

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

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COUNCIL MEETING

September 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Davis at 7:00 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, Mobley and Monahan were present.

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

Accommodation to Officer Wisser's K9 partner, Rommel, on service provided to the community. Rommel provided nine years of service to the community and physically he is now showing his age he will retire and to a home with a large fenced in yard. A plaque was presented.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Fenton reported Sunday October 5, 2008 at 10:45 A.M. is the Blue Mass at Saint Marks. It is to pray for Police, Fire Fighters and EMS Personnel. They are thanked for their service to the community.

Bristol Township Advisory Board wants to bring business to the area in this time of bad economy. Tax incentives are offered for blighted properties and promote the community. All interested should contact Jeff Bartlett.

A meeting should be scheduled with Foxwood Casino.

LERTAA allows the tax incentive within the district. Taxes of improvements are over a five year period. The program would put a meeting together and hopefully Foxwood Casino would be interested. There is a site on the waterfront. Mr. Bartlett will draw up the letter.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief McAndrew reported the police department and public works has property we would like to auction off, vehicles, bikes and miscellaneous. We would like permission to advertise. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to advertise for the Township auction. Second by Councilman Pluta. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Reaffirmation of plans: Councilman Pluta called for the motion to reaffirm the plans for Richard Preselski Development, TMP #5-27-103, 1111 Veterans Highway, Bristol Township. Second by Vice President Tarlini. Second by Vice President Tarlini. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

SUBDIVISION:

1. Rohm & Haas Company, 100 Independence Mall West, Philadelphia requesting Final Subdivision approval for property located inside the Bristol Plant, between Buildings 105 & 127 (Bristol Tech Center Site) (P/O Tax Parcel 5-56-01) in an M-2 Heavy Manufacturing zoned district of Bristol Township. The representative was Mr. Majors. A master plan is being prepared. The purpose is to convey the property to the Tech Center for additional parking for expansion planned next door. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Gary Smith stated an overall plan is requested. They will provide it. Nothing is wrong with the concept. There are no waivers. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the request for Final Subdivision approval for Rohm & Haas Company, 100 Independence Mall West, Philadelphia for property located inside the Bristol Plant, between Buildings 105 & 127 (Bristol Tech Center Site) (P/O Tax Parcel 5-56-01) in an M-2 Heavy Manufacturing zoned district of Bristol Township. Second by Councilman Mobley. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Mr. Kucher reported the proposed CVS at Oxford Valley Road is postponed until October 16, 2008 (waiting for a traffic study).

The Township is working on setting up the meeting regarding the landlord nuisances.

I am speaking with Gary Smith about setting plot lines on Newportville Road.

The Township is performing a blitz to ensure all nuisance properties are taken care of.

1309 Prospect is well into construction inspection are done.

Borderock Road-the residents who complained are setting up a meeting with the commercial property owner.

The Township sponsored Green Fest was an overall success. DCED Grant secured education money. The course will help establish guidelines for homeowners with established green homes.

Two Land Development projects came wanting woodland cleaning, trees must be replaced or money paid in lieu of. Council was asked to support the tree ordinance as required for land development. Our ordinance is lacking this now.

Summit Auto on Route 413- the Turnpike Commission is working with the contractors and Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority to cap the water and sewer lines. They are starting now on the Newportville properties. Vice President Tarlini requested the tree replacement ordinance will be put in the packets. President Davis and Vice President Tarlini said it was okay to prepare the ordinance. Councilman Mobley stated the Shade Tree Commission should be involved.

Bob Monach of Fergusonville said I purchased a property five years ago and am looking to build for the past five years. I've waited five years. The Water Authority won't issue connections until Bristol Township does something about the sewer there. Your engineer approves but we can't do this until the moratorium is lifted. Mr. Kucher stated the property is in Fergusonville. The Township is looking into getting this resolved, myself, Vice President Tarlini and Dick Smith are involved. Mr. Monach said the moratorium is on; there is no information for the public. Mr. Kucher stated the moratorium was put on because of inflow and infiltration problems. A major complex and parts of Route 13 have been done to try to remedy the problem. Vice President Tarlini stated Bristol Township ourselves have not had a five year moratorium. Apparently, Bucks had it, now we have it. We are working on it, doing the Act 537 plan which will more than likely help us. President Davis stated leave your phone number with Mr. Kucher. Councilman Pluta stated you should get in touch with the Director of Water and Sewer.

