

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 14, 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. James Lutz	Mr. Patrick Sabatini
Mr. Michael Harris	Mr. Leo Plenski, Jr.
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe
Mr. Anthony Muccie	

Absent—Ms. Trunell (vacation)

Also present were:

Mayor Joseph Saxton
Mr. James Dillon, Borough Manager
Mr. William Salerno, Borough Solicitor
Mr. Herbert Slack, Fire Chief
Mrs. Maria Fields, Administrator

Mr. Salerno, Ms. Rodriguez, and Mr. Sabatini presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Mr. Brian McPeak, President of the Bristol Riverside Theatre Board of Trustees, Treasurer Carol Mignoni Ferguson, Founding Producing Director Susan Atkinson, and Artistic Director Keith Baker. The check was a donation from Borough Council and the Mayor on behalf of Borough residents.

Mr. Salerno read a letter dated July 3, 2008 inviting community members and volunteers to the launching of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Classic Towns Program and website on Monday, July 28, 2008, at 11:30 a.m. Bristol Borough is one of two Classic Towns in Bucks County.

Mr. DiGuiseppe appointed the following to the Historic Bristol Borough Waterfront Steering Committee to work with the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority and Langan Engineering to prepare a development plan of the Bristol Waterfront: Daniel Cefalone from the Anchor Yacht Club, Harry Crohe from the Bristol Borough Planning Commission, William Major, Jr., Carol Mignoni-Ferguson, Rosemarie Mignoni-Szczucki, William Mitchell from Bucks County Parks & Recreation, William Pezza from the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority, Louis Quattrocchi, Mayor Joseph Saxton, a School Board Representative, Regina Swift, Vice-President of Council Robyn Trunell, Richard Vallejo, Public Works Superintendent George Waldron, Eugene Williams of the Grundy Foundation, Emergency Management Coordinator J. Merle Winslow, and himself.

Mr. DiGuiseppe introduced Officer Maria Gonzalez, the first female police officer in Bristol Borough, and Kevin DiPaolo; both are the new part-time police officers who were just recently certified.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Elizabeth Fisher, 1102 Wood Street, requested Council support House Bill 2553 which would allow municipalities to pass their own dog legislation. On behalf of her family, she thanked Council for all of their help along with State Representative Galloway.

Mr. DiGuiseppe stated Council will adopt a Resolution at the August meeting in support of House Bill 2523.

In regard to Item #10 on the Agenda, Mr. Terry Brokenshire along with Mr. Steve Pettia of Corporate Environments made a presentation for the proposed furniture in the Police Department.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 9, 2008, the Special Public Meeting of June 19, 2008, and the Council Work Session of July 7, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

REGULAR BUSINESS CONT'D.

Mr. Lutz, referring to Page 3 of the Council Work Session minutes, said he was opposed to Aqua replacing the main on Trenton Avenue.

Mr. DiGuseppe stated a report listing all the streets in the Borough was distributed to Council at the work session showing the lengths, the widths and the square footage of each street. He said we can now get estimates on the cost to repave the streets; then Council will have a meeting and the discussion will be how to pay for it.

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 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 Planning Commission Report of June 16, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to accept the H.A.R.B. Report and Decision of June 30, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE BOROUGH TO BE DESIGNATED AS A PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY.

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Harris) moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for the Borough to be designated as a Preserve America Community. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

4. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE LETTER OF INTENT TO THE BRISTOL BOROUGH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FOR RESTORATION OF THE OLD WATER PUMP HOUSE ON OLD ROUTE 13.**
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Mr. Harris (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize letter of intent to the Bristol Borough Historic Preservation Committee for restoration of the old water pump house on Old Route 13. Unanimous

5. **MOTION - APPROVE PRELIMINARY/FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT FOR AQUA PENNSYLVANIA, INC. FOR BUCKS COUNTY TAX PARCEL #4-6-18 AND #4-6-18.4-EXPIRATION 8-17-08.**
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Mr. Muccie moved to table Item #5 on the Agenda.

Unanimous

6. **ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND COMCAST**
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Mr. Plenski (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the execution of the Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough and Comcast. Unanimous

7. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE TEN (10) MINUTE PARKING RESTRICTION IN AREA OF 129 RADCLIFFE STREET.**
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Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Muccie) moved to authorize ten (10) minute parking restriction in area of 129 Radcliffe Street. Unanimous

8. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) EXTENDED WARRANTIES FOR POLICE VEHICLES PER CHIEF PORTER 7-10-08 EMAIL.**
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Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Sabatini) moved to authorize purchase of three (3) extended warranties for police vehicles per Chief Porter 7-10-08 email in the amount of \$6,975.00. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

**9. MOTION - AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCE FOR
BOROUGH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PENNSYLVANIA
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT TRUST.**

Mr. Harris (Mr. Muccie) moved to authorize advertisement of an Ordinance for the Borough to participate in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust. Unanimous

**10. MOTION - APPROVE PROPOSED FURNISHINGS FOR POLICE
STATION FROM CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTS, INC.
(STATE BID LIST).**

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Plenski) moved to approve the proposed furnishings for the Police Station from Corporate Environments, Inc. in the amount of \$89,900.00 (State Bid List).

A question and answer period followed on the budget for the project. It was noted \$2,000,000 is in the 2008 Budget.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 6-1.

Mayor Saxton expressed his thanks to Borough Council for approving the motion and doing the renovations in the Police Department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sgt. Joseph Moors, President of the PBA, recognized the great job the Public Works Superintendent George Waldron and the Public Works Department did moving the Police Department to their present location in the firehouse.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. DiGuseppe noted that there were no permits from the Department of Environmental Protection for the gasoline tank located behind the Municipal Building. The tank was shut down by DEP today; once the tank is emptied, it will not be filled.

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Muccie) moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Unanimous