Bucks County Legends are willing and able to bring the Coates Avenue site in Edgely back from neglect and once again make it a place the Township can be proud to own.

Mr. Flager advised Council to make a motion to direct the Township Manager and the Solicitor to

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create a lease contract agreeable for all parties.

McCauley stated that this partnership is right in line with what has been done with the Wardogs and Levittown Pacific where the Township supplies the lights and the clubs provide the maintenance. Further he stated just as with the Wardogs and Levittown Pacific this is a win-win for the Township as Bucks County Legends are willing to maintain the field throughout the contracts which ultimately allows for Township employees to provide other services to the residents.

*Motion by Vice President Longhitano and seconded by the entire Council to approve the request for Partnership between Bucks County Legends Baseball League and Bristol Township for the leasing of the Coates Avenue Baseball Fields.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

- B. Application of Poonam Donut Corporation, 3 Waters Edge Drive, Delran, NJ for Conditional Use Approval for property located at 1159 Veterans Highway, (TAX PARCEL #5-27-102.1) in order to construct a Dunkin Donuts with a drive thru in a C-Commercial Zoned District: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Mr. Flager called the Conditional Use Hearing to order at 8:06 pm. Vince Fioravanti and George Messiah were sworn in for the record.

The applicant agrees to comply with all the items stipulated in the August 12, 2014 review letter from Gilmore & Associates.

President Bowen asked if the plans allowed for enough room for stacking at the Drive Thru.

Vice President Longhitano asked that Mr. Messiah look to Bristol Township residents for employment.

Gallus Obert, 51 Freedom Lane, asked if the Dunkin Donuts would interfere with the Golden Donuts.

Mr. Obert was informed that Golden Donuts has been closed for 16 years.

Conditional Use Hearing was closed at 8:13 pm.

*Motion by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Vice President Longhitano to approve the application for conditional use for the property located at 1159 Veterans Highway to construct a Dunkin Donuts with a drive thru in a C-Commercial Zoned District.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

- C. Application of Poonam Donut Corporation, 3 Waters Edge Drive, Delran, NJ for

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Preliminary Land Development approval property located at 1159 Veterans Highway, (TAX PARCEL #5-27-102.1) in order to construct a Dunkin Donuts with a drive thru in a C-Commercial Zoned District: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

The applicant agrees to comply with all the items stipulated in the August 8, 2014 review letter from Gilmore & Associates.

*Motion by President Bowen and seconded by Vice President Longhitano to approve the application for preliminary/final land development approval for the property located at 1159 Veterans Highway to construct a Dunkin Donuts with a drive thru in a C-Commercial Zoned District.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

President Bowen requested that the developer consider local trades when construction gets underway.

D. Application of Woodbury Grove, LP, 370 E. Maple Ave, Langhorne, for Final Subdivision approval for property located at Bath Road & Forest Street, (TAX PARCEL #5-28-565-002) in R-3 Residential Zoned District. Consideration to take Action.

The applicant agrees to comply with all the items stipulated in the October 10, 2013 review letter from Gilmore & Associates.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Ms. Murphy to approve the application for final subdivision approval for the property located at Bath Road & Forest Street.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

E. Bid for I-95 Pump Station Upgrade: Consideration to Adopt.

Remington, Vernick, & Beach recommends that Bristol Township accept the responsible low bid of Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$165,942.00.

*Motion by Ms. Murphy and seconded by President Bowen to approve award to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. for the upgrades to the I-95 Pump Station for the price of \$165,942.00.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

F. 2015 Stone and Asphalt Bid: Consideration to Adopt.

*Motion by Mr. Monahan and seconded by Vice President Longhitano to accept the low bids of Eureka Stone Quarry, Inc for all stone material and PSP Cold Patching material and the bid of Walter R. Earle for Super Pave 9.5 wearing course due to the proximity of their plant.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.*

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Township Manager McCauley announced that the Townships Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 28, 2015 on the Wardogs Field starting at 12:00 pm.

Councilman Glasson wanted to congratulate the Bishop Conwell-Egan Men's Basketball Team for winning the State Championship. Council would like to invite the team to receive a Commendation of Achievement at next month's meeting.

President Bowen asked that residents donate to the Bucks County Rescue Squad Annual donation drive.

Please donate to the Newportville Fire Company

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Tony Bolger, Green Lynne, thanked Council for the leadership they have extended to Bucks County Legends Baseball League.

Patrick Antonello, 2 Midwood Lane, asked Council if they support Township Manager McCauley in respect to the Grand Jury Report. Council member Brennan emphatically responded 1000 percent!

Bill Kinyon, Incurve Rd, requested an extension to the curb permit deadline and complimented the Council on how much different meetings are run now as opposed to the last time he attended one.

John Riotto, 2160 Maple Ave, announced he is running for the Bristol Township School Board.

President Bowen stated that just because one Police Officer made a mistake it does not reflect negatively on our Police Department as a whole.

Lastly Council extended their condolences to the Lewis Family.

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

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0. Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 pm.*



RECAP OF MARCH 25, 2015 MEETING:

1. Motion to approve the Voucher List for March 25, 2015.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes from the February 19, 2015 meeting.
3. Appointed Craig Bowen as Council President.
4. Appointed Amber Longhitano as Council Vice President.
5. Confirmed the appointments of Officers Stephen Andrews and Thomas Leinheiser.
6. Approved Motion to move Agenda Item 8B to the next Order of Business.
7. Approved a Resolution of Respect Honoring Robert Lewis Jr.
8. Appointed Murray Bailey Jr. as Council Member to fill the unexpired vacancy of Robert Lewis, Jr.
9. Tabled request for a new appointment to the EAC.
10. Adopted a Resolution of Commendation to Steve Kaufmann
11. Presented a Commendation of Heroism to Detective Douglas Slemmer.
12. Approved a Request for Partnership with Bucks County Legends Baseball League and Bristol Township for the lease of ballfields at Coates Avenue.
13. Approved the Application of Poonam Donut Corporation for Conditional Use Approval for the property located at 1159 Veterans Highway
14. Approved the Application of Poonam Donut Corporation for Preliminary/Final Land Development for the property located at 1159 Veterans Highway
15. Approved the Application for Final Subdivision of Woodbury Grove located at Bath Road & Forest Street.
16. Accepted the low bid of Blooming Glen Contractors for the I-95 Pump Station Up-grades in the amount of \$165,942.00.
17. Accepted the low bids of Eureka Stone Quarry, Inc for all Stone Material and PSP Cold Patch and the bid of Walter R. Earle for Super Pave 9.5 wearing course.
18. Adjournment at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Murphy, Township Secretary