



## TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
Council Chambers - Bristol Municipal Complex and live  
streamed Town of Bristol YouTube channel

### MINUTES

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#### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Thursday, February 15, 2024, a regular Town Council meeting was called to order by Council President Jeff Beachy at 7:05pm. immediately following a Bristol Redevelopment Commission organizational meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mike Albin.

#### ROLL CALL:

**Members present:** Dean Rentfrow, Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski and Jeff Beachy

absent: Doug DeSmith

Others in attendance: Town Marshal Mike Albin, Legal Counsel Alex Bowman, Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Antonelli, Town Manager Mike Yoder and Fire Chief Nik Kantz

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** the agenda will stand as published.

#### APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

- **Motion to pay the bills** made by Cathy Burke, Seconded by Gregg Tuholski.  
Voting Yea: Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy, Dean Rentfrow. **Motion carries.**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Motion to approve the minutes** made by Dean Rentfrow, Seconded by Cathy Burke.  
Voting Yea: Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy, Dean Rentfrow. **Motion carries.**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (AKA Public Comment)** : no comments this evening.

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ITEMS

Whilhelm Irrevocable Lifetime Family Trust request to rezone from A-1 to M-1 and M-2

Petitioner has requested to withdraw the petition, consider Resolution 2-15-2024-2

Mike Yoder gave an overview.

- **Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2/15/2024-2 withdrawal of petition** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Dean Rentfrow. Open for discussion. Voting Yea: Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy, Dean Rentfrow. **Motion carries.**

## **REPORTS:**

### **TOWN MANAGER Mike Yoder**

- Ongoing interest with companies to move here, but properties not yet purchased. Working with NIPSCO in regards to getting power to specific sites.
- Item tied to 2025 INDOT project- NIPSCO needs to relocate a gas line located at Division Street bridge with plans for that to happen this fall but unclear at this time if this will require a hard closure of the bridge. The fire department has been made aware of this potential issue. County has been told that we would like to keep one lane open at all times for emergency vehicles, but if it's a high-pressure gas line we will be looking at a hard closure. We are waiting to see what the plans are.

### **CLERK-TREASURER Cathy Antonelli**

Consider Resolution 2/15/2024-3 authorizing issuance of procurement cards.

- **Motion to approve Resolution 2/15/2024-3** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Dean Rentfrow. Voting Yea: Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy, Dean Rentfrow.

#### **Motion carries.**

Cancellation of Warrants – list of outstanding and unpaid warrants from the last two years were presented to Council. No Council action required.

### **TOWN MARSHAL Mike Albin**

Marshal Albin reviewed the Operations Report.

Summary overview of code violation report. (high grass and illegal parking are the predominant complaints)

Looking for recruitment ideas from Council.

Council President Jeff Beachy thanked Marshal and his staff for all they do to keep us safe.

### **FIRE CHIEF Nik Kantz**

Fire Chief Nik Kantz reviewed his Operations report.

They are still looking for staff. Planning another state certified fire class around April, Chief Hanes will be in charge of this class.

Chief Kantz and Chief Hanes went to Sutphin in Ohio for pre-construction meeting for the new engine. Note: if we would have waited to purchase the new engine today it would cost \$1M and a new ladder truck would be \$2M. Chief thanked the Council for making the purchase for them.

Council President Jeff Beachy thanked Chief and his staff for all they do to keep us safe.

### **PARK BOARD Linda Powell**

Park Board members sworn in by Cathy Antonelli at the last meeting. All members present.

Dakota interested in having a pickle ball tournament, more to come.

Jill Swartz is working on new special events application. Events not sponsored by the park will be required to complete the application for insurance purposes. This is a Certificate of Liability listing the Town as an additional insured.

Upcoming events: April 13-Fluid Fun to host a kayak demo day

May 25 Chad Tinsley to have a mini-bike swap

Kayak launch, still waiting for the DNR permit. More information was required and Cardno is working on it.

Summer program being discussed. Considering a community wide option to include others but a major problem is transportation to get kids to the park for events  
This year is the last year for our five-year plan. MACOG did the last one. Park Board to try to create their own five-year plan. Sample found online. Andrew Medford, new park board member, has shown some interest in this and with help from Mike Yoder we have hopes of getting it accomplished.

Items that are being considered: Cummins parking lot expansion, using Memorial Park as a parking lot

In regards to the five-year plan, please share any ideas, or thoughts for changes. Everyone is welcome to attend the next park board meeting.

#### **TOWN ATTORNEY Alex Bowman**

Alex presented for first reading Ordinance No. 3/4/2024-4 to establish the Bristol Washington Township Fire Protection Territory. It adopts a fire territory interlocal agreement and establishes an equipment replacement fund. Presented to the Council this evening in preparation for the Fire Territory Adoption Hearing possible next steps.

- **Motion to advance Ordinance No. 3/4/2024-4 to second reading** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Cathy Burke. Voting Yea: Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy, Dean Rentfrow. **Motion carries.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Fire territory update/discussion: Mike Yoder had a discussion with the Township Board following the last fire territory meeting and they plan to make a 3-0 vote against passing the fire territory. If that's the case, the next two meetings could be cancelled.

They have agreed to a meeting to review the budget line by line with Mike Yoder and Jeff Beachy early next week to maybe clear up some questions. It can be determined then if the meetings should move forward or not. The Township Board may be open to reconsidering this fall.

Another option could be a Fire District, instead of a Fire Territory. A fire district is its own municipal corporation and is formed by a petition of landowners and presented to the County Council for approval. Legal Counsel Alex Bowman reviewed how a fire district is set up and differences between that and the fire territory.

#### **TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS – none this evening**

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

February 21 4:00 PM Special meeting to open CCMG bids and award bid.

February 23- Public Hearing Fire Equipment Replacement fund (Fire Territory)

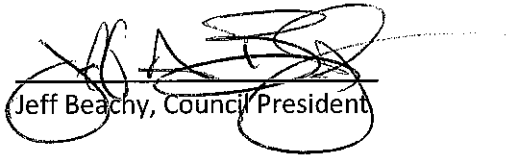
March 4 - Joint Township Board and Town Council at 6:30 PM Fire Territory

February 21 may be considered for wastewater plant expansion discussion

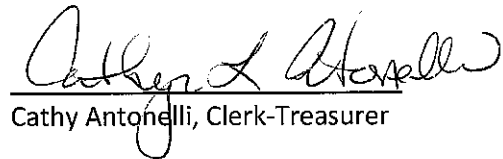
Feb 23 and March 4 dependent on next week's meeting

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

- **Motion to adjourn** made by Gregg Tuholski, Seconded by Dean Rentfrow. Voting Yea: Cathy Burke, Gregg Tuholski, Jeff Beachy, Dean Rentfrow.
- Meeting adjourned 7:54pm



Jeff Beachy, Council President



Cathy Antonelli, Clerk-Treasurer