

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

OCTOBER 20, 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

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

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan was not present for the meeting. Mr. Bartlett stated that the Mayor would like to appoint Ms. Anne Vesce to the Budget Committee.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to appoint Ms. Anne Vesce to the Budget Committee. 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

Mr. Bartlett stated that the Mayor would like to appoint Theresa Walton Dawn Horwitz and Charlotte Lovelace to the Recreation Board.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to appoint Theresa Walton Dawn Horwitz, and Charlotte Lovelace to the Recreation Board. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Vice President Tarlini stated that she did not have any information regarding any these people.

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President Pluta stated that they came to the Recreation Board Meeting and volunteered to be on the Board. Mr. Retzler questioned if the appointments should be made individual. Mr. Sacco stated only if they did not want to appoint all three of them.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Bartlett read the Mayor's Presentation on the proposed 2012 Budget. The Mayor proposed a 1.75 mil increase and use \$694,291.00 from the reserves.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for September 2011. Second by Councilman Blalock.

Mr. Obert of Farmbrook stated that the voucher list was not on the website. He requested that Council go over the items for cleaning supplies. Mr. Obert feels the Township should buy a trailer to transport the paving equipment. There is a computer purchased for the Sewer Department coming out of the General Fund. The Ricoh Copier overages should be renegotiated.

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 minutes from the September 15, 2011 Council Meeting. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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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 and some of the staff attended a meeting in Doylestown with PEMA and FEMA Representatives. The Township is eligible to receive FEMA reimbursements for Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Individual residents still have time to apply to FEMA. The dedication of the Croydon Train Station will be on October 28, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. The Township received unofficial notification that the Bristol Oxford Valley Bridge will be opening some time next week. According to Ordinance it is required to receive permission to place Political signs on the green belt. Permission has never been requested or granted by Council. The issue has come up about safety of the location of some of the signs, they are causing view obstructions.

**Motion by Vice President Tarlini to advertise for supplemental snow plow service.
Second by Councilman Lewis.**

COUNCIL ITEMS:

Councilman Lewis requested information on the snow plow service. Mr. Lawson stated that when the snow gets to about 8 inches or above and the Public Works falls behind, they bring in outside help.

Mr. Troy Brennan stated he is in the business and he plows for Newtown Township. The Township rates are low and it is hard to get people to work here. If the Township waits until 8 inches of snow by that time you should park the trucks they would not be able to push the snow. The Township needs more subs and to be more competitive.

Mr. Obert questioned if the Township hasn't already looked to see what the surrounding communities are paying, they should see what they are paying. Last year was horrible and the Township needs to get competitive.

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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 Blalock to approve 2011-2012 Consortium Salt Bid to the lowest bidder, International Salt Company, LLC at the delivered price per ton of \$52.77. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Obert questioned if there was an estimated purchase amount of tonnage that we buy. President Pluta said he believes last year was 100,000 ton. Mr. Lawson said we put our bid in for 3,100 Ton.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Matt Johnson gave a presentation on the Route 13 Street Scope Project. Penndot is requiring right of way clearance. The original proposal did not include right of way clearance documentation. There is sidewalk between the curb and the building faces and that work is outside the right of way. The way it was handled in the past is the contractor would talk to the property owner to get their permission. If they did not obtain permission the contractor would saw cut and not completely do to the sidewalk work. There are some grading issues for water to flow out to the roadway. Penndot request the right of way documentation and obtain the proper construction easement prior to Penndot approval. Pennoni submitted a proposal for the amendment for the original scope of work.

Vice President Tarlini had concerns about paying the 25,000.00 and questioned if Penndot would accept the agreements with property owners. Mr. Johnson said Penndot is looking for a way to cut the costs. The project will not move forward

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without clearance. The original Engineering cost was \$305,000.00.

**Motion by Vice President Tarlini to approve additional engineering cost to Pennoni Engineers for the Route 13 Street Scope Project costs not to exceed \$25,000.00.
Second by Councilman Blalock.**

President Pluta questioned when Pennoni was made aware that Penndot would no longer accept a knockout block. Mr. Johnson stated around a month ago. Councilman Lewis stated that Penndot's preferences have changed and questioned if it was because of an individual that came into the project that may not have been there before. Mr. Johnson stated there was a change at Penndot with the right of way administrator. Councilman Lewis said if there wasn't a change Bristol Township would not be incurring a \$25,000.00 charge. Mr. Johnson stated that it is possible. Vice President Tarlini stated she would like rescind her motion.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to table the approval for the additional engineering cost to Pennoni. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	Yes
	Councilman Lewis	Yes
	Councilman Blalock	No
	Vice President Tarlini	Yes
	President Pluta	Yes

Motion passed 4-1

Mr. Kucher stated Council received a memo with proposed Fee Schedule Changes. The Township is in receipt of a permit with total construction cost over \$53,000,000.00 worth of improvements. Most of Bristol Township Fee Schedule is based on the cost of construction. Mr. Kucher is proposing that an extra tier be added for \$10.00 per thousand for any projects over \$5,000,000.00. President Pluta stated the Mechanical will drop to \$5.00 per thousand after 10,000,000.00.

**Motion by Vice President Tarlini to add the additional tier to the Fee Schedule.
Second by Councilman Lewis.**

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Mr. Obert questioned if the change would affect the project coming up. President Pluta said it would affect the permits that were submitted.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Kucher stated at the last meeting options were discussed for the non-residential tax. Eliminate the tax, lower it to 25 or 50 cents per square foot or add a tier system based on square footage of the construction.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to reduce the non-residential unit tax to .25 per square foot. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Obert said that the Township would have penalized the smaller businesses with the tier system.

