

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 12, 2010

The session was called to order at 7:10 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	Ms. Betty Rodriguez
Ms. Lorraine Cullen	Mr. Anthony Muccie
Ms. Robyn Trunell	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe

Absent—Patrick Sabatini (sick), Leo Plenski, Jr. (work)

Also present were:

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

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. DiGuiseppe showed a picture of trash which was dumped by a contractor on the Borough-Owned lot between Otter Street and Old Route 13. He asked residents to report anyone they see dumping in the Borough.

Mr. DiGuiseppe also noted the trash being thrown on the Spurline Park and the Basketball Courts. He stated the Borough Public Works Department cannot keep up with picking up the trash. Mr. DiGuiseppe said he is going to make a suggestion at the May work session to discuss posting signs to keep the property clean.

Mr. DiGuiseppe mentioned there was a tour of all the playgrounds on Wednesday, April 7th, to review the upgrades from the Community Development Grant received. He said some of the playground equipment had been vandalized and asked the Police Chief to have the police patrol those areas.

Mr. DiGuiseppe reminded the public that tickets will be issued for the street sweeper starting on Thursday, April 15th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tony Ivey, 27 West Railroad Avenue, suggested the lot between Otter Street and Old Route 13 be turned into a park.

Joseph Renner, 204 Buckley Street, asked if the curfew hour is enforced by the Police Department. He suggested the police patrol the playgrounds and surveillance equipment be installed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Ms. Cullen (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 8, 2010 and the Council Work Session of April 5, 2010 as printed. Unanimous

Ms. Cullen (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of February as printed. Unanimous

Ms. Cullen (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to accept the Police & D.J.'s Report as printed. Unanimous

Ms. Cullen (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to accept the Fire Chief's Report as printed. Unanimous

Ms. Cullen (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to accept the Borough Inspector's Report as printed. Unanimous

Ms. Cullen (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to accept the H.A.R.B. Report of March 29, 2010 as printed. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

3. **RESOLUTION - APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE DELAWARE RIVER JOINT TOLL BRIDGE COMMISSION'S COMPACT AUTHORIZED INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR A PROJECT GRANT TO IMPLEMENT THE LANDMARK TOWNS OF BUCKS COUNTY STRATEGIC WAYFINDING SIGNAGE PLAN.**

Ms. Trunell (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to adopt the Resolution approving application for funding from the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission's Compact Authorized Investment Program for a Project Grant to implement the Landmark Towns of Bucks County Strategic Wayfinding Signage Plan. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

4. **RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING CONVERSION OF A PORTION OF
THE EXISTING BOND FROM A VARIABLE RATE
TO A FIXED RATE FOR THE FINANCING OF THE
ROAD PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,400,000
PAYABLE OVER A FIFTEEN YEAR PERIOD.**
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Ms. Cullen (Ms. Trunell) moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing conversion of a portion of the existing bond from a variable rate to a fixed rate for the financing of the Road Program in the amount of \$1,400,000 payable over a fifteen year period.

Mr. DiGuiseppe explained the Borough is converting \$1,400,000 of the \$5.5 million line of credit to a fixed rate which he is hoping will be under four (4%) percent. He noted the payment for the balance of the 2009 Road Program will be paid from Liquid Fuels funds, not from tax money.

The motion was carried unanimously.

5. **MOTION - AUTHORIZING USE OF \$1,000,000 FROM CURRENT
BORROWING FOR PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY AND
PROPERTY CLEANUP AT A FIXED RATE OF INTEREST.**
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Ms. Rodriguez (Ms. Cullen) moved to authorize use of \$1,000,000 from the current borrowing for Public Works facility and property cleanup at a fixed rate of interest.

Mr. DiGuiseppe explained the Borough is converting \$1,000,000 of the \$5.5 million line of credit to a fixed rate of interest; the payment is approximately \$60,000 per year which the Sewer Authority will pay half and the Borough will pay half with Debt Service over a period of 20 years. These funds will be used for the Public Works facility and the cleanup of the property.

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

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 5-1.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

6. **MOTION - AUTHORIZING CONVERSION OF A PORTION OF THE EXISTING BOND FROM A VARIABLE RATE TO A FIXED RATE FOR THE FINANCING OF CHESTNUT AND ELM STREETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000 PAYABLE OVER A TWENTY YEAR PERIOD.**
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Mr. Muccie (Ms. Cullen) moved to authorize conversion of a portion of the existing bond from a variable rate to a fixed rate for the financing of Chestnut and Elm Streets in the amount of \$600,000 payable over a twenty year period. Unanimous

7. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF THE ORIGINAL \$5,500,000 FINANCING BY REMAINING BALANCE (ESTIMATE \$2,500,000).**
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Ms. Trunell (Mr. Muccie) moved to authorize reduction in the amount of the original \$5,500,000 financing by remaining balance (estimate \$2,500,000).

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 5-1.

8. **ORDINANCE - PROHIBITING PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF RADCLIFFE STREET 150' WEST FROM LINCOLN AVENUE INTERSECTION IN FRONT OF ST. MARK CHURCH FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M. EVERYDAY EXCEPT SUNDAY.**
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Ms. Cullen (Ms. Trunell) moved to adopt the Ordinance prohibiting parking on the north side of Radcliffe Street 150' West from Lincoln Avenue intersection in front of St. Mark Church from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. everyday except Sunday. Unanimous

9. **ORDINANCE - ADOPT AMENDMENT TO THE GRAFFITI ORDINANCE.**

Ms. Rodriguez (Ms. Trunell) moved to adopt amendment to the Graffiti Ordinance. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

10. **ORDINANCE - ADOPT AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY MAINTENANCE,
SAFETY, AND FIRE INSPECTION ORDINANCE
#1240.**
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Mr. Muccie (Ms. Cullen) moved to adopt Ordinance clarifying Maintenance, Safety, and Fire Inspection Ordinance #1240.

Unanimous

11. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH KEYSTATE PUBLISHERS,
INC.**
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Ms. Trunell (Ms. Cullen) moved to authorize agreement with Keystate Publishers, Inc., Option III, in the amount of \$8,875.00.

Unanimous

12. **MOTION - APPROVE CONTRACT WITH ARCHITECT ANGELO RAGO
FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PUBLIC
WORKS GARAGE.**
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Ms. Cullen (Ms. Trunell) moved to approve contract dated 3-25-10 with Architect Angelo Rago for design and construction of new Public Works Garage in the amount of \$44,500.00.

Mr. DiGuiseppe said included in the contract is plumbing, heating, electric, and engineering.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 5-1.

13. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING AMENDMENT TO DISORDERLY
CONDUCT IN RENTAL UNIT ORDINANCE #1245.**
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Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Muccie) moved to authorize advertising amendment to Disorderly Conduct in Rental Unit Ordinance #1245.

Unanimous

OTHER BUSINESS

Congressman Murphy presented Certificates to the student volunteers of the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Bristol Marsh Preserve Trash Cleanup Day of Service held on Monday, January 18th.

Council Member Betty Rodriguez and Congressman Murphy recognized Joseph Booz for ten years of military service.

Council Member Robyn Trunell thanked Congressman Murphy for his help in obtaining the Grant Agreement between the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and Bristol Borough in the amount of \$550,000.00 for the water-front revitalization.

Mr. Muccie (Ms. Cullen) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.
Unanimous