

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

**OCTOBER 6, 2011**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:22 P.M.**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	<b>Councilman Tucker</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilman Lewis</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Councilman Blalock</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Vice President Tarlini</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>President Pluta</b>	<b>Present</b>

**EXECUTIVE REPORT:**

**Mayor Monahan put up two names to appoint to the Budget Committee. Sue Rosenberg and Virginia Fiorentine.**

**Motion by Councilman Lewis to appoint Sue Rosenberg to the Budget Committee.  
Second by Vice President Tarlini.**

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Councilman Tucker</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Lewis</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Blalock</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Vice President Tarlini</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>President Pluta</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Motion by Councilman Lewis to appoint Virginia Fiorentine to the Budget Committee.  
Second by Councilman Tucker.**

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Councilman Tucker</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Lewis</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Blalock</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Vice President Tarlini</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>President Pluta</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 5-0**

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State Representative Tina Davis presented individual awards to the Bristol Township Youth Aid for their dedicated service.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Councilman Tucker.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2011 Council Meeting. 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

**REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Bartlett stated it was originally reported that Bucks County would not be receiving public assistance money through FEMA. The FEMA Officials have determined Bucks County will be receiving public assistance for the damage from Hurricane Irene. The Township will be eligible for receiving some of the funding. There will be a meeting in a week and a half.

Kevin Dippolito has been asked to serve as a reviewer on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Mr. Bartlett attended a conference for International City Managers in Milwaukee. It was an extremely informative program. Council will receive an update report on the sessions Mr. Bartlett attended and some of the cost saving methods.

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The 2012 Liquid Fuel initial allocation will be \$1,129,527.00. The Casino Grants were submitted on time to the Redevelopment Authority. The Township will have to give a presentation to the Redevelopment Authority. The decisions on the Grants will be made in late November.

Fire Prevention Week is October 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Companies will be running programs during the week, they will be posted on the website.

**SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT:**

Presentation by DHD Ventures of a Proposed Land Development Project at Edgely and Mill Creek Roads was tabled at the request of the applicant.

**COUNCIL ITEMS:**

Mr. Gary Smith stated there are 3 bridges in the Township that the State Inspects every 2 to 4 years. They give a report and prioritize the repairs that are needed. The Green Lane Bridge has been on the list for 4 reviews. The state would like a guardrail to be installed.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve authorizing bid advertising for Green Lane Bridge Repairs. Second by Councilman Blalock.

Councilman Lewis questioned the financing on the project. Mr. Bartlett stated it was a Capital Budget Item and it by Council for 2011. Mr. Lawson stated \$100,000.00 was in the budget for all three of the Townships bridges for repairs.

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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**Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve Ordinance 2011-06 amending Chapter 134, nuisances, of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Bristol, to include prohibiting the spread of bamboo and other similar invasive species to adjoining and neighboring properties, in Section 134-2. (O) Nuisances Enumerated. Second by Vice President Tarlini.**

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Councilman Tucker</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Lewis</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Blalock</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Vice President Tarlini</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>President Pluta</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution 30-2011 concerning the Adoption of Final One-Year Plan for Fiscal 2012 Community Development Block Grant Funds. Second by Councilman Lewis.**

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Councilman Tucker</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Lewis</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Blalock</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Vice President Tarlini</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>President Pluta</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Mr. Bartlett stated that there is a project that the Township received Grant Funding to do streetscape near the Train Station in Croydon. The project has to be done through Penndot. The project is being engineered by Pennoni. The Township set aside money for the project. Grant money cannot be used for engineering costs. Some of the work will be done outside of PennDOT's right-of-way. Easements will be required from the homeowners. The Engineer was asked to do put together this additional easement work. The cost will not exceed \$25,000.00.**

**Motion by Vice President Tarlini to table the approval of the additional engineering costs to Pennoni Engineers for Route 13 Sweep Scope Project costs not to exceed \$25,000.00. Second by Councilman Lewis.**

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	<b>Councilman Blalock</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Vice President Tarlini</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>President Pluta</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Mr. Kucher stated there has been discussion on changing the Town Center Zoning to include fast food restaurants. Mr. Kucher questioned if Council would be interested in revising the sit down restaurant definition for Town Center or including fast food. Vice President Tarlini questioned Mr. Sacco if could be changed by just changing the definition or would the whole Ordinance need to be changed. Mr. Sacco stated that it can be changed just by changing the definition, right now fast food is prohibited in Town Center. Council could modify it by Ordinance.**

**Motion by Councilman Lewis to direct Mr. Kucher, and Mr. Sacco to draft an Ordinance to change the definition of Town Center for Council to review. Second by Vice President Tarlini.**

