

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Tarlini at 7:01 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: personnel and litigation were discussed.

President Tarlini called for a Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council Members, Tarlini, Pluta, Mobley, Monahan and Davis were present.

Public comments will be taken on Land Development and Official action items. General comments will be taken during Opportunity for Residents to Address Council

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Fenton reported the Gun and Weapon Buy Back Incentive Program for the Police Department and Community will be in place to keep Bristol Township safer. There are too many guns. We will have the gun buyback program every Tuesday from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Until the end of the year or until the funds are gone. The persons who bring in rifles, hand guns or automatic weapons will receive certificates for Pathmark. Starting May 14, 2009 any officer who gets guns back from the criminals will receive their own parking space for thirty days.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Call for a motion to approve minutes from the following Council Meetings: February 13, 2009, March 5, 2009 and March 19, 2009. Councilwoman Davis called for the motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2009 Council meeting. Second by Councilman Pluta.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Mobley	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion Approved: 5-0

Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve minutes from the March 5, 2009 Council Meeting. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Mobley	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion Approved: 5-0

President Tarlini called for the motion to approve *table* the minutes from the March 19, 2009 Council Meeting. Second by Councilwoman Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Mobley	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Councilwoman Davis	yes
	Vice President Pluta	yes
	President Tarlini	yes

Motion Approved: 5-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Summer Recreation Transportation Bid; Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve GST Transportation for the summer Recreation Transportation Bid. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

General Materials Hauling Bid; Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve Dennuci for the General Materials Hauling Bid at \$64.50 per hour. Second by Councilman Pluta. Poll: Councilmembers Mobley, Monahan, Pluta and Tarlini voted yes. Councilwoman Davis abstained. Motion approved. 4 ayes, 1 abstain.

Consortium Bids 2009; Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve Barrett Asphalt for Road Materials. Second by Councilwoman Davis. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve General Stone for Road material from Eureka quarries. Second by Councilman Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. Councilwoman Davis called for the motion to approve Garden State Traffic & Sign for Sign and post materials. Second by Councilman Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Mr. Bartlett reported checking into the consortium fuel bid to see if there are delivery charges.

Grants and loans for the sewer plant are available through the H2O program and Pennvest. A large amount of money is coming as a result of the stimulus program. We are trying to get the money through this program. The grant or part loan grant has one requirement which is for projects to be shovel ready. The engineering would need to be done any way. A proposal from T&M Associates was received for upfront engineering. We will know by summer and construction will by February 2010. The timetable moved up. These fees are funded to be reimbursed and would have to be done anyway. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve the proposal from T&M Associates for upfront engineering to obtain grants and loans for the sewer plant through the H2O program and Pennvest. Second by Councilman Monahan. Councilman Mobley asked for an explanation of what is being done? Mr. Bartlett stated eleven million dollars is available. Projects may shift slightly. The plant is old and components are wearing out (maintenance items). We could upgrade five pumping stations, replace the effluent flow meter, chlorinator, digester, pumping station flow meter and back up the screening devise. This would be money to fix the problems, not an upgrade. Councilman Mobley asked if this would increase capacity? Mr. Bartlett stated we will get a better idea of flows through the plant with the flow meter. The inflow and infiltration work is being done on a regular basis to reduce flow. We are working on the Act 537 plan. The option would be whether to divert more flow to the Borough. Possibly the moratorium could be removed after the work gets done. Poll: Councilmember Mobley abstained. Coucilmembers Monahan, Davis, Pluta and Tarlini voted yes. Motion approved 4 ayes, 1 abstain.

Mr. Bartlett stated the eighteenth annual 5K Classic is Friday, May 9, 2009. The district supplies \$250,000 in grants to graduating students. Dave Droppa is the representative. They encourage participation. This is a great program for student in the Township.

DOW (Rohm & Haas) community initiative program grant is up to \$30,000 for recreation type educational program for youth oriented group. The request for proposal conference is May 18. This must be for a non-profit.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

- A. Councilman Mobley called for a motion to approve Resolution 12-2009, Payment request for \$100,000 of the municipal grant program contract number 2008-07; BDRCA Reference #RA13-2008/BT03/Bristol Township Council accepted and administered a Municipal Grant program award for the Third District Fire Company air pack replacement. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mobley yes
 Councilman Monahan yes
 Councilwoman Davis yes
 Vice President Pluta yes
 President Tarlini yes

Motion approved 5-0

- B. Councilwoman Davis called for the motion to approve Release Request #1, Wistar Road Joint Repair, Bristol Project #2008-08, as requested by Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc. in the amount of \$60,900. Second by Vice President Pluta.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mobley yes
 Councilman Monahan yes
 Councilwoman Davis yes
 Vice President Pluta yes
 President Tarlini yes

Motion approved 5-0

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Councilman Monahan stated there is high grass on Coates Avenue (at the DV3). And the ditch between 96 Goldenridge Drive has a ladder and other debris blocking the water flow. Hickory Lane is requesting that road should be done (it goes to Bolton Mansion).