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson reported a small amount of trees were down from the storm.

We are checking on complaints.

Paving is going well.

Weed and seed is thanked for the money for the playground equipment for Pacific Avenue.

Asphalt went up \$23.85 per ton (Barrett Asphalt). Mr. Obert stated the contract was not signed. Mr. Sacco stated when you award a bid the contractor must adhere to the bid process. I will check on it. This is the first I heard about this.

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COUNCIL ITEMS:

- A. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to approve the voucher list and requisitions for August 2008. Second by Councilman Pluta.

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

Motion Approved 5-0

- B. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve the voucher list and requisitions for the Sewer Department for August 2008. Second by Vice President Tarlini. Councilman Mobley stated there are purchases over \$5,000 without three quotes. \$11,000 was spent without a bid. People should be accountable.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Mobley	no
	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion Approved 4 ayes 1 nay

- C. Call for a motion to approve minutes from the following Council Meeting: July 17, 2008: President Davis called for the motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2008. Second by Councilman Monahan. Councilman Mobley stated there is a correction on page four. Councilman Monahan said was it an emergency, but it says do we need it immediately. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to table the minutes of July 17, 2008. Second by President Davis.

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

Motion Approved 5-0

- D. Discussion regarding transfer of land to county for parkland in Newportville: Mr. Bartlett stated the County is attempting to buy the land in that area for a trail. We own the property. We would get additional parkland in the area at no cost to the Township. Councilman Mobley stated I would like to see the plan before we vote. President Davis stated the Manager met with the County. Mr. Mitchell will take care of the property and put benches in. President Davis called for the motion to approve the transfer of land to the County for parkland in Newportville. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Mobley	no
	Councilman Pluta	yes
	Councilman Monahan	yes
	Vice President Tarlini	yes
	President Davis	yes

Motion Approved 4-1

- E. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approving grant application resolutions to apply for casino money applying through the Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Bartlett stated the casino grants were awarded to receive the funds we must do a resolution to drawdown. \$17,418 is for inflow-infiltration and \$7,536.26 is for the Act 537. Second by Councilman Pluta.

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

Motion Approved 5-0

- F. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to approve the escrow releases to Frank Kelly builders, Inc. for any remaining balances in the following escrow accounts: Lot #10, Sunset Ridge-TMP #5-1-113-010, 4319 Sunset Avenue, Newportville, Project #062658 and Lot #1 Sunset Ridge-TMP #5-1-6-113-012, 4311 Sunset Avenue, Newportville, Project #080631. Second by Vice President Davis.

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

Motion Approved 5-0

- G. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to approve the signing of the Investment Advisory Agreement with PFM Asset Management LLC. Second by Councilman Pluta.

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

Motion Approved 5-0

- H. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve the 2009 Financial Requirement and (MMO) Minimum Municipal Obligation. Second by Vice President Tarlini.

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

Motion Approved 5-0

- I. Vice President Tarlini called for the motion to approve Resolution 12-2008 Intergovernmental Agreement to Participate in Grant Application for (TAG) Towns against Graffiti. Second by Councilman Pluta.

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

Motion Approved 5-0

- J. Councilman Mobley called for the motion authorizing contracting a vendor to establish a fraud hotline. Second by Councilman Pluta. Councilman Mobley stated the residents want to know why they can't have a fraud hotline. Mr. Bartlett responded I will check on that.

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

Motion Approved 5-0

- K. Councilman Monahan called for the motion to approve 2008 Casino Grant Application Resolution List. Second by President Davis. Councilman Mobley asked what about Minot Avenue? Mr. Bartlett responded the last estimate was \$750,000 that is a large amount; other items will affect more of the Township.

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

Motion Approved 5-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Open Bid No. 2008-14 Sanitary Sewer Internal Televising Inspection and Repair;

Respond to Resident Complaints; Mr. Bartlett reported we are looking into the lights at 413 and will review photocells to see about reducing the time the lights are on.

The fair went well, showers had a bad effect. We did good Saturday and overall comments were positive. I would like to thank all the employees who volunteered their time.

REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

No report.