**Mr. Worthington of Edgely questioned if there was a provision in the current Town Center Ordinance for Council to decide whether a firm can locate there or not, through a special exception. Mr. Sacco stated that in this situation fast food is prohibited they would have to go to the Zoning Hearing Board.**

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Councilman Tucker</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Lewis</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Blalock</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Vice President Tarlini</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>President Pluta</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Mr. Kucher stated he supplied Council with a memo from him and a letter from Jami Herring owner of Green Lane Properties due to the economy he is requesting Council to give a moratorium or a scheduled reduction on the Non-Residential Unit. Council reduced the Tax to \$1.00, but even with that to fully develop the site you would be**

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looking at close to \$1,000,000.00 with the tax. Councilman Lewis said the tax could be passed down to the tenant. President Pluta stated the fee this man is charging for the property or the rent has anything to do with the tax. If he reduces the rent so the potential buyer recoups the million dollars then he is out a million. The tax could be causing potential owners from coming into the Township. Mr. Kucher stated the property has had approved land development since 1997. It is assessed at just land value. If it had a building with jobs and the earned income the assessment would go up, and the Township could recoup the money. Mr. Worthington said there was a dilemma with Opus East when they came on Newportville and Ford Roads. They were ready to leave the Township because they could not afford the \$1.00 per square foot that was assessed. They had to negotiate and reduced the tax to 25 cents and they were able to complete the project. He feels the dollar per square foot is too high and the tax should go back to the 25 cents. President Pluta stated it is something that should be looked at. Councilman Lewis said he would make that in the form of a motion to reduce the tax back to 25 cents. President Pluta said he would rather hold that motion until the next meeting and get some history on the tax. Councilman Lewis removed his motion. Mr. Brennan stated he feels the Township should put a moratorium on the tax. Ms. Beeman stated she agrees that they hold off making the decision until next meeting after reviewing the history.

**REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF LICENSE & INSPECTIONS:**

No report.

**REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Lawson stated that they are in the process of completing the paving projects. The Milling Company will start the milling for Goodturn Peppermint and Plumtree Roads next week. Draining inspections are being done in Croydon Acres. In the first or second week in November there will be snow plow planning audit. The plows will be put on the trucks and driving around the Township to better distribute the trucks. Councilman Lewis stated he feels that there is a blockage in the drainage pipes on Spencer Drive between Janet Avenue and Franklin Avenue. President Pluta questioned if the Township was going to use Patch Management. Mr. Lawson stated he was waiting to receive the final bill from General Asphalt he wanted to see how

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much money would be available. The contract with Patch Management can be extended.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:**

Chief McAndrew said the Township has been having an extraordinary amount of thefts in abandon and foreclosed homes stealing aluminum and copper pipes. He asked if anyone sees any suspicious trucks to notify the Police.

**REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:**

Mr. Sacco stated that he did some research on the new PennDOT regulations on street signs. There was a Federal Mandate that all traffic signs meet certain reflective standards. The mandate was that all signs must be up to the standards by 2018. This would have caused significant budget problems, and would be costly. On September 1, 2011 the mandate was lifted. They suggested that as the signs are replaced that they meet the requirements.

The opening of the RFP's for the Water Department were extended two more weeks.

**OTHER:**

Nothing was reported.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

Mr. Rudy Tancrent of Croydon said his basement has been flooded two times with sewerage from the storms. He has been trying to receive help to install a backflow preventer. President Pluta requested his information to look into it.

Mr. Mark Robinson of Spencer Drive there is a tripping hazard from Aqua from the work done in front of his house. He requested that the work be replaced. President Pluta said he will go back to look at it.

Mr. Troy Brennan of Bristol Township stated that the Township has a new camera truck and questioned what is going on with it. He feels that the Township should get the truck on the road to fix the pipes. President Pluta said the Township is trying.

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**Wes Retzler of West Bristol questioned if it was decided who would be responsible for the sidewalk work at the Lower Bucks Authority property. President Pluta said he has not told of anything further with that project. Mr. Retzler said the two trailers on Lower Road are gone and questioned if there was an arson investigation on it. Chief McAndrew said there is an investigation.**

**Ms. Lauren Ball of Second Avenue, Croydon submitted pictures to Council to review stating the neighbor was encroaching on her parent's property. She had the property surveyed. President Pluta said they will research the problem.**

**Motion by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 P.M. Seconded by Councilman Tucker.**

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Councilman Tucker</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Lewis</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Councilman Blalock</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Vice President Tarlini</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>President Pluta</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion passed 5-0**



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- 3. Motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2011 Council Meeting.**
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**Respectfully submitted by  
Betsey Kelly-Kryven  
Secretary**