Mr. Lawson stated weather is putting us behind. We don't want to patch in puddles. We are patching major holes.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew reported the gun program starts next Thursday, we stress safety. If you don't want to handle the fire arm, we will come to you and take it.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher reported on the tractor trailer complaint received for Ford Road. There will be a meeting with Mr. Kucher, Opus and Council next week because they want a release.

Multiple calls were received regarding the TH properties grass. A notice of violation was pursued. The grass will be cut or the violation will continue to pursue. President Tarlini stated that will breed mosquitoes. We need to take care of that. Vice President Pluta stated there is a hole in the fence along the Fifth Avenue property. They should secure the property.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

Mr. McDermott reported the HUD official letter to the Mayor reported everything in compliance with the evaluation in 2008.

The senate approved the 2009 budget. The Township received \$21,000 more than we applied for. I will meet with the committee in the coming month.

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The application for \$179,000 stimulus money is due by June 5, 2009. A three hour webcast on Wednesday will be shown for the details of the job creation components and economic development money. We will get the details or project as planned but we are waiting for the webcast for all the information.

Councilwoman Davis asked the status of the curbs for the ADA? Mr. McDermott responded the final ruling for ADA requirements is new. They will be received. They changed the way they want them. We will be starting on that.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco stated Detective Lebo is putting information together for the Edward Burn Memorial Justice Grant. There is a total of \$457,000 which gets allocated to fourteen municipalities. \$74,867 is for Bristol Township. The agreement for the JAG Justice Grant is to jointly apply for the grant. This would be used for tasors and a slide card system for the police department. Councilman Mobley called for the motion to jointly apply for the JAG Justice Grant to be used for tasors and a slide card system for the police department. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

OTHER:

Councilman Mobley stated we have two projects going on. One project (the Act 537) should be completed before going to the other. We should look into whether there was an additional million gallons in inflow and infiltration before we decide whether to divert or expand the plant, which is why I abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Cass Loveless-gave information to Council. As sole owner of 1568 to 1578 Haines Road Ms. Loveless is concerned for safety. Letters from tenants were received saying they are concerned for their safety. New lighting and signs were posted. The tenants are moved. The police were commended for their assistance. They come right out. Any suggestions would be appreciated. Chief McAndrew stated we met. The patrol was increased. The special investigations unit is trying to get control there. We are trying to get money for cameras for the police department but have not been successful. We are still trying to get the cameras.
2. Gallus J. Obert-said the audit should be complete. Mr. Bartlett stated the final draft was received. It will be issued probably early next week. Only one small single finding, paperwork, record keeping reported in the audit. The audit will be posted on the website. Mr. Obert said monthly reports should be available from all department heads.
3. Jake Tryon-spoke of the parking in front of Matts Pharmacy on Route 13. They don't follow the parallel parking and should get a ticket. Chief McAndrew stated it is at the digression of the officer, we will have to make sure the signs are legal (with the State).
4. Ken Smith- spoke of Radcliffe Street and Pitt Avenue near the bridge, you can't see around the growth which is a safety issue.

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5. Bettie Richardson- thanked Councilman Mobley for considering the eleven million dollars for the sewer plant since economics are bad and asked how the deficit will be made up for since the reserves are low.
6. Tony Tucker- did not speak.
7. West Retzler-asked why people are hooking into the sewer system if there is a moratorium? Vice Present Pluta stated some people had permits prior to the moratorium.
8. Mike Slipp- did not speak.
9. Ruth M. Siegen- did not speak.
10. Bob Lewis- said the Township should take a look at spending to not exceed the revenue.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Tarlini called for the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes.
Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Denise Gorry
Secretary

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

- 1) Approve minutes from the February 13, 2009 Council meeting.
- 2) Approve minutes from the March 5, 2009 Council Meeting.
- 3) *Table* the minutes from the March 19, 2009 Council Meeting.
- 4) Approve GST Transportation for the summer Recreation Transportation Bid.
- 5) Approve Dennuci for the General Materials Hauling Bid at \$64.50 per hour.
- 6) Approve Barrett Asphalt for Road Materials.
- 7) Approve General Stone for Road material from eureka quarries.
- 8) Approve the proposal from T&M Associates for upfront engineering to obtain grants and loans for the sewer plant through the H2O program and Pennvest.
- 9) Approve Resolution 12-2009, Payment request for \$100,000 of the municipal grant program contract number 2008-07; BDRCA Reference #RA13-2008/BT03/Bristol Township Council accepted and administered a Municipal Grant program award for the Third District Fire Company air pack replacement.
- 10) Approve Release Request #1, Wistar Road Joint Repair, Bristol Project #2008-08, as requested by Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc. in the amount of \$60,900.
- 11) Apply for the JAG Justice Grant to be used for tasors and a slide card system for the police department.