

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP
2501 BATH ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007

DECEMBER 6, 2012

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bowen	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Ms. Longhitano	Present
	Mr. Pluta	Absent
	Mr. Tucker	Present
	Vice President Brennan	Present
	President Lewis	Present

Council President Lewis stated that monthly reports are available for review in the Township Manager's Office and public comment on Land Development and official action items will be taken, as well as general comments will be taken during opportunity for residents to address the council. Additionally, items of personnel matters were discussed prior to the meeting in Executive Session.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRISTOL, COUNTY OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES: Consideration to Adopt.

Township Manager McCauley advised council the majority of these vehicles for the sale stated are well used police cruisers and that the Township would look into selling them using the Municibid.com website, which is only for the use of municipalities to auction and sell equipment and vehicles.

Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Vice President Brennan to Approve a Resolution to Authorize the Disposal of the Surplus Equipment and Vehicles in accordance with the Applicable Provisions of Section # 1501 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

COUNCIL ITEMS

- A. Request from Mike Worthington, Woodside Properties of Edgely LLC, to Waive the Payment of Funds in Lieu of Installing Curbs and Sidewalks at 50 B Woodside Avenue: Consideration to take Appropriate Action

Motion by Mr. Tucker and seconded by President Lewis to Waive the Payment of Funds in Lieu of Installing Curbs and Sidewalks at 50 B Woodside Avenue.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

- B. Re-affirmation of Final Subdivision and Land Development Approval of DHD Ventures Located on T.M.P. 05-042-116 Mill Creek Parkway and Edgely Road: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

C.

Mr. Gallus Obert of Farmbrook inquired if the Township was responsible for raising and/or the relocation of the utility lines.

Mr. Wes Rexler inquired if this was the Bottom Dollar Property.

Motion by President Lewis and seconded by Mr. Bowen to Approve the Re-affirmation of Final Land Development Approval of DHD Ventures Located on T.M.P. 05-042-116 Mill Creek Parkway and Edgely Road.

Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Township Solicitor Mr. Randall Flager spoke on the recent letter he received from the Begley & Carlin Firm in regards to the prior CVS Land Development application which held a large opposition from both the general public and Council. Mr. Flager noted that the letter read that the application for the CVS land development was being withdrawn effective immediately and with that the firm's presence would no longer be necessary at the December 20, 2012 Council Meeting. Mr. Flager wishes to congratulate the Council and public for a job well done.

D. Presentation from Township Manager on the 2013 Proposed Township Budget.

Township Manager William McCauley gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2013 Proposed Budget. Mr. McCauley stated that he is pleased to note the Proposed 2013 Budget will have a balanced General Fund with no Millage Rate increase. The Proposed 2013 Budget is \$55,214,380 with key components being the General Fund at \$22,430,895, the Sewer Fund at \$4,994,000, the Refuse Fund of \$ 5,470,800, the Grant Fund of \$ 2,300,000, and the Liquid Fuels Fund at \$1,091,000. Mr. McCauley spoke about the current status of the budget and what the proposed budget will achieve for the Township of Bristol in the coming year given the steps already taken over the past year and additional negotiations needed to revamp and work through contracts up for renewal in the coming year.

Mr. McCauley stated that benefits as a % of wages are still just over 80%. Bucks County, as an example, has a ratio of the cost of benefits as a percentage of wages at 51%. The Township's cost of benefits is not sustainable and will need resolution in 2013.

Mr. McCauley believes that this proposed budget is aggressive while also being conservative. The proposed budget is aggressive in that it seeks to do a lot in terms of capital improvements. Mr. McCauley stated that he would like to see Bristol Township invest in its infrastructure by way of necessary improvements to the Township Building, rehabilitating Sewer Pump Stations, paving highways, and the LED streetlight retrofitting project to enhance our Township while taking advantage of the lowest interest rates for municipal financing in many years.

A copy of the Township Manager's Budget Narrative for the proposed budget and PowerPoint presentation are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Obert inquired if the administrative employees, council aside, were in line with the salary reductions that all other employees have been subjected to. Mr. McCauley informed Mr. Obert that management employees have not received raises for 3 years while union employees have.

Mr. Ken Worthington and Mr. Gerard Lykon commended Township Manager McCauley on his abilities and necessary steps taken to prepare and present the proposed budget for the Township.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Longhitano announced that a Breast Cancer Benefit for Cindy Franks who was diagnosed with Aggressive Stage 3 Breast Cancer will be held to assist in her support and recovery on December 8th at 1:00PM at Heritage Hall at the Newportville Firehouse. For tickets you can contact Jaime Kesler at (267) 755-8521; Tickets will be \$25.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door.

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President Bob Lewis wanted to publicly thank all who participated in making the Holiday Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting great successes.

Township Manager McCauley publicly thanked Public Works Director Jason Lawson and Recreation Director Sherri Champey for all of their efforts in making the Christmas Tree Lighting a great event for all who attended.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mr. Wes Rexler inquired about the status of an electric meter in the Public Works facility and about the U&O change and how it supposedly affects the council.

Ms. Joanne Ford of Queen Anne Drive requested Township assistance in controlling speeding on Queen Anne Drive and Fernwood Street.

Mr. Gallus Obert asked if PECO had been contacted regarding trimming trees over power lines and also inquired into the Lighting Project's funding and starting plans.

Motion By Mr. Glasson and seconded by Ms. Longhitano to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Hardy, Township Secretary

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4. Adjourned meeting at 8:27 PM.