

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Davis at 7:01 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: personnel and litigation were discussed.

President Davis called for a Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Davis, Pluta, Tarlini and Monahan were present. Councilmember Mobley was not present at the meeting.

Public comments will be taken as each item is addressed. General comments will be taken during Opportunity for Residents to Address Council.

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett opened the bid for the Emergency Generator from Emergency Systems Services Company for \$34,500.00. There was only one bid received; five bid documents were picked up. Mr. Bartlett requested Council to award the bid contingent on the review of this bid; to move ahead with the project and submit it to the Redevelopment Authority. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to award the bid contingent on review to move ahead and submit the bid for the Emergency Generator from Emergency Systems Services Company for \$34,500.00 to the Redevelopment Authority. Second by Vice President Tarlini. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Casino Grant Payment Resolutions: Mr. Bartlett stated there are four resolutions to the Redevelopment Authority for draw downs of the (2008) casino grant money.

Resolution number 53-2008 for payment request for \$53,753.75 for the purchase and installation for advance safety and monitoring equipment for police vehicles. This resolution will close out that grant request. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve resolution number 52-2008 for the purchase of police vehicles and installation of equipment in the amount of \$53,753.75. Second by Vice President Tarlini. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve resolution number 54-2008 for the purchase of police dogs in the amount of \$12,005.39. Mr. Bartlett stated this will also close out this grant request. Second by Vice President Tarlini. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve resolution number 55-2008 for the purchase of traffic speed control devices in the amount of \$21,999.14. This closes out this grant. Second by President Davis. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve resolution number 56-2008 for Inflow and Infiltration costs in the amount of \$10,535.66 for sewer system inflow and infiltration systems. The work will be completed by February and the grant will be closed out at that time. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Mr. Bartlett stated Fire Marshall Kevin Dippolito received an award from the American Red Cross for the 2008 Disaster Services Community Leadership Award. The letter dated December 11, 2008 says the award is presented because of his personal commitment to the preparation of response efforts. His commitment to Service and Community Leadership allows the American Red Cross to provide hope for the residents in need.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew stated Lieutenant Terry Hughes attended the FBI academy. It was an eleven week course. A plaque was presented by the Mayor, Council and the Police Department to recognize that Lieutenant Terry Hughes completed/graduated with straight "A's" at the FBI Academy. Lieutenant Hughes said only one percent gets accepted to the academy. There is quite a bit of physical activity. Two hundred fifty-six graduated. People from twenty-six countries were there.

President Davis stated Council, the Mayor and the employees are proud of you with this endeavor.

Chief McAndrew stated in February two lieutenants will attend a course in New Jersey.

Councilman Monahan stated the towing ordinance should be pursued, what is the status of that? Chief McAndrew responded it is being redone as we speak.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Lawson reported I sent an email to Council regarding Service Select Inc., 400 Mack Drive. They put in a solar system light in the parking lot for a test to see if we liked it. They want to supply some information for the Township and get information of things the Township would possibly want to do.

I met with Gary Smith today regarding stormwater issues. We will start them in January.

The weather has been from hot to cold, this creates pot holes. We are receiving calls and reporting. This will continue if the weather continues this way.

Cars need to be off the roads during snow season. If we can't get down the road because the cars are making it too close to get down the roadway the police will be contacted to tow the vehicle.

Mr. Obert requested information documenting the money spent for liquid fuels. Mr. Bartlett said he will provide a full listing.

TRID STUDY:

Mr. Kucher stated the Township received a \$100,000 grant. Prior to reimbursement we need to complete components. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion for Pennoni to complete the study. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

President Davis requested an update on the trailer storage complaints received for Route 13. Mr. Kucher stated there is an issue with the trailer storage on Route 13. They sent applications with no money. They were given until Friday to make the application complete. Now they are in violation of the zoning ordinance. He did send a rebuttal. The fee schedule is as it is. The owner will be taken to court.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

