

## BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 BATH ROAD  
BRISTOL, PA 19007

December 15, 2016

## COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call:	President Bowen	Present
	Vice President Longhitano	Present
	Mr. Allen	Present
	Mr. Antonello	Present
	Mr. Glasson	Present
	Mr. Monahan	Present
	Mrs. Murphy	Absent

Also Present: William J. McCauley, III, Township Manager; Scott Swichar, Deputy Township Manager; Randall C. Flager, Township Solicitor; Edward Zanine, Deputy Township Solicitor; Kate Murphy, Township Secretary.

President Bowen stated that Councilwoman Murphy had a prior engagement and was unable to attend tonight's meeting but asked that he forward her wishes for a Happy Holiday to all.

Township Solicitor, Randall C. Flager announced that personnel, litigation and labor issues were discussed in Executive Session prior to the meeting.

Council President Bowen announced that the monthly reports are available for review in the Township Manager's Office and public comment on land development and official items will be taken during the meeting. In addition, residents may offer general comments at the end of the meeting.

### **VOUCHER LIST & MINUTES**

- A. Call for a motion to approve the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions for December 15, 2016.

*Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Monahan to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for December 15, 2016.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

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Larry Mascia, 236 Crabtree Drive, inquired to the amount of the bid threshold.

Township Solicitor, Randall Flager, stated that the bid threshold changes based on the economy. Written quotations for projects under \$23,400 are acceptable.

- B. Call for a motion to approve minutes from the Council Meeting on November 21, 2016.

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting on November 21, 2016.*

*Motion carried by a vote of 5 – 0. Ms. Longhitano abstained due to absence.*

**PRESENTATIONS and APPOINTMENTS**

**A. Presentation of Certificates of Commendations for exemplary recycling efforts.**

Deputy Manager, Scott Swichar, announced that Waste Management will pick-up Christmas Trees on Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Swichar thanked the residents for their commitment to making Bristol Township a “Greener” place to live with their outstanding recycling efforts.

**B. Commendation to Officer Ted Thieroff for Life Saving Actions on November 27, 2016.**

Director of Public Safety, Robert Coulton, presented Officer Ted Thieroff with a Commendation for his heroic acts on November 27, 2016. Upon arrival to the home located at 53 Apricot Lane, Officer Thieroff found an unresponsive choking victim on the kitchen floor where he then proceeded to perform abdominal thrusts on the victim which cleared the victim’s blocked airway.

Mr. Coulton thanked Officer Thieroff for his professional manner in which he conducted himself and that his actions are not only a credit to him but to the entire Bristol Township Police Department.

Council thanked Officer Thieroff for his heroic actions.

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Vice President Longhitano to Amend the Agenda and hear item 10A before item 6C.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

**A. New Lease Agreement between Bristol Township and the Bucks County Legends Baseball Association: Consideration to Approve.**

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President Bowen stated that he met Mr. Cox two years ago while he was looking for field. Township Manager McCauley and Council graciously extended use to the Edgely Field which had not been maintained in over a decade and today the field has made a dramatic and impressive turnaround and houses the Bucks County Legends Baseball Association.

Michael Cox, President Bucks County Legends Baseball Association, expressed his wishes for a Happy Holiday to Council and introduced the Association to Council members that were not present in March of 2015.

Bucks County Legends were founded in 2010 with a on team of 13 players looking for a more competitive baseball experience. Bucks County Legends wanted to separate themselves from other organizations by instilling the importance of good grades, GPA is checked regularly, as well as community service. Of the original 13 players 11 of them are attending college.

Since 2015 they have removed 120 yards of trash, weeds and overgrown trees discovering a hidden gem that neighbors never knew existed. With the help of Michael Dvorak, Bucks County Economic Development Corporation, locals businesses, Lykon Automotive and Premium Excavating and Bruce Jones of Operating Business Engineers, new dugouts, roofs, backstops, fencing and gates have been installed and a new 70 foot field has been created. Wasting no time and with continued support from the community a 90 foot field is underway with a 45 foot flagpole donated by Joe Hogan and the Veterans Associations that will proudly display the American flag from center field.

The 90 foot field will be completed in the spring of 2017 upon which the field will be renamed the “Bob Lewis Memorial Hero Field” in honor of former Council President Bob Lewis who was instrumental in paving the way for the Bucks County Legends Baseball Association.

