

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

**MAY 20, 2010
COUNCIL MEETING**

President Pluta called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel & Litigation were discussed.

Roll Call:	Councilman Tucker	Present
	Councilman Lewis	Present
	Councilwoman Tarlini	Present
	Vice President Davis	Present
	President Pluta	Present

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Monahan read a report from Sherry Champey on Meals with Neighbors and Friends it is a free spaghetti luncheon rain or shine Saturday May 22, 2010 at 12:00 noon in Venice Ashby on Beaver Dam Road and Lakeland Avenue. Summer Camp Registration will be held at the Township Building Monday thru Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Camp will be held at Washington Elementary School from June 21, 2010 to August 6, 2010 from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. the cost is \$500.00. Bristol Township Community Day will be held August 21, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. with fireworks at dusk, vendors will be needed.

Amtrak will be repairing and painting the bridge wall in Croydon it will be completed by mid June.

Mayor Monahan requested to have the appointments that are going to be made on the agenda for the next meeting also appointments to the Industrial Development Authority.

Representative Melio and Senator Tomlinson presented Citations from the House and Senate to Officer Tiffany Winik. Senator Tomlinson read a paragraph from the citation that Officer Winik was honored with a bravery award by the Pennsylvania State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police for subduing a parolee who was about to attach a Bucks County Probation Officer.

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Officer Winik acted quickly to incapacitate the individual. Senator Tomlinson thanked Officer Winik for her courageous actions.

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for April 2010. Second by Vice President Davis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Motion by Councilman Tucker to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2010 Council Meeting. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	abstained
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 4-0

REPORT FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR:

Mr. Bartlett spoke on a program called the First Suburbs Project of Southeastern Pennsylvania. The program looks at the older Municipalities that share common problems and services, and then look for solutions. The first meeting is Wednesday May 26, 2010 from 7 to 8:30 P.M. at the Well Church on Loretta Avenue in Feasterville. Mr. Bartlett will be attending this meeting.

During the Lobby Renovation the front of the building will be closed off completely. The entrance and parking will be in the back of the building.

The bids are out for the Road Projects and will be advertised in the paper. The proposed list will be on the Township Web Site.

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SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to Reaffirm Amended Preliminary/Final Land Development plan for property located on Route 413 (portion of Tax Parcel 05-062-001), Bridge Business Center. Second by Councilman Lewis.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

CONDITIONAL USE:

John Cichonke, 2725 Filbert Avenue Croydon PA requesting Conditional Use approval for Joseph A Schumacher VFW Post #1597, 901 Belleview Avenue, Croydon Tax Parcel 05-054-149 in a R-3 Residential Zone. Mr. John Grier gave a Power Point Presentation showing the proposed Flea Market to be held on Weekends April thru October 8:00 A.M. rain or shine.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to approve the Conditional use for parcel 05-054-149. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

President Pluta questioned if the proceeds will benefit the Veterans. Mr. Grier stated that it will support Veterans and those who are serving in the military now. They send packages over to the active personnel, in combat. They also donate to the Boy Scouts.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

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COUNCIL ITEMS:

Mr. Brandon Wind spoke on the transfer of a liquor license. He stated the license would not be for a tavern it is for a restaurant. The R License would also allow take out beer.

Motion by Vice President Davis to approve the inter-municipal transfer for a liquor license for Sports Pizza by Jerry, Inc. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Motion by Vice President Davis to approve the Housing Assistance Program. Second by Councilman Tucker.

Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

Motion by Councilman Lewis to request payment of \$140,000.00 from the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority for the Bristol Township Lobby Renovation Project as awarded through the casino grant program; Contract #2008-08. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

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Motion by Councilman Lewis to request payment of \$25,265.84 from the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority for the Croydon Fire Company building renovation project as awarded through the casino grant program; Contract 2008-05. Second by Vice President Davis.

Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Lawson stated there are a few jobs open that Public Works will try to finish by the Holiday.

Public Works has been able to supply residents with gloves, vest and trash bags from the State for small clean ups.

President Pluta requested Mr. Lawson to check out Vineyard Road and Headley Court.

Aqua will begin restoring the roads where they replaced water lines.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE:

The Police Athletic Network is expecting a large crowd at their Luncheon in Venice Ashby, Chief requested Council to suspend the parking regulations in that area.

Motion by Councilwoman Tarlini to suspend the parking regulations in Venice Ashby for the Luncheon. Second by President Pluta.

Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

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Monday May 24, 2010 the Township will be celebrating Police Memorial Day in the front of the building 9:00 A.M.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING:

Mr. Kucher said the Township has around 117 vacant homes. The Township is working on getting these homes taken care of. The Township is not in the business of cutting private residential grass, it is only requested to be done when all resources are exhausted. It is done through the Courts and a lien is placed on the property.

