

**BRISTOL TOWNSHIP
2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007**

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

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

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan said he would like to thank Mr. Bartlett for presenting the budget. It was submitted on time. There will be Budget Meetings. Mayor Monahan had a request from Tim Monahan, the manager of the Bristol Post 382 American Legion Baseball Team who won the State Title requesting the team be recognized for their accomplishments. Mayor Monahan said he will get the names of all the boys on the team and mention them by name at an upcoming Council Meeting. Mayor Monahan received a letter from a mother wanting to thank Officer Mary Reiff for saving her daughters life by giving CPR until the rescue squad came. Mayor Monahan commended Officer Reiff for her action.

Mr. Harry Crohe the Operations Training Officer for Bucks County Emergency Management presented certifications to the Bristol Township Fire Inspectors. Brian Gerhard for his first certification. The advanced certification was presented to Robert Hersham James Breslin Fred Sponheimer Melissa Haxel George Wilson and Jeff Gouldy. Mr. Crohe said this has never been done anywhere else before, he usually only presents one certification at a time. Nobody else has ever achieved what these inspectors have. Mr. Dippolito stated he would like to complement the inspectors on the amount of work they did during Hurricane Irene. Some of them worked 36 hours with no sleep and never left. Mr. Dippolito mentioned that on Wednesday November 9th at 2:00P.M. there will a national test of the emergency alerting system every radio and television stations.

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REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Bid Opening for 2011-07 Green Lane Guard Rail Installation Project.

- 1. Long Fence Inc. in the amount of \$22,810.00.**
- 2. J. Fletcher Creamer & Sons in the amount of \$16,969.00.**

The Engineer will review the bids and it will hopefully be on the next agenda for Council's approval. The Township contacted Penndot to request a flashing school light on Wistar Road. The School District had some issues with the collection of the School Taxes. There has been some discussion with the School District for the Township to do the collection.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to move forward with the possibility of a proposal for the Township to collect the School District Taxes. Second by Councilman Blalock.

Councilman Lewis stated he hoped that this would not be an acceptance of the proposal. The Township has been through this before and found it to be burdensome. Mr. Obert question who would be the entity collecting. President Pluta said the Township. Mr. Bartlett said the School District pays Berkheimer now for the collection and they would pay the Township to do the collections. We have a better set up than we did before.

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

Motion passed 5-0

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve Housing Assistance Program as requested by Community Development. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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Mr. Turner questioned if the program benefited everyone in the Township. President Pluta said it benefits the people that qualify for the program. Mr. Turner said he wanted Council to reject it because it only benefits select few.

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

Motion passed 5-0

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF LICENSE & INSPECTIONS:

Mr. Kucher said after the reduction of the non-residential unit tax he was contacted by an attorney and an engineer that Ampol was interested in expanding their warehouse on a vacant property. The building would be 260,000 square foot. Mr. Kucher commended Council for their decision on lowering the tax.

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson questioned if Council will allow going out to bid for a patching company for 2012. It would not be for the entire year, just certain times of the year. The money will come out of liquid fuels. Vice President Tarlini questioned if the patching company patched 1200 holes in 3 months. Mr. Lawson said it was somewhere around there. Councilman Lewis said Council should wait until the new Council comes in. President Pluta said we should at least look at the bids and get some numbers. We do not have to accept any bids right now. Councilman Lewis said we should allow more time with the bid so it can give the new Board a chance to make a decision. Mr. Sacco said this job could be pushed off until next year. Other contracts may come up in November and December and we can't stop doing business. They have to be done as not to tie the hands of the new Council because they can open the budget and then we would have a funding issue. Mr. Sacco said it is his job to make sure there are contingencies in the contracts, giving the next Board the ability to make their decision.

