## **BRISTOL TOWNSHIP**

2501 Bath Road Bristol, PA 19007

December 17, 2020

# **COUNCIL MEETING Virtual Zoom Meeting**

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

Roll Call: President Bowen Present
Vice-President Murphy Present
Mr. Antonello Present
Mr. Blalock Present
Mr. Glasson Present
Mr. Monahan Present
Mrs. Wagner Present

Also Present: Randy Flager, Township Solicitor, Scott Holbert of Flager & Associates, Kurt Schroeder, Township Engineer, Randee J. Elton, Township Manager, and Jill Maier, Township Secretary.

Randy Flager announced that labor negotiations, real estate matters, and contract negotiations, were discussed in Executive Session prior to the meeting.

President Bowen announced that monthly reports are available for review in the Township Manager's Office and public comment on land development and official items will be taken during the meeting. In addition, residents may offer general comments at the of the meeting.

#### PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing and Presentation on Proposed 2021 Township Budget.

Public Hearing opened at 7:20 PM.

Township Manager Randee J. Elton advised the 2021 proposed budget recommends no increase in taxes or trash and sewer rates. The proposed budget reflects a 15% decrease in all funds over the adopted 2020 budget. The 2021 Proposed Budget is balanced and includes \$44,470,300 in operational expenditures and \$13,181,400 in capital expenditures, including sewer.

Capital projects supporting our core services, as proposed in the Capital Budget, include funding for a new Community Center (renovation to current Senior Center with additions and expansion to include the Parks and Recreation Department); installation of heat and insulation at the Public Works garage, renovation of locker rooms for the police department and fitness room for all

Township employees and utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds for construction of new ball fields, pavilion, bathrooms and walking track at JFK Park. Additional replacement of aging cars will continue for the Police, Building and Planning and Community Development Departments and planning for a new fire truck in 2022. The Road and ADA curb ramp replacement projects and inflow and infiltration (I/I) work will continue. The long-awaited upgrade to the Croydon Wastewater Treatment Plant will begin construction in 2021, with a one-year completion forecast, weather permitting. Additionally, the very successful Blight Program will continue, with funding removed from the Capital Fund, as the program has been self-funding since commencement.

Two expenditures that continue to rise at exponential rates annually are the police pension and post-retirement healthcare. We continue to attempt changes in contractual obligations to reduce these costs.

Ms. Elton thanked Bristol Township Council for their continued leadership and support and for the privilege of being able to serve this great Bristol Township community. The preparation of this budget is the culmination of a collaborative process. Ms. Elton thanked Fran Phillips for his assistance throughout the year and detailed work on this budget and appreciates the dedicated commitment of the entire Township team of employees for their daily efforts in providing outstanding services to the citizens of Bristol Township.

Public Hearing closed at 7:43 PM.

B. Public Hearing and Presentation on Substantial Amendment to FY2019 an FY2020 Action Plans.

Ms. Elton advised that we needed to make an amendment to the FY2020 Action Plan to include JFK Park.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider approval of voucher list and requisitions dated December 17, 2020 in the amount of \$1,845,691.68.
- B. Consider approval of November 19, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes.
- C. A Resolution Adopting the 2021 Township Budget and Setting Forth Millage Rates to Fund Said Adopted Budget.
- D. A Resolution Approving Substantial Amendment to FY2019 and FY2020 Action Plans and Authorizing its Submission to the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- E. A Resolution Approving an Official Facilities Planning Module for 1933 Parkview Avenue.

Mrs. Wagner made a motion and seconded by Vice-President Murphy to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

#### REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Ms. Elton requested that the \$2,000,000 surplus from the 2020 Fiscal Year be transferred from the general fund reserves to the debt services reserves.

Mr. Antonello made a motion and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the transfer of the \$2,000,000 in the general fund reserve to the debt fund reserve. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Elton advised of the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant in Croydon. Bids will be due in January. Ms. Elton requested that permit fees for the expansion be waived.

Mr. Antonello made a motion and seconded by Mr. Blalock to approve the waiver permit fees associated with the wastewater treatment plant. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Elton thanked Council, staff, and the consultants for helping her thru her first year as Township Manager.

## REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Flager congratulated the Township for a successful year and also wished everyone the happiest of Holidays.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Application of Ingerman Development Co. LLC, 5 Powell Lane, Collingswood NJ, requesting Sketch Plan review to construct 56 apartments on the property located t 1150 Norton Ave, Bristol (Tax parcel #5-6518,19,27,28,29,32,33,37,38,39 & 80) in an R-3 Residential zoned district.

