

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2009

The session was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by the President of Council, Ralph DiGuiseppe.

Father James Day of St. Ann Church gave the invocation.

The Council then proceeded to salute the flag.

Present were:

Mr. James Lutz	Mr. Anthony Muccie
Mr. Michael Harris	Mr. Patrick Sabatini
Ms. Robyn Trunell	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	

Absent—Mr. Plenski (working)

Also present were:

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

APPOINT JOSEPH FARRUGGIO, JR. MAYOR

Mr. Muccie (Mr. Sabatini) moved to appoint Joseph Farruggio, Jr. as Mayor of the Borough of Bristol to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Saxton. Unanimous

Mr. DiGuiseppe explained the reasons why Council felt Joseph Farruggio, Jr. should be appointed as Mayor to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Saxton.

Mr. Joseph Farruggio, Jr. was sworn in as Mayor by District Justice Frank Peranteau.

Former Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick and Bucks County Republican Chairman Harry Fawkes congratulated Mayor Farruggio and commended Council for making the appointment.

Mayor Farruggio thanked Council for the appointment.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Mrs. Rosemarie Mignoni-Szczucki sang a medley of Christmas Carols.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public comment at the meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Mr. Harris (Mr. Sabatini) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 16, 2009, the Special Public Meeting of December 8, 2009, and the Council Work Session of December 8, 2009 as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Lutz referred to the Regular Council Meeting minutes of November 16, 2009. Mr. Lutz stated under Other Business, Page 7, there is no mention of the fact that he asked Mr. Dillon if he had received the rough draft of the Pennsylvania Economy League Report which was sent to him in the June.

Mr. Harris (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 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 (Ms. Sabatini) moved to accept the Borough Inspector's Report as printed. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

3. MOTION - ADOPT 2010 BUDGETS.

Mr. Sabatini (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to adopt the 2010 Budgets as amended.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

ITEM #3 CONT'D.

Mr. Lutz asked if the amendment received was only the medical costs.

Mr. Dillon said yes, as well as the adjustments which were discussed at the last regular meeting dealing with setting up the Power Squad, putting additional funds into police vehicles and computer maintenance; they are the only three changes.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 6-1.

4. ORDINANCE - ADOPT 2010 TAX ORDINANCE.

Ms. Rodriguez (Ms. Trunell) moved to adopt the Ordinance fixing the tax rate for the 2010 fiscal year. The tax rate is as follows: General Borough purposes 30 mills, street lighting 3.35 mills, special road fund 2.42 mills, interest and sinking fund charges on the indebtedness of the Borough 8.82 mills, maintaining and operating recreation places 3.30 mills, fire protection 1.25 mills, and rescue service 0.75 mills-total 49.89.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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

**5. ORDINANCE - IMPOSING 2010 ASSESSMENT OF \$360.00
PER UNIT FOR THE REMOVAL OF GARBAGE
AND REFUSE WITHIN BRISTOL BOROUGH.**

Ms. Trunell (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to adopt the Ordinance imposing assessment of \$360.00 per unit for the removal of garbage and refuse within Bristol Borough for the year 2010.

Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

6. **RESOLUTION - SUPPORTING TMA BUCKS APPLICATION TO
DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011
FUNDING FOR THE BRISTOL RUSHBUS
SERVICE.**
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Mr. Harris (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to adopt the Resolution supporting the TMA (Transportation Management Association) Bucks application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for fiscal year 2011 funding for the Bristol Rushbus service.

Unanimous

7. **MOTION - AUTHORIZE FILING OF RECYCLING PERFORMANCE
GRANT APPLICATION BY HOUGH ASSOCIATES PER
PROPOSAL DATED 10-1-09 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$7,000.**
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Mr. Sabatini (Ms. Trunell) moved to authorize filing of the Recycling Performance Grant Application by Hough Associates per proposal dated 10-1-09 in the amount of \$7,000.

Unanimous

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. DiGuiseppe noted that there has been no tax increase to the Borough residents for five straight years.

Former Mayor Joseph Saxton spoke on what he accomplished as Mayor during his term in office.

Mr. DiGuiseppe thanked the Mayor and Mr. Harris for their years of service to the Borough.

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Muccie) moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Unanimous