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REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew said last Saturday, October 29th the Township held the prescription drug take back program. It was a very successful program. He is looking into having a fulltime bin at the Township Building. There have been reports of phone calls that come up on the caller ID as Bucks County Police, when the calls are answered it sounds like teenagers laughing in the phone. Chief McAndrew said the will be looking into this.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

The Town Center Ordinance has been submitted to the Bucks County Planning Commission for review. The reduction of the non-residential unit tax to 25 cents has been advertised and will be considered at the November 17th Council Meeting. The Neshaminy Creek Watershed Ordinance has been reviewed by the Bucks County Planning Commission. They suggested some minor revisions that will be made. It will be considered by the Township Planning Commission at their November meeting and then Council at the December Council Meeting.

OTHER:

President Pluta stated they will be planning to schedule the Budget Meeting at the next meeting. There was an article about redistricting Bristol Township and talking about dividing the Township. President Pluta would like to request that they leave Bristol Township whole. Mr. Sacco stated under the Pennsylvania Constitution the Legislator must look at re-portioning after 10 years so all districts have the same population. The preliminary plan was done on October 31, 2011 they will be voting on the final plan in the next 30 days.

Motion by President Pluta to draft a Resolution viewing the Township's concerns about the redistricting of the 141 Assembly District. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Turner questioned if any residents have come with their concerns. President Pluta said no. Mr. Turner questioned who will receive the Resolution. Mr. Sacco said it will be sent to the Executive Director of the 2011 Legislation Reapportions

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Committee. Mr. Obert questioned if this would bind the future Council. President Pluta said no the deadline is the end of November.

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

Motion passed 5-0

President Pluta said the concession stand project has been going on for along time. The sewer line and pump has been installed. The electrical work is needed for the pump and the tie in to the pump. The Carpenters Local has agreed to come and volunteer to help complete the job.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Patti Nickels of Croydon thanked Council for passing the Ordinance for bamboo.

Mr. Troy Brennan of Bristol Township questioned how it was going with the camera truck that has been sitting due to Union issues. Mr. Sacco said it is a labor issue and they are near a resolution with that issue.

Mr. Turner of Croydon spoke on the pilot program. Mr. Turner said the Transition Committee has a draft that Council will have to vote on and questioned who will vote on it. President Pluta said the draft has been sent to an attorney and one of the notes on that draft has that question on it. Mr. Turner questioned if the camera equipment would be moved to a vacant room in the Township. Vice President Tarlini said she spoke to the technician and he would like to see the equipment moved. There is talk for renovating the building.

Mr. Craig Bowen of Newportville stated that there are a lot of houses that do not have numbers on them. There is a housing program if people cannot afford numbers. Mr. Bowen said he would also help. President Pluta said they can also contact the fire departments they for assistance.

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Mr. Obert of Farmbrook gave some house for L&I to inspect. He requested that John Fitch have basketball nets and lighting. President Pluta said the Rec. Committee is trying to stay on top of the parks. The monitor was placed on the wrong stretch of Greenbrook Drive. Mr. Obert questioned if the camera truck's warranty has started since it is not being used. President Pluta said that the will have to look into that. Mr. Obert said the Wistar Road bridge guardrails were removed and said the proper guardrails should be installed. There is a large tree on Mill Creek Road it is a high risk of falling on the roadway.

Mr. Wes Retzler of West Bristol said the signs for the closing of the Newportville Road Bridge need to be moved. The trucks and all the traffic are going down there and when they realize that the bridge is closed they are speeding on Ritter Avenue. Mr. Retzler said several empty School Buses go through Township Roads and unnecessarily cut through. He suggested that if the roads are being torn up by the School Buses the Township should go to the School District and ask for funds to pave the roads. Mr. Lawson will get a list of the roads.

Councilman Lewis said the Transition Committee is in the final draft of the Transition for the new Government. It will be finalized shortly and paper copies will be needed. President Pluta stated that the Managers Office will be printing the copies.

Motion by Councilman Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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

Motion passed 5-0

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**Respectfully submitted by
Betsey Kelly
Secretary**