The Sketch Plan proposed to consolidate T.M.P. #05-065-27,28,29,32,33,37 & 38 (a.k.a. Parcel 1). Parcel 1 will contain multiple principal uses, the existing place of worship (use B1) and the proposed 4-story affordable multifamily senior housing building and parking lot, which are permitted by right within the R-3 Residential Zoning District. The proposed building will be services by public water and sewer. In addition, T.M.P. #05-065-80 will contain a parking lot and be an accessory use for Parcel 1. Also, the Sketch Plan proposed to consolidate T.M.P. #05-065-16, 17, 18 & 19 (a.k.a. Parcel 2) Parcel 2 will contain a proposed daycare facility and parking lot which is permitted special exception within the R-3 Residential Zoning District.

B. Application of Adrian Ordonez, 1800 Edgely Road, Levittown Tax Parcel #5-79-27) requesting Preliminary &Final Subdivision Approval for the above noted location in an R-2 Residential zoned district: Consideration to Approve.

The plan proposes to divide the existing parcel into two lots. Lot 1 will consist of 12,000 square feet and contain the existing dwelling, sheds, and features. Lot 2 will consist of 9,500 square feet and contain a new single-family dwelling and driveway. The proposed dwelling will be serviced by public water and sewer. The applicant is also proposing to control stormwater runoff from the impervious coverage on Lot 2 by installing a stone drywall.

Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Vice-President Murphy to approve the Preliminary & Final Subdivision/ Land Development for property located at 1800 Edgely Road. Motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

C. Application of Madison New Falls Associates LLC, PO Box 507, Southeastern PA, requesting Preliminary & Final Subdivision/ Land Development approval to construct a grocery store on the property located at 7843 New Falls Rd, Levittown (Tax Parcels #5-46-1, #5-46-2-5 and #5-46-2-1) in a C-commercial zoned district: Consideration to Approve:

This project proposes to consolidate the existing three (3) parcels of land. T.M.P. #05-046-001, #05-046-002-001 & #05-046-002-005 will be combined and then divided into two (2) proposed lots. Proposed Lot #1 will consist of 146,76 square feet and Lot 2 will consist iof175,288 square feet. Lot #1 will contain a portion of the existing building with 123 parking spaces and a proposed above ground stormwater basin. Lot #2 proposes to construct a 31,042 square foot grocery store with 142 parking spaces and an above ground stormwater basin. This would be classified as a Large Retail Store (use D2) and is permitted by right within the C-Commercial zoning District. The proposed building will be serviced by public water and sewer. Stormwater management will consist of two (2) above-ground basins, one on each lot, and a network of pipes and inlets to distribute stormwater runoff.

M. Antonello made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the Preliminary & Final Subdivision/Land Development to construct a grocery store on the property located at 7843 New Falls Rd. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

D. Tentative Agreement for a New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Bristol Township Police Benevolent Association (PBA): Consideration to Ratify.

Mr. Antonello made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to Ratify the Tentative Agreement for a New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Bristol Township Police Benevolent Association (PBA). Motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

E. Bids for Atkins Pump Station: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Ms. Elton recommended to accept the Bids from the lowest bidder, PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$169,800.00

Vice-President Murphy made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Glasson to accept the bid from PSI Pumping Station. Motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

F. Establishment of 2021 Council Meeting Dates and Times: Consideration to Approve.

Mr. Antonello made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve the 2021 Council Meeting Dates and Times. Motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

# **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Vice-President Murphy and Ms. Elton advised of the openings for Zoning Hearing Board and the Environmental Advisory Committee. All of Council wished everyone a happy holiday and safe New Year.

# OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

No public Comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm

Respectfully Submitted, Jill Maier Township Secretary

#### Recap of December 17,2020 Council Meeting

- 1. Public Hearing and Presentation on Proposed 2021 Township Budget.
- 2. Public Hearing and Presentation on Substantial Amendment to FY2019 and FY2020 Action Plans.
- 3. Approved Consent Agenda.
- 4. Approved the \$2 million transfer from the General Fund reserves to Debt Service Reserves.
- 5. Approved waiver of permit fees for upcoming Croydon Treatment Plan expansion project.
- 6. Sketch Plan review in order to construct 56 apartments on the property located at 1150 Norton Ave., Bristol.
- 7. Approved Resolution (2020-106) for Preliminary & Final Subdivision for 1800 Edgely Rd.
- 8. Approved Resolution (2020-107) for Preliminary & Final Land Development to construct a grocery store at 7843 New Falls Road, Levittown.
- 9. Approved Tentative Agreement for a New Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Bristol and the Bristol Township Police Benevolent Association (PBA).
- 10. Accepted 2021 Bid for Atkins Pump Station from PSI Pumping Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$169,800.00.
- 11. Approved 2021 Council Meeting Dates and Times.