Council thanked Mr. Cox, the parents, volunteers and players for their hard work and commitment in making Bristol Township a better place to live and play. It is truly Council’s honor to have you in the Township.

Information on how to participate in the Bucks County Legends Baseball Association can be found on their website [www.buckscountylegends.com](http://www.buckscountylegends.com), [buckscountylegends@gmail.com](mailto:buckscountylegends@gmail.com) or on Facebook.

*Motion by Vice President Longhitano and seconded by the entire Council to Approve a New Lease Agreement between Bristol Township and Legends Baseball Association.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

**C. Presentation from EPA Regarding Statement of Findings for the Rohm and Haas Dow Chemical Plant Remediation Plan.**

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Maureen Essenthier, from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), presented Council with the EPA's proposed decision that land use restrictions and monitoring of contaminated groundwater are required under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), for the Ammonium Sulfate Area (AS Area) of the Dow/Rohm and Hass facility located at 200 Route 413. The AS Area was used for the disposal of liquid ammonium sulfate waste from the chemical manufacturing process from 1951 until 1970. Residual contaminations remains in the deep ground water beneath the AS Area however potential human and environmental receptors are not currently impacted by the contamination.

The EPA's prepared Statement of Basis to solicit public comment on its proposed remedy for the Rohm and Haas Company Bristol Plant for the AS area. The Statement of Basis was released on November 23, 2016 and will remain open until December 23, 2016.

President Bowen inquired how the Township would know if the Ammonium Sulfate released is not from the Township's sewer plant.

Ms. Essenthier stated that one of the criteria needed to be included into the assessment is the background level of ammonium in the river so the discharge from the Bristol Plant cannot push that level above the aquatic standard.

Vice President Longhitano asked if there is a plan in place if those monitored levels reach a dangerous amount.

Ms. Essenthier stated the area would be pumped and treated in the targeted area of contamination.

Mr. Antonello inquired about tidal studies being conducted.

Ms. Essenthier stated that tidal studies are continuous.

President Bowen asked the acreage of the facility and how long it will take to decompose.

The dense plume is about 500 acres and the contaminant plume is 200 acres. The site is bio-remediating and since 1970 there has been a 90% reduction in mass and the concentrations are lower. The area is very deep with little exposure that is being monitored closely and pump and treat has proven not to be efficient cost wise so allowing the area to bio-remediate is better than going in and digging the area out.

Mr. Antonello asked about the frequency of the monitoring.

Ms. Essenthier stated that will be done on a quarterly basis for at least one year.

West Retzler, West Bristol, asked if there are any water intakes from Bristol Borough or Lower Bucks Joint Municipal.

**D. Presentation on the Proposed 2017 Township Budget.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Proposed 2017 Township Budget**

**Public Hearing opened at 8:10 pm.**

Deputy Manager, Scott Swichar, thanked the Township Manager, Bill McCauley, Finance Officer, Fran Phillips and the department heads for all their hard work in preparing the 2017 Budget as well as the entire Council for their hard work, guidance and dedication throughout the past year.

The 2017 proposed budget is a balanced budget for the fifth consecutive year, no fund revenue is being proposed as revenue in the general fund operating budget.

The 2017 budget recommends no increase in taxes for the sixth consecutive year. In fact, in 2012 and 2015 taxes were decrease.

The 2017 township budget reflects a 5% increase over the 2016 budget.

The 2016 budget reflects continued investment in the infrastructure of Bristol Township. The township has paved 116.17 miles of roads since 2012 and plans to pave another three (3) miles of roads in 2017. The township will also be investing \$2 million for beautification projects that will improve all gateways to the township and \$1 million to remove blighted properties.

The Township still has unfunded liabilities in the amount of \$82.9 million despite having gone to Act 111 arbitration.

The 2017 General Fund budget of \$23,888,500 reflects a 3% increase over the 2016 budget of \$23,174,800.

This 3% increase is largely because the 2016 General budget included \$275,000 more in interfund transfers than the 2017 general fund budget. Also, there were slight increases in revenues like the Earned Income Tax, Real Estate Transfer tax, and the Cable Franchise fees

The 2017 budget reflects 3,735,000.00 in transfers from the fund balance of the General Fund to various funds.