OTHER:

Councilman Pluta said at the last meeting we had a sketch for a new filed. Councilman Pluta called for the motion to start the proceedings for Mr. Sacco to negotiate for the new filed (Levittown Pacific). Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved.

Councilman Monahan asked Mr. Kucher to contact Wawa at Wistar Road to cut the grass and trim the weeds.

Councilman Mobley asked Mr. Lawson is Old Rodgers Road scheduled to be paved? Mr. Obert stated it can't be put on the list. The Committee will look but 2009 is already planned. The trucks that use it

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should pay for that road.

I want to see quotes for things \$3,000 and over. Anything near \$10,000 should be placed to bid. Shafts and Sleeves was given the run around. The bill was not paid in three months (since February).

Vice President Tarlini stated Weed and Seed donated equipment to Mr. Windslow can you get Mr. Lawson should check on the lighting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Craig Bowen-said it is difficult for business to get anything done or completed. Things need to change. We need revenue badly. Anytime you do anything it is a battle. An appraisal was done on our buildings. It says Bristol Township is difficult and unfriendly to deal with. President Davis asked for the specific problem. Mr. Bowen stated the fees are too much. President Davis stated we are looking for people for the Economic Advisory Board again. Mr. Bowen responded I will be part of the committee. Some of the employees still here today are exceptional. We can't have obstinacy when people are coming here. President Davis stated Mr. Kucher and Mr. Dippolito will meet with you. Vice President Tarlini stated two years ago during the budget the fees were in line with other townships.
2. Bob Monach Sr.-did not speak.
3. Gallus Obert-stated Mr. Hayduk has been ill. I have a concept to hand out which shows a lot of little skate parks then you would have one in each neighborhood. You could have five of these for \$100,000.
4. Ken Smith-said Radcliffe Street is a State road and they are taking care of it.
5. Jake Tryon-said trucks are parked on a lot on Route 13, why is this allowed? Mr. Kucher responded we are now doing a blitz on Route 13. This is something new. We will take it to the district justice; they will first be given ten days to get the trucks out of there. Mr. Tryon stated the trailer is still on State Road. Mr. Kucher responded he has an appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board. He should vacate that site I will have it done.
6. Nick Mormando -did not speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Davis called for the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Monahan. Poll: all ayes. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Denise Gorry
Secretary

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

1. Advertise for the Township auction.
2. Reaffirm the plans for Richard Preselski Development, TMP #5-27-103, 1111 Veterans Highway, Bristol Township.
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4. Approve the request for Final Subdivision approval for Rohm & Haas Company, 100 Independence Mall West, Philadelphia for property located inside the Bristol Plant, between Buildings 105 & 127 (Bristol Tech Center Site) (P/O Tax Parcel 5-56-01) in an M-2 Heavy Manufacturing zoned district of Bristol Township.
5. Approve the voucher list and requisitions for August 2008.
6. Approve the voucher list and requisitions for the Sewer Department for August 2008.
7. Approve the transfer of land to the County for parkland in Newportville.
8. Approving grant application resolutions to apply for casino money applying through the Redevelopment Authority.
9. Approve the escrow releases to Frank Kelly builders, Inc. for any remaining balances in the following escrow accounts: Lot #10, Sunset Ridge-TMP #5-1-113-010, 4319 Sunset Avenue, Newportville, Project #062658 and Lot #1 Sunset Ridge- TMP #5-1-6-113-012, 4311 Sunset Avenue, Newportville, Project #080631.
10. Approve the signing of the Investment Advisory Agreement with PFM Asset Management LLC.
11. Approve the 2009 Financial Requirement and (MMO) Minimum Municipal Obligation.
12. Approve Resolution 12-2008 Intergovernmental Agreement to Participate in Grant Application for (TAG) Towns against Graffiti.
13. Authorize contracting a vendor to establish a fraud hotline.
14. Approve 2008 Casino Grant Application Resolution List.
15. Start the proceedings for Mr. Sacco to negotiate for the new filed (Levittown Pacific).

TABLED ITEMS:

1. Minutes of July 17, 2008.

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	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	AGENDA (X)	OTHER (X)
1	Craig Bowers	2501 Ave B Newport Ark		X
2	Bob Monach Sr.	THE Spring Ave Ferg		X
3	GALLUS O'BERT	FREEDOM CN	X	X
4	YEN SMITH	1005 GRIEB AVE	X	X
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