

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 16, 2008

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. Michael Harris	Mr. Anthony Muccie
Ms. Robyn Trunell	Mr. Leo Plenski, Jr.
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe

Absent—Mr. Lutz (out of state), Mr. Sabatini (college fair)
Mayor Saxton

Mr. DiGuiseppe read a letter from Mr. Lutz dated April 14, 2008 explaining his absence this evening.

Also present were:

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

Ms. Trunell introduced Donna Boone, the newly appointed Regional Coordinator for Landmark Towns of Bucks County which includes Bristol Borough, Morrisville, New Hope and Yardley.

Ms. Boone explained the Landmark Towns Program and her goals for the program. She thanked Council for their support. Bristol Borough is her home-base; her office is located at the Canal's End building at the corner of Mill Street and Old Route 13.

Ms. Trunell on behalf of Council, Mayor and Citizens of Bristol Borough, presented a plaque to Mr. Gene Williams, Executive Director of The Grundy Foundation in gratitude for their contribution to the Police and Fire Department Renovation Project.

Police Chief Porter presented Life Saving Awards to Bristol Borough Police Officers Bill Davis and Justin Gross for performing CPR and utilizing the AED on a resident found in a car who was not breathing. The resident was revived at the hospital.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kevin McCarthy, 309 Penn Street, thanked the Police Department for finding his step-daughter.

Mr. DiGuiseppe read a letter from State Representative Galloway dated April 8, 2008 to the Department of Agriculture Secretary, Dennis Wolff, regarding allowing municipalities greater control over local dog ordinances. Mr. DiGuiseppe explained that this letter was a result of a meeting which was held with State Representative Galloway concerning the recent pit bull attacks in the Borough.

Mr. DiGuiseppe also spoke about the Bucks County Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. He stated there is money available through the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority for residents who meet a certain income level.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mr. Harris (Mr. Plenski) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 10, 2008, the Special Public Meeting of March 24, 2008, and the Council Work Session of April 7, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

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

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. **MOTION - RECOMMENDING HIRING OF FIRM TO BUCKS COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR PREPARING MASTER WATERFRONT PLAN—LANGAN ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES.**
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Ms. Trunell (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to recommend hiring Langan Engineering & Environmental Services to the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority for preparing the Master Waterfront Plan in the amount of \$118,000.00. Unanimous

4. **RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING FILING OF DCNR GRANT APPLICATION FOR JEFFERSON AVENUE RECREATIONAL COMPLEX (50% MATCHING GRANT).**
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Mr. Plenski (Mr. Harris) moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing filing of DCNR Grant Application for Jefferson Avenue Recreational Complex (50% matching grant). Unanimous

5. **RESOLUTION - ADOPTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY.**

Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Plenski) moved to adopt the Resolution adopting a Sexual Harassment Policy.

Mr. DiGuseppe noted the State is requiring a policy as part of State Representative Galloway's \$250,000 grant.

The motion to adopt the Resolution was carried unanimously.

6. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTOR ORDINANCE.**
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Mr. Plenski (Mr. Harris) moved to authorize advertisement of Responsible Contractor Ordinance. Unanimous

7. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE BID OF \$100.00 FOR ACQUISITION OF TAX PARCEL #04-005-020-003 (.015 ACRE) FROM BUCKS COUNTY TAX CLAIM BUREAU.**
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Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Harris) moved to authorize bid of \$100.00 for acquisition of Tax Parcel #04-005-020-003 (.015 acre) from Bucks County Tax Claim Bureau. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

Mr. Harris requested a special meeting to discuss the paving of streets throughout town.

Mr. DiGuiseppe added that all of Council need streets paved. He stated the only fair way is to float a bond and do a priority list of what streets need to be done. Council can then do a Road Program throughout the town.

Mr. Harris (Mr. Plenski) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Unanimous