The Blighted Committee has three properties on a list to be blighted and two more to be added to the list. Vice President Davis questioned where the money comes from for the Blighted Homes. Mr. Sacco stated that the objective is to budget \$100,000.00. The Township would buy the property then it is blighted through the Redevelopment Authority they fix up the property sell it. Then the money is allocated to the Township.

Mr. Kucher stated that he is also working with Community Development there is money through HUD.

REPORT FROM FINANCE OFFICER:

Mrs. Gordon stated that she placed copies of the Budget Report for the first third of the year out for the public to view. She stated that so far this year the Real Estate Tax Collection is up 88% of what was budgeted. The Real Estate Transfer is up from last year. Council was given a draft of the audited financial statement for 2009. The actual report should be available by May 31, 2010. Last year it was budgeted to use reserves in the general fund in the amount of \$1,173,000.00, the use of the reserves will only be \$260,000.00.

Mrs. Gordon spoke on The Tax Collection Committee. The State was reviewing the earned income tax collection in 2008 and there are difficulties in the collection process. The State mandated that the County wide collection must begin by January 2012. The next Tax Collection Committee Meeting will be held June 30, 2010 at Warwick Township Building at 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Gordon stated that there is a web site for the Committee and to contact her for the site or any information that is needed.

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REPORT FROM SOLICITOR:

Mr. Sacco had no items to report.

OTHER:

Councilman Lewis stated the he heard that the TRID Project in Croydon is out of money. Mr. Bartlett stated they were not aware that the project has been stopped. The TRID Project was a study and is not tied to the Station renovation. Mr. Smith stated that there is some confusion with Septa and Amtrak and they are in a discussion process.

Mayor Monahan requested that Mr. Smith or someone from his company to walk around Goldenridge and check out that General Asphalt work.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Mr. Surrick of Croydon stated it has been 3 months and the Township still has no cleaned the ditch by his home. He feels that there is a need for a plan and this would fall under the beautification project. Mr. Lawson stated that there are some leaves and branches in the back ditch but the water is not restricted. In high tide the water backs up in the front ditch and there is nothing the Township can do about that. He has called many agencies to come out to get some help fixing it up. Mr. Lawson stated that he hoped that the new vacuum will be able to clean it up. Mr. Surrick stated that a tree was cut down but the stump was never removed and requested it to be done. Mr. Lawson stated that the Township does not have a stump remover and it would have to be contracted out.

Deana Ratner of Croydon stated she does not like the lack of communication with Public Works. The debris coming from the Delaware includes an oil tank and muck. She requested Council to come down and see the problem.

Jake Tryon of Croydon questioned why the Township hired a Sewer Department Supervisor without a license. President Pluta stated that he has a license but does not have a current Pennsylvania license because it had lapsed. He has had a license in New Jersey for 25 years and is in the process of obtaining a PA license.

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Wayne Turner of Croydon stated that he has a form from the DEP that claims the Sewer Director is not a certified waste water operator in PA and questioned if this affect the Pennvest Loan. The DEP requires the Township to provide the information for the certified operator prior to settlement. President Pluta stated that the Sewer Plant has four licensed operators. Mr. Turner stated he heard that the Fire Fighters are having a problem with the light not changing at Cedar Ave. and Route 13 for them. Councilwoman Tarlini stated that there was a problem with the light and it was repaired. Mr. Turner questioned why he did not see anything for the Township vehicle that was in an accident was repaired. Mr. Bartlett stated it has been investigated with the Insurance Company.

Wes Retzler spoke on voters not coming out vote to change things. He thinks the Township should be responsible for the flooding in Levittown. He questioned Goodturn Road and Keston Drive there are unregistered vehicles and construction vehicles.

Motion by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M. Second by Councilwoman Tarlini.

Call Vote:	Councilman Tucker	yes
	Councilman Lewis	yes
	Councilwoman Tarlini	yes
	Vice President Davis	yes
	President Pluta	yes

Motion approved 5-0

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- 1. Motion to approve the outstanding voucher list and requisitions for April 2010.**
- 2. Motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2010 Council Meeting.**
- 3. Motion to Reaffirm Amended Preliminary Final Land Development for parcel 5-62-1 Bridge Business Center.**
- 4. Motion to approve Conditional Use for parcel 5-54-149 VFW Post 1597 901 Belleview Ave.**
- 5. Motion to approve the inter-municipal transfer for a liquor license for Sports Pizza by Jerry, Inc.**
- 6. Motion to approve the Housing Assistance Program.**
- 7. Motion to request payment of \$140,000.00 from the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority for Bristol Twp. Lobby Renovation Project.**
- 8. Motion to request payment of \$25,265.84 from the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority for the Croydon Fire Company building renovation project.**
- 9. Motion to suspend the parking regulations in Venice Ashby for the Luncheon.**
- 10. Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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