

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 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. Robyn Trunell	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	

Absent—Mr. Muccie (sick)

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, Administrator

Council Member Betty Rodriguez introduced the Board of Directors of the newly formed Puerto Rican Cultural Association of Bucks County: President Karen Rodriguez, Vice President Rosie Torres, Secretary Karen Rosado, Treasurer Ana Rodriguez, and Financial Advisor Ada Maldonado-Guillet. The Association will now oversee the Puerto Rican Day Festival.

Ms. Rodriguez thanked CHUB for their years of service to the Hispanic community.

Council Member Robyn Trunell read the Proclamation proclaiming December 7-14, 2008 as "Shop Local Week."

Ms. Donna Boone, Regional Main Street Coordinator, commented on the activities being held on Mill Street for the "Shop Local Week" Campaign.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Richard Vallejo, 301 Mill Street, President of the Bristol Borough Business Association, thanked Ms. Boone for the "Shop Local Week" Campaign. He felt it was a great idea. Mr. Vallejo then showed Council the proposed Christmas Wreath for the poles on Mill Street.

Tony Ivey, 27 West Railroad Avenue, asked the status of the street signs for West Railroad Avenue and Otter Street.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mr. Harris (Mr. Sabatini) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 14, 2008 and the Council Work Session of November 3, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Harris (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 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 Planning Commission Report of October 20, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. MOTION - APPROVE D'AMICO MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR BUCKS COUNTY TAX PARCEL #4-5-04 AND #4-5-08.

Mr. Jeff Skinner from C.M.S. Engineering & Building reviewed the D'Amico Minor Subdivision.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

ITEM #3 CONT'D.

Ms. Trunell (Mr. Harris) moved to approve the D'Amico Minor Subdivision for Bucks County Tax Parcel #4-5-04 and #4-5-08 with the following conditions: (1) compliance with the Borough Engineer's letter dated October 16, 2008; (2) compliance with the Bucks County Planning Commission memorandum dated October 15, 2008; (3) the plans are to comply with the 70% impervious surface coverage requirements for proposed Lot 2; (4) the plans are to designate the off-street parking for proposed Lot 2 consistent with the use and the zoning requirements; and (5) the plans are to reflect the two waivers granted from the Bristol Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (Section 22-304.D-Topographic Map of the site shall be shown and Section 22-701.2.G-U.S.G.S. Topography). Unanimous

4. ORDINANCE - AMENDING METHOD OF CHARGING FOR RESIDENTIAL CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR OCCUPANCY INSPECTION (ORDINANCE #1241).

Mr. Harris (Mr. Sabatini) moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the method of charging for residential change of ownership or occupancy inspection (Ordinance #1241). The amendment is clarifying the charge of \$75.00 per unit (no change in fee) recommended by the Borough Inspector, John Miller.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The motion to adopt the Ordinance was carried 6-1.

5. ORDINANCE - AMENDING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE BY THE ADDITION OF PROVISIONS REQUIRING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AND ALARMS IN ALL DWELLING UNITS.

Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Harris) moved to adopt the Ordinance amending Property Maintenance Code by the addition of provisions requiring Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Alarms in all dwelling units. Unanimous

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. DiGuiseppe reminded Council that a Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. He distributed the 2009 Proposed Budget and asked Council to review prior to the meeting. Mr. DiGuiseppe added that there is no tax increase and no cut in services in the proposed budget.

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Harris) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Unanimous