The proposed 2017 General Fund revenue budget of \$23,888,500 is \$713,700 or 3.08 % higher than the 2016 General Fund estimated revenue budget of \$23,174,800. Since we are looking at a balanced budget rather than showing actual revenues and expenditures for those years for the

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2016 and 2017 years we are showing a zero surplus. The actual results for 2016 won't be known until after the year ends.

In 2016, \$3 Million from the Township's reserves, otherwise known as surplus or the rainy day fund will be transferred to the capital funds and we will end 2016 with a fund balance of \$4,261,828. No fund balance will be used as revenue in the 2017 General Fund operating budget. The 2017 budget proposes to transfer \$3,200,000 to the capital fund, recreation fund, street light fund, and debt fund, leaving a general fund balance of \$1,061,828 at the end of 2017.

At the end of 2017, the Township will still have a General Fund reserve balance of 4.44% of annual expenditures, or 5.28% of actual net revenue.

The proposed General Fund revenues for 2017 are \$23,888,500 and expenditures will be \$23,888,500. The 2017 General Fund budget proposes to balance the budget without using fund balance as operating revenue. In addition, 2017 operating revenues are slightly higher than the 2016 budget: The proposed 2017 cable franchise fee revenue of \$1,140,000 represents a moderate increase over the 2016 budgeted revenue of \$1,000,000. The EIT is projected to increase in 2017 (\$6,000,000 budgeted in 2016 compared to \$6,100,000 budgeted in 2017) as a result of better than expected performance results over the past five years. The real estate transfer tax is projected at \$700,000 in 2017 or a 16.67% increase over the 2016 budget figure of \$600,000. This increase is due to an improvement in the township's real estate housing market. There were 898 taxable real estate transactions in 2016 (January 2016 to October 2016) compared to 698 in 2015 (January 2015 to October 2015), an increase of 200 transactions.

The implementation of the EIT in neighboring Middletown Township in 2014 has reduced EIT revenues by approximately \$106,000 a year (2013 compared to 2014). The implementation of the EIT in Bensalem Township is projected to decrease EIT revenue by \$242,387 (based on 2014 employment data). Despite these reductions, successful collections for delinquent taxpayers have actually offset the loss from the implementation of the EIT in Bensalem Township in 2016.

Real estate property taxes are budgeted at \$7,558,000 for 2017 and are relatively the same as the 2016 budget.

The slight increase reflects that people are paying their delinquent back taxes.

Real Estate Taxes have not seen any significant revenue growth in years and this is mostly because the last County-wide reassessment was back in 1973.

The Township's operating expenses are as lean as they've ever been. We've cut back in every way possible, installing LED lights throughout the township building, increasing our energy efficiency efforts, saving 60% by switching from standard phone service to voice over IP technology.

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We've budgeted \$55,000 less in the 2017 budget for gasoline and fuel expenses compared to the 2016 budget. The 2017 budget reflects a \$175,000 savings in insurance costs compared to the 2016 budget. We were able to negotiate our price down for similar coverage.

There are 4% contractual salary increases for administrative and public works employees who belong to the T.W.U. The contract with Police Benevolent Association (PBA) expired in 2016 and we plan to go to arbitration next year. However we budgeted 4% increase for PBA based on past arbitration experience. The budget reflects a substantial investment in public safety with the hiring of five police officers in 2016, budgeted for two, the 2017 budget will reflect five full time police officers. In the 2017 budget we will continue to upgrade traffic signal controls and pedestrian crossings at major intersections. In 2016 upgrades at Mill Creek Road and Orangewood Drive were completed and Emergency Pre-Emption System and UPS Battery Backup Systems at various intersections throughout the township will be installed. 2017 will see traffic signal modernization at Bristol Oxford Valley Road, Bath and Lakeland and Oxford Valley Road/Levittown Parkway and New Falls Road.

The 2017 General Fund budget reflects only a 1.85% increase in expenditures over the 2016 General Fund budget. Now this is pretty remarkable given the 4% salary increases.

The largest expense in the General Fund are the employees' salaries which totals 9,100,700 or a 45.25% of the General Fund budget.

In second place are the employee benefits which totals \$7,142,300 or 35.51% of the general fund budget. Leaving only 3,564,800 for operating expenses in the 2017 budget.

