

# BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

2501 Bath Road  
Bristol, PA 19007

August 13, 2020

## COUNCIL MEETING

President Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:15PM.

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

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

Adam Flager announced that personnel, litigation, and real estate matters 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 APPOINTMENTS**

- A. Presentation of Plaque to Officer Howard Biddulph Upon His Retirement from the Bristol Township Police Department.

Lieutenant Johnson Presented the Plaque to Officer Biddulph and praised him for his dedicated service throughout his career with the Bristol Township Police Department.

- B. Public Hearing and Presentation on Substantial Amendment to FY2019 Action Plan and FY2020-2024 Community Development Consolidated Plan.

Ms. Elton advised that the numbers have changed from the initial plan. No comments were received in the public comment however she did receive questions that were addressed. We are not only submitting a Substantial Amendment but an Action Plan as well. The funds that were originally going to be allocated to JFK will now be use create a new Senior Center. The Township did receive the funds from the CARES ACT and are working on getting subsidence agreements in

place. The original Action Plan awarded \$602,959.00 The funds that were not used will be utilized going forward for the funding of the Senior Center.

Ms. Elton presented the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan that included expanding and improving Facility & Infrastructure, preserving Existing Housing, Public Services and Economic Development. Ms. Elton advised that the Estimated Entitlement Award for 2020 would be \$636,294. There is a 30-day public comment period that ends on August 12, 2020.

Dan Hebenstreit requested for a postponement.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- A. A Resolution of Respect was Presented to the Family of April Samuels, and Final Log Off for April Samuels: Consideration to adopt.

*Mrs. Wagner made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Blalock to approve the Resolution of Respect for April Samuels. Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.*

- B. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 (Administration of Government ), and A211 (Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations) of the Code of the Township of Bristol Clarifying the Township Manager's Authority to Hire and Remove Subordinate Township Officers and Employees: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

*Mr. Antonello made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 (Administration of Government), and A211 (Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations) of the Code of the Township of Bristol. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider approval of voucher list and requisitions dated July 16, 2020 in the amount of \$3,365,549.37.
- B. Consider approval of July 16, 2020 Council Meeting minutes.
- C. A Resolution Authorizing a Reserved Handicap Parking Area at 5810 Fleetwing Drive, Levittown: Consideration to Adopt.
- D. A Resolution Approving a Master Casting Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Authorizing the Township Manager to Sign the Agreement: Consideration to Adopt.
- E. A Resolution Approving Substantial Amendment to FY2019 Action Plan and FY2020-2024 Community Development Consolidated Plan: Consideration to Adopt.

*Mrs. Wagner made a motion and seconded by Mr. Antonello to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.*

## **REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

Ms. Elton explained that the voucher list was a little high. There was a 1 million dollar pay off obligation bond that lead to the increased value. Ms. Elton gave an update on the wastewater treatment plant. The Township is currently still waiting on grant approval for upgrade. Permits are ready to submit upon approval. There is also a wastewater treatment plant that serves the Croydon and Bristol area that has been as issue. The operational issues of the past lead us into a consent decree. We currently have televised contractors going thru the lines. The Township is going forward with expansion to increase capacity.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Settlement Agreement Between Bristol Borough and Bristol Township.

Ms. Elton advised that the Borough and the Township had entered into an agreement for treatment costs. This had expired on June 30, 2017. At some point the Township ceased payment. Bristol Township has been working with the Borough and have agreed to settle the claim to waive 50 % of the interest and penalties.

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Vice-President Murphy to approve the Agreement between Bristol Township and Bristol Borough Waste and Sewer Authority. Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.*

- B. Application of Cushman Wakfield, requesting Waiver of Land Development to add four additional loading docks tot an existing warehouse located at 220 Rittenhouse Circle, Bristol (Tax Parcel #5-23-47) in a P-1 Planned Industrial zoned district: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

Cushman Wakefield has submitted a waiver of land development application on behalf of the property owner, PSIP Rittenhouse Circle, LLC. The applicant is proposing modifications to the existing building, including the installation of additional truck docks, the replacement of existing paved parking area, and associated stormwater management facilities. The existing building utilizes existing public water and sewer connections. A rain garden is proposed to control stormwater runoff.

*Motion by Ms. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the Waiver of Land Development for 220 Rittenhouse Circle. Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.*

- C. Application of Bucks County Community College, 1280 Veteran's Highway, Bristol (Tax Parcel #5-27-166-002) requesting Preliminary and Final Land Development approval to construct an academic building at the above noted location in a C-Commercial/ TC Overlay zoned district: Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

The plans propose the construction of a 28,200 square foot academic building, which would be classified a College/ University (use B2a), which is permitted by conditional use within the TC-Town Center Overlay Zoning District. Also, the applicant is proposing the installation of a parking facilities, sidewalks, patios, utilities, landscaping, lighting, and a pedestrian footbridge

connecting to the adjoining property. The proposed building will be serviced by public water and sewer. A stormwater management system has been incorporated into the site consisting of pervious pavers, raingarden, pipe network, and detention basin to control stormwater runoff. The subject properties, T.M.P. #05-005-088 (Lot#2) & #05-005-089 (Lot #1) are located at 504 Neshaminy Road, within the R-2-Residential zoning district and consist of 5,870 square feet and 12,438 square feet, respectively. Currently, T.M.P. #05-005-088 is a vacant lot. T.M.P. #05-005-089 contains an existing single-family detached dwelling and pool. The lot line change will reallocate a portion, consisting of 2,007 square feet, of T.M.P. #05-005-089 (Lot #1) to T.M.P. #05-005-008 (Lot#2). If this lot line change is approved T.M.P. #05-005-089 (Lot #1) will contain 10,431 square feet and T.M.P. 05-005-088 (Lot #2) will contain 7,877 square feet. Lot #1 will contain the existing single-family detached dwelling which is permitted by right within a R-2- Residential zoning district.

