

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2009

The session was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the President of Council, Ralph DiGuiseppe.

Council offered a moment of silent prayer.

The Council then proceeded to salute the flag.

Present were:

Mr. James Lutz	Mr. Anthony Muccie
Mr. Michael Harris	Mr. Patrick Sabatini
Ms. Robyn Trunell	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe

Absent—Betty Rodriguez (death in family), Leo Plenski, Jr.
(working)

Also present were:

Mayor Joseph Saxton
Mr. James Dillon, Borough Manager
Mr. William Salerno, Borough Solicitor
Chief Arnold Porter, Police Chief
Mrs. Maria Fields, Administrator

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Marucci, 1253 Radcliffe Street, apologized to Mr. Dillon for his remarks at last month's Council Meeting when he offered to take him outside at any time. He said our tax rate is the second highest in Bucks County. Mr. Marucci suggested the remainder of the school permit fee be given back to the School District to help with their shortfall; so the School Board would not have to raise taxes.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION

Mayor Saxton thanked Council for re-establishing Mayor's Communication.

The Mayor commented on the cleanup of the Bristol Marsh on Monday, January 19th and the Bristol Borough Community Partnership food drives.

Mayor Saxton thanked the Emergency Management Coordinator Merle Winslow, Police Chief Porter, and Fire Chief Slack along with Deputy Fire Chiefs Riccio and Gosline for helping to coordinate all of the events at the park.

The Mayor reported the Fire Departments are working on a grant for carbon monoxide detectors for residents in town after Council passed the Ordinance requiring the detectors for all dwelling units.

The Mayor commented on the excellent job being done by the Police Department.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mr. Harris (Ms. Trunell) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 8, 2008 and the Council Work Session of January 12, 2009 as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Ms. Trunell) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of November as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Ms. Trunell) moved to accept the Police & D.J.'s Report as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Ms. Trunell) moved to accept the Fire Chief's Report as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Ms. Trunell) moved to accept the Borough Inspector's Report as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Ms. Trunell) moved to accept the Zoning Hearing Board Report as printed. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

4. **MOTION - APPROVE TIME EXTENSION FOR PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT FOR ROHM AND HAAS-EXPIRATION DATE 4-22-09.**
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Mr. Harris (Ms. Trunell) moved to approve the time extension for the Preliminary Land Development for Rohm and Haas-Expiration Date 4-22-09. Unanimous

5. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE FILING OF RECYCLING PERFORMANCE GRANT APPLICATION BY HOUGH ASSOCIATES PER PROPOSAL DATED 12-8-08 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00.**
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Mr. Harris (Mr. Sabatini) moved to authorize filing of Recycling Performance Grant Application by Hough Associates per proposal dated 12-8-08 in the amount of \$6,000.00. Unanimous

6. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE TAX COLLECTOR'S SALARY FROM \$10,000 TO \$15,000 EFFECTIVE 2010.**
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Ms. Trunell (Mr. Sabatini) moved to authorize advertisement of Ordinance to increase the Tax Collector's salary from \$10,000 to \$15,000 effective 2010.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 5-1.

7. **MOTION - REQUEST FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT A CONTRIBUTION OF UP TO \$150,000 TOWARDS THE REQUIRED MATCH TO THE DCNR GRANT OF \$250,000 FOR THE JEFFERSON AVENUE RECREATIONAL PARK PROJECT.**
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Mr. Muccie (Mr. Sabatini) moved to request from School District a contribution of up to \$150,000 towards the required match to the DCNR grant of \$250,000 for the Jefferson Avenue Recreational Park Project.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

ITEM #7 CONT'D.

Mr. DiGuiseppe noted if the School District wants to proceed, the Borough will finalize the number; if they do not want to proceed, then it will have to come back to Council for another vote to see if the Borough wants to proceed.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 5-1.

8. MOTION - APPROVE CONTRACT WITH LEO PLENSKI, III FOR ATHLETIC FIELD MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,500 WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$500 TO CLEAN THE BATHROOMS.

Mr. Sabatini (Ms. Trunell) moved to approve the Contract with Leo Plenski, III for athletic field maintenance in the amount of \$11,500 with an additional \$500 to clean the bathrooms.

Mr. Lutz asked the Solicitor if this item had to be bid, since it was over \$10,000.

Mr. Salerno replied that it did not have to be bid because it was a maintenance contract.

The motion was carried unanimously.

9. MOTION - AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 2008 FORD F550 4x4 DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND SPREADER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,850.00 (STATE BID).

Mr. Muccie (Mr. Sabatini) moved to authorize purchase of 2008 Ford F550 4x4 Dump Truck with plow and spreader in the amount of \$64,850.00 (State Bid) per 2009 Budget.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 5-1.