The 2017 operating expenses are 3.99% less than 2016 operating expenses of \$3,712,800.

The 2017 budget proposes to transfer \$2,490,700 dollars from the undesignated General Fund balance into the capital fund to pay for capital improvements.

The municipal complex exterior renovations project will be completed this month including the paving of the parking lot, adding new pedestrian walkways, landscaping and directional signage.

\$1 million has been budgeted for open space initiatives to acquire land for open space. Some of that funding may be used to expand the municipal complex grounds.

\$2 million has been budgeted for township beautification programs. Bristol Township has applied to PennDOT for \$3 million in funding to beautify gateways and this money would be used on top of any grant funding. Target areas include Routes 413 and 13 from the Croydon train station and Mill Creek Parkway. Beautification improvements would include pedestrian walkways, landscaping, and signage to the entrances of neighborhoods.

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The Township will use \$1 million to blight vacant properties and purchase them through a partnership with the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority. The Township will also purchase new computers and document scanning technology as well as purchase new police cars, provide \$100,000 in “Glasson Grants” to the five volunteer fire companies.

Back in 2012, The Township had promised to pave at least 88 miles of township roads within 5 years. By 2015, it had actually paved 102 miles of roads and we paved another 14.6 miles of roads in 2016. The 2017 budget proposes to pave another 3 miles at a cost of 500,000.

By the end of 2017, we will have paved 119 of the township’s 177 miles of roadways!

The 2017 proposed budget for the recreation fund is \$793,100. The 2017 proposed budget proposes to transfer \$350,000 from the General Fund into the Recreation Fund. The goal is to hire a full time parks and recreation director in 2017 and increase recreational programming in the Township.

The 2017 proposed budget for the Refuse Fund is \$5,281,400. The Refuse Fund has ended every year since 2012 with a surplus. The 2016 budget shows a balanced budget and we are optimistic we will end this year with a surplus as well. The Township is in the fourth year of a five year contract with Waste Management. In 2014 the residential refuse fee was reduced by \$20 to \$317 per year and once again there will be no increase in the refuse fee.

The Township also offers free Spring/Fall Clean-up events for residents as well as a free electronics recycling program which is the only municipality in Bucks County to offer this program to their residents.

The 2016 Sewer Fund proposed budget is \$11,749,180, an increase of \$357,880 over the 2016 budget of \$11,391,300. The Sewer Fund’s primary revenue source is the sanitary fee and there is no rate increase proposed in the 2017 budget. The last increase was in 2014 which raised rates by 5% to cover the cost of sewer plant upgrades required by a Consent Order with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The annual rate went from \$96.13 per quarter to \$100.93 per quarter. The \$100.93/quarter fee is proposed for residential service for 2017.

The 2017 proposed budget for Sewer Fund Expenditures is \$11,749,180, an increase of \$357,880 compared to the 2016 budget figure of \$11,391,300. The 2016 budget reflects the Township investing \$6 million to construct a new secondary clarifier to increase capacity at the sewer plant. Since the work did not begin in 2016, the 2017 budget again reflects the \$6 million carried over for the capital project.

The Liquid Fuels Fund is dollars from the State used for maintenance and reconstruction of Township roads. The Township began 2016 with a surplus of \$2,185,833. The Township has been using the Capital Fund to pay for most of the road paving projects; however since we now have a healthy Liquid Fuels surplus we will use these monies to pay for road paving projects



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should interest rates rise in the near future. In 2017, we have budgeted to receive \$1,915,000 in Liquid Fuel funds.

The 2016 proposed budget reflects no millage increase. The Township mill rate will remain at 23.98. In 2015 there was a millage decrease of .0075. The 2012 adopted budget had a millage increase of .3% however the newly elected Council re-opened the adopted 2012 and amended the taxes back to 23.9875.

McCauley pointed out the value of the mill is roughly the same as in 2008 even though the total assessed valuation has gone from 420,000,000 to 416,156,390 and that's because our collection rate has improved. He believes the County is a little more diligent in tax sales which assist the Township.