- A. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for November 2008. The motion died for a lack of a second. Discussion ensued: Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for November of 2008, but change vendor number 17663 because there was a revision on the invoice, (\$15 difference). Vendor number 18159 for \$160 and 18160 for \$659.68 will be held for further information . Second by President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- B. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve the voucher list and requisition for the Sewer Department for November 2008: Hold vendor number 9490 for \$260.70. Second by President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- C. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to approve Resolution 42-2008 establishing the millage rate and fees for the 2009 budget. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- D. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve Resolution 43-2008 establishing the Bristol Township Sewer rates for 2009. Second by Vice President Tarlini. Bob Lewis asked for the amount of the increase. President Davis responded the residential rate went from \$75.70 to \$83.25 (ten percent). The amount was set during the budget process.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- E. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to approve the ordinance of Bristol Township Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Amending the Code of the Township of Bristol, The Non-Uniformed Employees Pension, by Clarifying the Township's Pension Contribution during an Employee's Absence on Worker's Compensation and Establishing a Deadline for Employees to decide the Percentage they Contribute to the Pension Plan on an annual basis. Mr. Sacco stated this is consistent with the bargaining unit, which was approved last year. The code wasn't consistent with the bargaining agreement. Also the administration thought it was prudent for employees to fill out the form, this is a matching pension. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- F. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve Ordinance 2008-12, an ordinance of the Township of Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Amending the Bristol Township Civil Service Rules and Regulations by Providing for a Twelve (12) Month Probationary period for the Act 120 Trained, Newly Hired Police Officers and Increasing the Requirement for a Quorum of the Civil Service Commission from Two Members to Three Members. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- G. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve waiving the sign fee in the amount of \$180.00 as requested by Temple Shalom. Discussion ensued: Mr. Bartlett said last agenda this was tabled because of invoices which were not paid. They were requesting \$180.00 in relief but, they still owe for fire inspection and other fees, my recommendation is not to waive this until the invoices are paid. Councilman Monahan said the Board of the Temple should be contacted. I will contact them. The motion died for a lack of a second. Vice President Tarlini

called for the motion to deny the request to waive the sign fee in the amount of \$180.00 as requested by Temple Shalom. Second by President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- H. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve Resolution 44-2008, authorizing the filing of an application for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funds to the Department of Community and Economic Development. Second by President Davis. President Davis stated this happened quickly. The Federal Government is giving additional funds, due to the economy, and we qualify for some.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- I. President Davis called for the motion to approve Resolution 45-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$60,000 for the purchase of Traffic Preemption Devices. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- J. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to approve Resolution 46-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of Municipal 140,000 for Municipal Building lobby and ADA work and renovations. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- K. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve Resolution 47-008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$20,000 for the establishment of a Gun Buy Back Program. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes

Vice President Tarlini yes
President Davis yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- L. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve Resolution 48-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$28,000 for the purchase of portable generators and traffic signal connector boxes. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Pluta yes
 Councilman Monahan yes
 Vice President Tarlini yes
 President Davis yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- M. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve Resolution 49-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$120,000 for township road storm water run-off improvements. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Pluta yes
 Councilman Monahan yes
 Vice President Tarlini yes
 President Davis yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- N. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to approve Resolution 50-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$9,850 for removal and replacement of air conditioning units, roof and decking replacement for Croydon Volunteer Fire Co. Second by Councilman Monahan.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Pluta yes
 Councilman Monahan yes
 Vice President Tarlini yes
 President Davis yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- O. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve Resolution 51-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$70,200 for removal and replacement of air conditioning units and roof replacement for Edgely Fire Co. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Pluta yes
 Councilman Monahan yes
 Vice President Tarlini yes
 President Davis yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- P. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve Resolution 52-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$100,000 for the purchase of 25 Air Packs for Third District Fire Co. Second by Councilman Pluta.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

- Q. Councilman Monahan called for the motion authorizing approval of applicants under the Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion approved: 4-0

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco stated the Township Council and administration worked with Rohm and Haas on rezoning of a parcel for the Riverfront Study. It was decided after discussion at the meetings with the Redevelopment Authority that they are to be the lead agency. It is not an agreement of sale. It is just discussion. Bob White put the Cooperation Agreement together. The County and Township will help contribute the costs of the study. The appraisal and review of environmental studies need to be done. The appraisal will cost approximately \$15,000 (to be split between the Township and the County). Vice President Tarlini called for the motion for the Redevelopment Authority to take lead on the Cooperation Agreement for the rezoning of a parcel for the Riverfront Study. The costs to be split between the Township and the County. Second by Councilman Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. Mr. Sacco stated any other costs will come back for approval. The Redevelopment Authority will review Phase One of the Environmental Studies and the Appraisals.

The County Court denied the appeal from the apartment complex on Llamberis (which was turned down previously by Council).

OTHER:

Vice President Tarlini stated December 19, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. Neighborhoods First meets at Ben Franklin.

Councilman Monahan requested the status of the traffic study at Norway and Prospect Avenue. Chief McAndrew responded it was completed I will review the information and give Council a report.

Councilman Pluta stated the last bill run comments were made on the sewer side. The comments were incorrect. The bid process was proper. There were no improprieties.

President Davis stated Wayne Page, Chair of Recreation asked for an Adopt a Park grant. \$1,500 was awarded for clean up.

