

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 12, 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. James Lutz	Mr. Anthony Muccie
Mr. Michael Harris	Mr. Leo Plenski, Jr.
Ms. Robyn Trunell	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	

Absent—Mr. Sabatini

Also present were:

Mayor Joseph Saxton
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. DiGuiseppe introduced Mr. Vincent Virgulti who wished to make a presentation to Council regarding the Sister City Project.

Mr. Vincent Virgulti presented a proposal to Council for the approval of the Sister City Project with Spinetoli, Provincia di Ascoli Piceno.

All of Council agreed that it was a good project and to proceed. Council will adopt a Resolution under Other Business.

Mr. DiGuiseppe announced that Borough Council would like to honor any individual from Bristol Borough going to Iraq or Afghanistan. Mr. DiGuiseppe stated this evening Council is honoring Vincent Reardon who is going to Iraq. Mr. DiGuiseppe asked Mr. Tony Ivey on behalf of Borough Council to present an Armed Forces coin to Vincent Reardon with a picture the United States of America Eagle on one side and his name engraved on the other side with the inscription "Return Home Safely" from Borough Council dated May 12, 2008.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Harry Crohe, 231 Jackson Street, thanked Council for honoring Vincent Reardon who has also been a volunteer fireman in the Borough. He complimented the Police Department for the outstanding work they are doing. Mr. Crohe commended Council for purchasing new and safe Street & Highway equipment.

Donald Crohe, 322 Hayes Street, felt it was a great honor for Hillary Clinton to pick Bristol High School as one of her campaign stops. Mr. Crohe offered his condolences to Mr. DiGuiseppe on the death of his mother-in-law.

Megan Ivey, 27 Railroad Avenue, asked the status of the traffic flow study on Railroad Avenue off of Otter Street. Mr. DiGuiseppe said a meeting has been tentatively scheduled on-site for Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 16, 2008, the Special Public Meeting of April 24, 2008, and the Council Work Session of May 5, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 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

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

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the H.A.R.B. Report and Decision of April 28, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF 1048 CHESTNUT STREET.

Mr. Plenski (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing purchase of 1048 Chestnut Street in the amount of \$50,000.00. Unanimous

4. RESOLUTION - APPROVING DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL FINANCE AUTHORITY REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION.

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to adopt the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority Reimbursement Resolution. Unanimous

5. MOTION - AUTHORIZE \$5,000 CONTRIBUTION TO BRISTOL BOROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP "A COMMUNITY THAT CARES."

Ms. Rodriguez (Ms. Trunell) moved to authorize \$5,000.00 contribution to Bristol Borough Community Partnership "A Community that Cares." Unanimous

6. MOTION - AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,850 TO REPLACE CAR TOTALED IN ACCIDENT.

Mr. Harris (Mr. Plenski) moved to authorize purchase of 2008 Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$21,850.00 (State Bid) to replace car totaled in accident.

Mr. Lutz asked why the 2007 demo Ford Crown Victoria was not on the Agenda.

Mr. DiGuseppe stated the Mayor and the Police Chief recommended the purchase of the new vehicle. Mr. DiGuseppe polled Council at the work session and it was unanimous to purchase the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 6-1.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

7. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE TRI-STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO
INSTALL RADIO EQUIPMENT AT WHARF IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$900.00.**
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Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Plenski) moved to authorize Tri-State Telecommunications to install radio equipment at the wharf in the amount of \$900.00. Unanimous

8. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF AMENDMENTS
TO ORDINANCE #1241.**
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Mr. Plenski (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize advertisement of amendments to Ordinance #1241.

Mr. Lutz asked if the amendment was per property or per unit.

Mr. Dillon replied the intention of the amendment is per unit.

The motion was carried unanimously.

9. **MOTION - OBTAIN BIDS TO REPAVE WILSON AVENUE AND
HARRISON STREET INCLUDING HANDICAPPED RAMPS
AND CURBS AS REQUIRED TO BE PAID BY THE
BOROUGH.**
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Mr. Lutz moved to obtain bids to repave Wilson Avenue and Harrison Street including handicapped ramps and curbs as required to be paid by the Borough and previous agreement with Aqua.

The motion died for lack of a second.

10. **MOTION - OBTAIN BIDS TO REPAVE 200 BLOCK OF MADISON
STREET INCLUDING HANDICAPPED RAMPS AND CURBS
AS REQUIRED TO BE PAID BY THE BOROUGH.**
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Mr. Lutz moved to obtain bids to repave 200 Block of Madison Street including handicapped ramps and curbs as required to be paid by the Borough.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Harris asked that a meeting be scheduled as soon as possible to discuss who is paying for the curbs, what curbs have to be replaced, what streets have to be done, and to get an idea of how much money we need and where we are going to get it. He said this is the only way to do it; we cannot do it piece meal because there are too many bad streets in town.

Mr. DiGuiseppe stated he knows how hard it is for a Councilman who represents that area not to second a motion. He felt if the two Council Members were working together, these two items would have never been put on the Agenda this evening. Mr. DiGuiseppe said there are streets all over town that need to be done and there is only half a million dollars to do these streets. He commended Mr. Harris for not seconding the motion because he knows it is not easy and his fellow Councilman would have never put him in that situation and he does not feel any other Council Member would have done it to their fellow Councilman this evening.

A discussion followed on the funding of doing the streets in town that need to be done.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. DiGuiseppe said there is a problem with the sewer pipe in the basement and an evaluation is needed. He stated a jet truck needs to clean the line and then it needs to be videoed at a cost of approximately \$500 to \$1000 to determine whether the line is collapsed or cracked. Mr. DiGuiseppe said at that point a decision has to be made on what needs to be done and we will have documentation for the Change Order.

Ms. Trunell (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to suspend the rules of Council to add two items to the Agenda. Unanimous

Ms. Trunell (Mr. Plenski) moved to authorize the Borough Manager to approve the Change Order not to exceed \$30,000.00 based on verification that the sewer pipe needs to be replaced or repaired after an evaluation.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 6-1.

OTHER BUSINESS CONT'D.

Ms. Trunell (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to adopt the Resolution approving the establishment of a Sister City relationship with Spinetoli, Provincia di Ascoli Piceno, Italy to promote cultural, educational and commercial understandings. Unanimous

Mr. Muccie (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Unanimous