

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 9, 2009

The session was called to order at 7:02 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. Leo Plenski, Jr.
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe

Absent—Robyn Trunell, Patrick Sabatini, Mayor Joseph Saxton

Also present were:

Mr. James Dillon, Borough Manager
Mr. William Salerno, Borough Solicitor
Chief Arnold Porter, Police Chief
Mr. Herbert Slack, Fire Chief
Mrs. Maria Fields, Administrator

Mr. Ted Dorand, Bucks County External Affairs Manager for PECO, presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 in appreciation and recognition of the volunteer emergency services during a gas leak this past summer in the Borough.

Mr. Dillon read a proclamation on behalf of Council and the Mayor proclaiming March 9, 2009 as Rotary Day in Bristol Borough and recognizing Rotary International for its more than 104 years of service to improving the human condition in local communities around the world.

Mr. Lutz, referring to an article which appeared in the Bucks County Courier Times on March 5, 2008, explained that the reason he placed Item #4 on the Agenda (terminate service of Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania, Inc.) was because one of its employees is under investigation for corruption in New Jersey. He added if the employee is found innocent, he would consider rehiring BIU.

Mr. Mark McLaughlin, owner of Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania, Inc., informed Council that BIU of Pennsylvania is a separate company from BIU of New Jersey. The charges are against the employee who works for the New Jersey company.

A discussion as well as a question and answer period followed.

Council agreed the legal matter did not involve BIU of Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Marucci, 1253 Radcliffe Street, read a statement in favor of terminating BIU.

Kenneth Bixler, 337 Cleveland Street, felt the BIU incident in New Jersey is a valid issue to be investigated.

Karen Riccio, Consolidated Fire Company, asked that a meeting be setup regarding Consolidated Fire Company moving back into the Municipal Building.

Mr. DiGuseppe noted the rededication of the newly renovated Police and Fire Departments will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009. He mentioned the Mayor, who was out of town on business, requested the Proclamation for the Rotary Club.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 9, 2009, the Council Work Session of February 18, 2009, and the Council Work Session of March 2, 2009 as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of January as printed. Unanimous

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

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

REGULAR BUSINESS CONT'D.

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

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept H.A.R.B. Report and Decisions of February 23, 2009 as printed. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

4. MOTION - TERMINATE SERVICE OF BIU OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC. (ADDED BY MR. LUTZ 36-09).

Mr. Lutz moved to terminate service of BIU of Pennsylvania, Inc.

The motion died for lack of a second.

5. MOTION - RETAIN GILMORE & ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE BID SPECIFICATIONS AND OBTAIN CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE 2009 ROAD PROGRAM.

Mr. Harris (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to retain Gilmore & Associates to prepare bid specifications and obtain construction bids for the 2009 Road Program.

Mr. Lutz stated he is in favor of the Road Program done yearly with Liquid Fuels funds. He did not want to borrow any money and therefore he is voting against the motion.

A discussion followed on the Road Program; it was noted that under Mr. Lutz's proposal, project costs would increase and it would take 41 years without curb replacement to complete the paving project under his plan.

Mr. Lutz moved the question.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 5-1.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

6. MOTION - AUTHORIZE TERMINATION OF GATEWAY PROJECT AS PRESENTLY FINANCED.

Mr. Plenski (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize termination of Gateway Project as presently financed. Unanimous

7. MOTION - AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$3,000 TO TOWNS AGAINST GRAFFITI.

Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Plenski) moved to authorize payment not to exceed \$3,000 to Towns Against Graffiti. Unanimous

8. MOTION - AUTHORIZE SALE OF 1984 CHEVROLET BOX VAN TO BRIAN J. KUMMEL, THE HIGH BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700.00 AND TWO 1995 FORD DUMP TRUCKS TO M & E TRUCK SALES, THE HIGH BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,396.00 EACH.

Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Plenski) moved to authorize the sale of 1984 Chevrolet Box Van to Brian J. Kummel, the high bidder, in the amount of \$700.00 and two 1995 Ford Dump Trucks to M & E Truck Sales, the high bidder, in the amount of \$4,396.00 each. Unanimous

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. DiGuiseppe informed Council he is authorizing the Borough Manager to get an appraisal of Klean Kars by Kevin on Old Route 13 and an appraisal for the old pump house.

Mr. Muccie (Mr. Plenski) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Unanimous