The 2017 proposed General fund allocation for non-uniform wages and salaries is \$9,100,700 which is 2.54% higher than 2016. The increase is primarily the result of a 4% contractual wage increase for the Trans Worker Union (TWU) employees. The proposed 2017 budget also includes hiring one new full-time L&I Inspector as well as a part-time to full-time Civilian Service Officer (CSO) in the Township's Police Department.

The 2017 General Fund budget for employee benefit totals \$7,142,300 representing an increase of 3.89% over 2016. McCauley stated in 2014 the Township was able to negotiate the switch to the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust (DVHIT) into the PBA labor agreement, however an arbitration ruling required the Township to reinstate the PBA members back into the more expensive Blue Cross Keystone plan by March 2017. Due to pending litigation, the 2017 budget includes proposed rates for DVHIT.

Since their contract expired in 2015, the Township is engaged in ongoing negotiations with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) that will decide future wage increases. The 2017 budget does assume a salary increase of 4% for these non-uniform employees.

The Township continues to try to control the rising health care costs by offering an Employee Health Insurance Opt-Out Program. Currently we have 10 employees enrolled in this program which will save the Township \$238,082.10 in 2017.

During the past five years, the Township has invested \$44.1 million in the infrastructure of Bristol Township. The proposed 2017 budget will continue to invest in the infrastructure of Bristol Township. A minimum of three miles of Township highways will be paved next year bringing the total number resurfaced in six years to an incredible 119.17 miles! The Township building upgrades are complete and the additional upgrades and accessibility improvements to the exterior will be complete by December of 2016. The coming year will see beautification improvements to the township's entranceways will provide a more attractive gateway into Bristol Township and will revitalize the business district and help existing businesses to prosper.

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Larry Mascia, 236 Crabtree Drive, requested the proposed budget be more clearly defined pertaining to what “Contracted Services” entails and which funds are being allocated from what budget line item.

President Bowen emphasized that there are No Tax Increases in the proposed 2017 Bristol Township Budget.

**Public Hearing Closed at 9:16 pm**

**ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS**

**A. A Resolution Adopting the 2017 Township Budget and Setting Forth Millage Rates to Fund Said Adopted Budget: Consideration to Adopt**

*Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Monahan Adopting the 2017 Township Budget and Setting Forth Millage Rates to Fund Said Adopted Budget.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

**B. An Ordinance to Amend Section 205-134 of The Bristol Township Zoning Ordinance to Allow No Higher than a Six (6) Foot Fence on the Front Yards of Residential Properties That Front More than One Street Within the Township: Consideration to Adopt.**

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Glasson Authorizing to Amend Section 205-134 of The Bristol Township Zoning Ordinance to Allow No Higher than a Six (6) Foot Fence on the Front Yards of Residential Properties That Front More than One Street within the Township.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

**C. A Resolution of the Township of Bristol Approving A Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement With The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation and Authorizing the Township Manager to Sign the Agreement: Consideration to Adopt.**

McCauley stated that Council approved a Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement in October of 2016 and PennDot is requesting Council authorize the Township Manager to sign said agreement.

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*Motion by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Allen Approving A Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation and Authorizing the Township Manager to Sign the Agreement.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

**D. A Resolution of the Township of Bristol Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for New Falls Road and Newportville Road and the Township Manager to Sign the Application: Consideration to Adopt.**

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Vice President Longhitano Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for New Falls Road and Newportville Road and the Township Manager to Sign the Application: Consideration to Adopt.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

**E. A Resolution of the Township of Bristol Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for Haines Road and Kenwood Drive and the Township Manager to Sign the Application: Consideration to Adopt.**

*Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Monahan Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for Haines Road and Kenwood and the Township Manager to Sign the Application*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

Larry Mascia, 236 Crabtree Drive, inquired why the traffic signal was being upgraded when it was done already a year ago.

Township Engineer, Kurt Schroeder, stated these upgrades are for Emergency Pre-Emption System and UPS Battery Backup Systems.

**REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

Township Manager McCauley wished everyone Happy Holidays as well as thanked Council for another great year.

**REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

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Mr. Flager stated that his firm is currently working an ordinance draft to address the issue of Marijuana Facilities in Bristol Township.

Flager & Associates wishes Council and residents a very happy holiday season and safe New Year and thanked Council for another great year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B. Amendment of Policy for Rental of the Senior/Community Center: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.**

Mr. Antonello inquired if there is an increase in the rental fee.

