

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 10, 2008

The session was called to order at 7:05 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. Michael Harris	Mr. Patrick Sabatini
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	Mr. Leo Plenski, Jr.
Mr. Anthony Muccie	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe

Absent—Mr. Lutz (vacation), Ms. Trunell (vacation),
Mayor Saxton (moving)

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, Municipal Administrator

Mr. Harris on behalf of Council, Mayor and Citizens of Bristol Borough, presented a plaque to Florence Zefferi in recognition and gratitude for 39 years of service to the Borough.

Mr. DiGuiseppe declared March 10, 2008 as "Florence Zefferi Day."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michael Duva, 303 DiGuiseppe Drive, complained about truck traffic on Green Lane. He stated the speeding trucks causes his house to vibrate and pictures to fall off walls. Mr. Duva said State Representative Galloway suggested a traffic study by Penn-Dot be requested by the Borough and Township.

Karen Corning, 305 DiGuiseppe Drive, wanted to see a traffic study done by PennDot on Green Lane and the street maintained.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONT'D.

Gary Brodsky, 526 Lafayette Street, complained about trucks idling all night long on Lafayette & Canal Streets and continually running over his sidewalk.

Donald Crohe, 322 Hayes Street, thanked Council for honoring Florence Zefferi.

Katherine Krieger, Elizabeth Fisher, and Barry Fisher spoke about an unattended aggressive pit bull in their neighborhood. The pit bull attacked their dog. They suggested that a meeting be held with State Representative Galloway to discuss strengthening State legislation regarding pit bulls and their owners. Everyone agreed the problem is negligent owners.

All Council Members present agreed that Council should take a pro-active stance regarding pit bulls in the Borough.

Merle Winslow commented on an incident that occurred regarding a pit bull jumping into his yard and going after one of his dogs.

Bart Krause, Animal Control Officer, felt that all dogs 50 lbs. or more need to be muzzled.

Ellen Callahan, 208 Buckley Street, believed that the pet owner is responsible for controlling their dog.

Mr. DiGuseppe recommended a committee be formed to meet with State Representative Galloway.

Diane Hoffner, 700 Second Avenue, thanked Council for obtaining grants from the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission to replace the traffic signals and install new crosswalks.

Charles Sims, Grundy Tower, complained about the construction at the intersection of Beaver Street & Route 13.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mr. Harris (Mr. Sabatini) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2008, the Special Public Meeting of February 21, 2008, the Special Public Meeting of February 28, 2008, and the Council Work Session of March 3, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

REGULAR BUSINESS CONT'D.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Harris (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the H.A.R.B. Report and Decision of February 25, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF 1013 ELM STREET.

Mr. Plenski (Ms. Harris) moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing purchase of 1013 Elm Street in the amount of \$75,000.00. Unanimous

4. RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF 1015 CHESTNUT ST

Mr. Plenski (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing purchase of 1015 Chestnut Street in the amount of \$72,450.00. Unanimous

5. RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF 1017 CHESTNUT ST

Mr. Plenski (Mr. Harris) moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing purchase of 1017 Chestnut Street in the amount of \$88,200.00. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

6. RESOLUTION - DESIGNATING BRISTOL BOROUGH AS A CLASSIC TOWN OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA ESTABLISHED BY THE DVRPC.

Mr. Muccie (Mr. Sabatini) moved to adopt the Resolution designating Bristol Borough as a Classic Town of Greater Philadelphia established by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Dillon stated the Borough of Bristol along with Doylestown Borough are the only two municipalities in Bucks County that the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission picked to be part of this pilot program. The DVRPC is the agency that handles many federal and state grants and he felt it is an honor for the Borough to be selected as part of this pilot program.

The motion to adopt the Resolution was carried unanimously.

7. ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES.

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Muccie) moved to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the establishment of a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for Borough Employees. Unanimous

8. MOTION - AUTHORIZE ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR THE STREET SWEEPER EFFECTIVE MARCH 27, 2008.

Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Harris) moved to authorize enforcement of parking restrictions for the street sweeper effective March 27, 2008. Unanimous

9. MOTION - AUTHORIZE GILMORE & SONS WELDING & FABRICATING, INC. TO INSTALL NON-GALVANIZED STEEL WHARF RAILING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,825.00 PER QUOTE DATED 2-15-08.

Mr. Harris (Mr. Plenski) moved to authorize Gilmore & Sons Welding & Fabricating, Inc. to install non-galvanized steel wharf railing in the amount of \$7,825.00 per quote dated 2-15-08.

Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

10. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE SALE OF 1999 FORD CROWN VICTORIA
AND 1984 CHEVROLET VAN WITH MINIMUM BIDS.**

Mr. Plenski (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize sale of 1999 Ford Crown Victoria and 1984 Chevrolet Van with minimum bids.

Unanimous

11. **MOTION - APPROVE CONTRACT WITH LEO PLENSKI, III FOR
ATHLETIC FIELD MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$9,935.00.**

Mr. Sabatini (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to approve Contract with Leo Plenski, III for athletic field maintenance in the amount of \$9,935.00.

Mr. Plenski abstained because the Contract is with his son.

The motion was carried 5-0 with 1 abstention.

12. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE CONTRIBUTION OF \$500.00 TO RED
CROSS HOMELESS SHELTER.**

Mr. Harris (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize contribution of \$500.00 to Red Cross Homeless Shelter.

Unanimous

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Harris) moved to suspend the rules of Council to add one item to the Agenda.

Unanimous

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Muccie) moved to transfer certain bank accounts from Wachovia Bank to First Federal of Bucks County.

Unanimous

Mr. DiGuseppe introduced Joy Rogoza and Jeane Coyle of First Federal of Bucks County. He believed this move would be a good fit for the Borough. Ms. Rogoza and Ms. Coyle spoke on how excited First Federal Savings were to have this opportunity to do business with the Borough.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charles Sims asked if First Federal Savings will charge to cash Borough payroll checks because Wachovia Bank charged if you did not have an account with the Bank.

Ellen Scancellia, Parade Committee, was glad to see the Borough using First Federal because they give back to the community.

Donald Crohe commended Council for having the foresight to purchase the homes on Elm and Chestnut Streets.

Mr. Muccie (Mr. Harris) moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Unanimous