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 there were complaints within the Violetwood Section. Notices of Violations were sent out to all parties.

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REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson read the list of the roads that were paved this year and the drainage jobs that were done. There were 7 to 9 roads that were going to be paved, but with the rain and hurricanes they could not be done this year. They will be done in 2012 along with the Aqua Project. The Township will be submitting prices to Aqua for their projects. Public Works will be going out in Levittown to take pictures to show how people how to park in snow storms. President Pluta said they must not block the sidewalk.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew said on October 12th Rebecca Olenchock the homeless waitress who murdered her mother was found guilty of first degree murder but mentally ill. She was sentenced to life in prison without parole. The Police placed the radar traffic counter on Wister Road for 7 days, and 41,272 vehicles traveled on the roadway. The vast majority of the speeding occurred during the hours of 3 P.M. to 9 P.M. The Police will be focusing on Wistar Road and will be issuing citations.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco stated that the Township put out an RFP for the potential sale of the water system. There were requests received to extend the deadline from October 6, 2011 to the October 20, 2011 Council Meeting. The request was granted. The RFP was prepared to give Council an idea what the system was worth. When the RFP's are submitted they will include the proposed rates over the next few years, and what capital improvements they would consider. Mr. Sacco received a proposal from Aqua if Council likes the price it can be put on the agenda in an upcoming Council Meeting to fully explore the issue. Aqua Pennsylvania's proposed purchase price is for \$3,428,000.00. They also included the proposed rates and their plan for capital improvements. If Council elects to proceed with Aqua they would enter into a contract with them.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to proceed to explore the sale of the Water Department.

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Mr. Sacco stated that if Council would like to take the next step it could be put on an upcoming agenda. President Pluta said he would like to review the proposal and discuss it at a later date. Councilman Lewis removed his motion.

Mr. Sacco stated that fast food is not permitted in Town Center. If a developer would like to construct a fast food facility they would have to go before the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance. If it is permitted as a conditional use then Council would have the authority and ability to regulate it. If Council would like to consider inviting more of these uses in Town Center the solution would be revise the table of use regulations through Zoning Ordinance. This would have to go through the Bristol Township Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission for review and comment.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to prepare an Ordinance allowing fast food as a conditional use in Town Center. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Mr. Smith questioned if Kentucky Fried Chicken was to resell to another fast food do they have to meet this. Mr. Sacco said if Kentucky Fried Chicken sold to another fast food this would not apply it would be an existing non conforming use.

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

Motion passed 5-0

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Ms. Lauren Ball of Croydon said she is back again about the situation on 1028 Second Avenue. The property owner does not live there and it is a rental property. She contacted L & I and they posted a stop work order the property. Now he is back and digging a hole. Mr. Kucher said the Building Inspector was out there and he is installing stairs and flooring, he has a permit for the work. This has been an ongoing neighbor dispute. The property owner said he would come to the Township and speak

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to Ms. Ball to defuse the situation. Mr. Kucher requested Ms. Ball to make up a list of questions for the property owner.

Mr. Troy Brennan of Bristol Township said he has a recommendation for the budget. The Finance Director should find another way for the budget then to raise taxes and take from the reserves. There was a discussion on political signs. Mr. Sacco said signs on private property cannot be regulated, but on public property they cannot be a safety issue.

Mr. Gallus Obert spoke on political signs and their Ordinance. He does not want a tax increase and submitted a list for Council on ways to save money for the Township. Mr. Obert requested a speeding monitor on Greenbrook Drive. There is still a problem with high grass. The playground behind Fitch School still does not have lights. Mr. Obert said he was told the curb stops were paved over on Princess Avenue they may have to be explored and opened up. The GOAL in project in Holly Hill and Stonybrook looks unsightly and should be maintained.

Mr. Kevin Schaffer from Republic Service, who provides the trash service said if anyone has any questions or complaints on the service he can give them his card and he will be available to help.

Mr. Wes Retzler asked if there is a separate Ordinance for political signs. President Pluta said he is not aware of any. Mr. Retzler questioned the cost for a DVD of the Council Meetings. President Pluta said it would be approximately \$25.00. Mr. Retzler questioned how 2200 State Road received a permit for an addition when he is using all of his property. President Pluta said Mr. Retzler should see if the owner received a variance.

Motion by Vice President Tarlini to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 P.M. Second by Councilman Lewis.

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- 1. Motion to appoint Ms. Anne Vesce to the Budget Committee.**
- 2. Motion to appoint Theresa Walton Dawn Horwitz and Charlotte Lovelace to the Recreation Board.**
- 3. Motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for September 2011.**
- 4. Motion to approve minutes from the September 15, 2011 Council Meeting.**
- 5. Motion to advertise for supplement snow plow service.**
- 6. Motion to approve 2011-2012 Consortium Salt Bid to the lowest bidder, International Salt Company, LLC at the delivered price per ton of \$52.77.**
- 7. Motion to approve additional engineering cost not to exceed \$25,000.00.**
- 8. Motion to table the approval for the additional engineering cost to Pennoni.**
- 9. Motion to add the additional tier to the Fee Schedule.**
- 10. Motion to reduce the non-residential unit tax to .25 per square foot.**
- 11. Motion to proceed to explore the sale of the Water Department.**
- 12. Motion to prepare an Ordinance allowing fast food as a conditional use in Towns Center.**
- 13. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted by
Betsey Kelly-Kryven
Secretary**