Mr. Swichar stated the current agreement which was written 20 years ago has the fee set at \$175 for a five hour rental on a weekday and \$250 for a five hour rental for a weekend. The new agreement increases the rates to \$475 weekday and \$550 for the weekend. A discount of 10% is proposed for Non-Profit agencies and Township employees.

Mr. McCauley stated that the contract includes a resident and non-resident rate. As well as insurance and security provisions.

*Motion by Vice President Longhitano and seconded by Mr. Antonello to Approve the Amendment of Policy for Rental of the Senior/Community Center with the proposed 10% discounted resident rate.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

**C. Bids for 2016-2018 Snow Plowing: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.**

Mr. McCauley stated that it is the recommendation of the administration to accept all three bids for snow plowing for the years 2016 through 2018.

Mr. Antonello inquired about the price of each contractor.

McCauley stated that Are Enclosures is \$110 per hour; M.G.M Home Remodeling is \$120 per hour and Denucci is \$125 per hour. Area Enclosures will be called first when needed.

*Motion by Mr. Glasson and seconded by Mr. Allen to Accept the Bid for 2016-2018 Snow Plowing.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

**D. Bids for 2016-2017 for Rock Salt: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.**

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McCauley stated it is the recommendation of the administration to accept the low bid from Morton Salt Inc. at \$56.13 per ton delivered.

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Allen to Approve the Low Bid from Morton Salt Inc. at \$56.13 per ton delivered for 2016-2017 rock salt.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.*

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Vice President Longhitano wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Wreaths Across America will be held on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Grace Point Church on Route 532. Service will begin at 11:00 and wreath placement will follow at 12:00 pm.

Vice President Longhitano thanked Joe Hogan for all his hard work and commitment for Wreaths Across America's success.

Mr. Antonello wished his fellow Council members, Township Manager, administration, and residents a safe and happy holiday season.

Mr. Monahan wished his fellow Council members, Township Manager, administration, and residents a safe and happy holiday season.

President Bowen thanked Sherri Champey, Randee Elton, Scott Swichar, Joan Lamina, Public Works crew and the Fire Police for their hard work in making the December 4<sup>th</sup> Tree Lighting a wonderful success.

On Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Delaware Lehigh Valley Trail at 10:30 am.

President Bowen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the residents for all of their support and confidence in what Council is trying to accomplish.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Sherwood Summers, 180 Blue Ridge Drive spoke as an advocate for his neighbor relating to him doing work on his own car in his own carport.

West Rexler, West Bristol, discussed issues unrelated to the Agenda.

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by the entire Council to adjourn the meeting.*

*Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7 – 0.*

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*The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm.*

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RECAP OF DECEMBER 15, 2016 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

1. Approved the outstanding Voucher List and Requisitions from December 15, 2016.
2. Approved the November 21, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Presented Monthly Awards for Exemplary Recycling Performance.
4. Commendation to Officer Ted Thieroff for life saving actions on November 27, 2016.
5. Presentation from EPA Regarding Statement of Findings for the Rohm and Haas Dow Chemical Plant Remediation Plan.
6. Conducted a Public Hearing for the 2017 Proposed Budget
7. Approved Resolution 2016-63 Adopting the 2017 Township Budget and Setting Forth Millage Rates to Fund Said Adopted Budget.
8. Approved Ordinance 2016-4 Amending Section 205-134 of the Bristol Township Zoning Ordinance to Allow No Higher than a Six (6) Foot Fence on the Front Yards of Residential Properties that Front More than One Street within the Township.
9. Approved Resolution 2016-64 Approving a Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation and Authorizing the Township Manager to Sign the Application.
10. Approved Resolution 2016-65 Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for New Falls Road and Newportville Road and the Township Manager to Sign the Application.
11. Approved Resolution 2016-66 Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for Haines Road and Kenwood Drive and the Township Manager to Sign the Application.
12. Approved New Lease Agreement between Bristol Township and the Bristol Township Legends Baseball Association.
13. Approved the Amendment of Policy Rental of the Senior/Community Center and to add Resident and Non-Resident Rate Schedule.
14. Accepted Bids for 2016-2018 Snow Plowing.
15. Accepted Bid for 2016-2017 Rock Salt.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:54 pm.

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