The Government Study Commission met. January 19, 2009 is the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Gallus Obert-requested the following information: bill reports for the last four months, a report on how grants impacted the Mayor's capital budget, did we budget two trucks with plows for public works. Mr. Bartlett responded grants don't affect the capital budget. Mr. Lawson responded the money was left in the equipment line item for the purchase of both vehicles. Councilman Pluta stated the purchase of both vehicles was approved.
2. John Kane-invited kids to the Falls Township Municipal Park. The Falls Soccer Club can be reached for registration at FALLSOCCERCLUB@AOL.COM or you can register at Wal-Mart, all are welcome.
3. Bob Ausura-urged residents to contribute to the Fire and Rescue Squads.
4. Carol Esterline-gave a copy of a letter to Council regarding the Pop Warner Football. They want fees waived for the Senior Center (February 16). This is for challenged kids of all ages. President Davis called for the motion to waive the fees except for \$150 for the Challenged Kids on February 16, 2009. Second by Vice President Tarlini. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.
5. Joan Mormando-did not speak.
6. West Retzler-spoke of complaints of the police department not answering calls soon enough and not keeping mileage on all female cases. Chief McAndrew responded he was not aware of the complaint about the phone call but will check and the mileage does not always have to be kept on all cases.

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
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ADJOURNMENT:

Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to adjourn. Second by President Davis. Poll: all ayes.
Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Denise Gorry
Secretary

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

1. Award the bid contingent on review to move ahead and submit the bid for the Emergency Generator from Emergency Systems Services Company for \$34,500.00 to the Redevelopment Authority.
2. Approve resolution number 52-2008 for the purchase of police vehicles and installation of equipment in the amount of \$53,753.75.
3. Approve the purchase of police dogs in the amount of \$12,005.39.
4. Approve resolution number 55-2008 for the purchase of traffic speed control devices in the amount of \$21,999.14.
5. Approve resolution number 56-2008 for Inflow and Infiltration costs in the amount of \$10,535.66 for sewer system inflow and infiltration systems.
6. Pennoni to complete the TRID study.
7. Approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for November of 2008, but change vendor number 17663 there was a revision on the invoice, it was already changed on the invoice (\$15 difference). Vendor number 18159 for \$160, 18160 for \$659.68 will be held for further information.
8. Approve the voucher list and requisition for the Sewer Department for November 2008: Hold vendor number 9490 for \$260.70.
9. Approve Resolution 42-2008 establishing the millage rate and fees for the 2009 budget.
10. Approve Resolution 43-2008 establishing the Bristol Township Sewer rates for 2009.
11. Approve the ordinance of Bristol Township Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Amending the Code of the Township of Bristol, The Non-Uniformed Employees Pension, by clarifying the Township's Pension Contribution during an Employee's Absence on Worker's Compensation and Establishing a Deadline for Employees to decide the Percentage they contribute to the Pension Plan on an annual basis.
12. Approve Ordinance 2008-12, an ordinance of the Township of Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Amending the Bristol Township Civil Service Rules and Regulations by providing for a Twelve (12) Month Probationary period for the Act 120 Trained, Newly Hired Police Officers and Increasing the Requirement for a Quorum of the Civil Service Commission from Two Members to Three Members.

13. Deny the request to waive the sign fee in the amount of \$180.00 as requested by Temple Shalom.
14. Approve Resolution 45-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$60,000 for the purchase of Traffic Preemption Devices.
15. Approve Resolution 46-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of Municipal 140,000 for Municipal Building lobby and ADA work and renovations.
16. Approve Resolution 47-008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$20,000 for the establishment of a Gun Buy Back Program.
17. Approve Resolution 48-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$28,000 for the purchase of portable generators and traffic signal connector boxes.
18. Approve Resolution 49-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$120,000 for township road storm water run-off improvements.
19. Approve Resolution 50-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$9,850 for removal and replacement of air conditioning units, roof and decking replacement for Croydon Volunteer Fire Co.
20. Approve Resolution 51-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$70,200 for removal and replacement of air conditioning units and roof replacement for Edgely Fire Co.
21. Approve Resolution 52-2008 authorizing the acceptance of a municipal grant program contract awarded by the Redevelopment Authority for \$100,000 for the purchase of 25 Air Packs for Third District Fire Co.
22. Authorize approval of applicants under the Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program.
23. The Redevelopment Authority to take lead on the Cooperation Agreement for the rezoning of a parcel for the Riverfront Study. The costs to be split between the Township and the County.
24. Waive the fees except for \$150 for the Challenged Kids on February 16, 2009.

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	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	AGENDA (X)	OTHER (X)
1	GALLUS J. OIBERT	FREEDOM LN	X	X
2	John Kane	1520 Me St. —		X
3	LAUREN BATH	1034 2nd AVE		
4	Bob Ausers	Blackridge	X	X
5	Carol Esterline	Bristol Twp		✓
6	Jean Mormando	Croydon		✓
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