*Motion by Mr. Antonello and seconded by Mr. Blalock to approve the Preliminary & Final Land Development for 1280 Veteran's Highway. Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.*

- D. OKNA Window Plant Expansion at Crossings Drive- Informal Sketch Plan Discussion.

The Sketch Plan proposes the construction of a 115,000 square foot building. This addition could potentially add up to 60 jobs. Bristol Township residents make up 25 to 35 percent of the employees at OKNA. All zoning requirements will be met.

- E. Application of Alliance Partners HSP LLC requesting Preliminary & Final Land Development approval to install and additional 147 Parking spaces to the rear of the building on property located at 6300 Bristol Pike, Levittown (Tax Parcel #5-73-119-002) in an M-2 Heavy : Consideration to take Appropriate Action.

In phase 1, the plan proposes to renovate the existing building, add travel lanes to the rear of the building along with modifications to the existing parking facilities. In Phase 2A, the plans propose to install an additional 147 parking spaces to the rear of the building and an underground infiltration basin. The building will continue to be utilized as a Wholesale Business, Wholesale Storage & Warehousing (use F3) which is permitted by right within an M2- Heavy Manufacturing Zoning District.

*Mrs. Wagner made a motion and seconded by Mr. Glasson to approve the Preliminary & Final Land Development to install 147 parking spaces at 6300 Bristol Pike. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.*

### **COMMENTS FROM CONCIL MEMBERS**

Vice-President Murphy expressed that she was extremely impressed with the Parks and Recreation Department of Bristol Township. They have made a diligent effort to reach out to the residents and ask how they can help during these difficult times.

Ms. Elton also expressed her gratitude for the Parks and Recreation Department and has reaffirmed that the Township has really focused on both the senior and youth community as they seem to be hit the hardest.

Mr. Antonello stated that he and the rest of Council takes the concerns and issues of the community very seriously. He advised that he does plan to address the matters that can be addressed at the local level of government.

Mr. Glasson commended Fire Marshall Kevin Dippolito and the Township for expanding their role with the volunteer fire departments regarding response time in the early morning hours. Extended hours were approved from the Township Manager and Council and helped lead to a save.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Romy Ulysses, 2000 Veteran's Highway, spoke about her personal experience with the lack of mental health reform in Buck's County. She expressed her concerns with mental illness and Police reform as well as having a mental health advocate.

Shannon Walsh, 14 Gamewood Road, spoke about having greater racial diversity with leadership roles in the Township.

Vincent Montoya, 53 Rambler Road, gave some of the crime statistics that he found on the General Attorney's website. He also informed Council of the protest at Lowe Buck's Hospital for the mistreatment of person's with people disabilities.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill Maier  
Township Secretary

## Recap of August 13, 2020 Council Meeting

1. Presentation of Plaque to Officer Howard Biddulph Upon His Retirement from the Bristol Township Police Department.
2. Public Hearing and Presentation on Substantial Amendment to FY2019 Action Plan and FY2020-2024 Community Development Consolidated Plan.
3. Approved A Resolution of Respect (2020-58) and Final Log Off for April Samuels.
4. Approved Ordinance (2020-04) Amending Chapter 5 (Administration of Government), and A211 (Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations) of the Code of the Township of Bristol Clarifying the Township Manager's Authority to Hire and Remove Subordinate Township Officers and Employees.
5. Approved Resolution (2020-59) Authorizing a Reserved Handicap Parking Area at 5810 Fleetwing Drive.
6. Approved Resolution (2020-60) Approving a Master Casting Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Authorizing the Manager to sign the Agreement.
7. Approved Resolution (2020-61) Approving Substantial Amendment to FY2019 Action Plan and FY2020-2024 Community Development Consolidated Plan.
8. Approved Consent Agenda.
9. Approved Resolution (2020-62) for a Waiver of Land Development to add four additional loading docks to an existing warehouse located at 220 Rittenhouse Circle, Bristol.
10. Approved Resolution (2020-63) Approving Preliminary & Final Land Development to construct an academic building at Bucks County Community College, 1280 Veteran's Highway, Bristol.
11. OKNA Window Plant Expansion at Crossings Drive presented Informal Sketch Plan.
12. Approved Resolution (2020-64) Approving Preliminary & Final Lan Development approval to install an additional 147 parking spaces to the rear of the building on the property located at 6300 Bristol Pike, Levittown.
13. Amended Resolution (2017-68) to include symbols of hate, violence, and bigotry.