

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**

The rescheduled August meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on September 8, 2011 at Borough Hall, 91 Brunswick Avenue, Bloomsbury, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM by the reading of the Sunshine Law by Lisa Burd.

As required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on September 6, 2011 by providing notice to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the posting of said notice in the Municipal Building on the same date.

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| ROLL CALL: | Chris James - excused | Martha Tersigni |
| | Vicky Papics | Eric Weger - via phone |
| | Steven Shelton - excused | Mark Peck, Mayor |
| | | William Edleston, Esq. |

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

Mr. Weger joined Council discussion via phone at 8:37.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mrs. Papics moved Council approved the Bill List of August 23, 2011; seconded by Mrs. Tersigni.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Papics-aye except for payroll; Peck-aye; Tersigni-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-

MAIN STREET PHASE I-

RESOLUTION # 54-11 - RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE MAIN STREET PHASE I PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF ALL BID BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury, that all bids received for the Main Street Phase I Project are hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized to return all bid bonds to all bidders.

Mrs. Papics moved Council reject all bids and return the bid bonds to all bidders; seconded by Mr. Weger.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Papics-aye; Peck-aye; Tersigni-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 55-11 - RESOLUTION TO RE-BID THE MAIN STREET PHASE I PROJECT WITH OPTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury, that the Main Street Phase I Project will be re-bid with options.

Mrs. Tersigni moved Council adopt resolution # 54-11; seconded by Mr. Weger.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Papics-aye; Peck-aye; Tersigni-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS -

RESOLUTION # 47-11 - A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A COUNTY-WIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SHARED SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomsbury Common Council hereby requests the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders to collaborate with the Hunterdon County Shared Services Coordinator to conduct a feasibility study for county-wide animal control services; and

WHEREAS, Hunterdon County has successfully implemented county-wide, cost-effective shared services such as administration of the Health Officer position that has resulted in the saving of taxpayer dollars and the reduction of redundancy of the service; and

WHEREAS, Hunterdon County has successfully implemented county-wide, cost-effective shared services such as administration of the 911 Dispatch that has resulted in the saving of taxpayer dollars and reduction of the redundancy of the service; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Shared Services Coordinator, through meetings and surveying municipalities has identified animal control services as a requested and possible shared service; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities throughout the County are struggling to provide animal control services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomsbury Common Council believes that long-term tax savings and improved service delivery may be obtained by sharing animal control services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed State municipal budget cuts will impact the Borough of Bloomsbury Common Council and possibly some services the Borough of Bloomsbury Common Council provides to its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State has proposed allocating \$32 million in SHARE grant funding to study and implement shared services such as county-wide animal control; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomsbury Common Council desires the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders to seek funding through the proposed State's SHARE allocation to conduct the feasibility study; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Bloomsbury Common Council, that we request the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders to collaborate with the Hunterdon County Shared Services Coordinator to begin the process of conducting a feasibility study for county-wide animal control services.

Mr. Weger moved Council adopt Resolution # 47-11; seconded by Mrs. Tersigni. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 48-11 - RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO MAIN STREET - PHASE II

Resolution # 48-11 will be carried until the Regular Meeting to be held on September 27, 2011.

RESOLUTION # 49-11 - BLOOMSBURY HOSE COMPANY # 1 INC. OFF-PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Hose Company #1 Inc. is the licensee on the application to conduct an Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on November 18, 2011 to be held at the Bloomsbury Hose Company, 91 Brunswick Avenue, from 6:30 - 10:30 PM.

WHEREAS, the appropriate application forms and fees have been submitted to the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there appear to be no reasons to deny the aforesaid off-premise 50/50 raffle,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council as follows:

1. The off-premise 50/50 raffle application is approved contingent to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission approving said application.

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolution 49-11; seconded by Mrs. Tersigni. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 50-11 - RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES GRANT AN EXEMPTION TO THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO APPOINT A CERTIFIED PRINCIPAL PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 24, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 2016.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:9-154.6 et seq. requires each municipality to appoint a certified principal public works manager, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:9-154.6 et seq. allows the Director of the Division of Local Government to grant an exemption from this requirement if the municipality conducts minimal public works activities, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bloomsbury conducts minimal public works activity and was granted exemptions in 1996, 2001 and 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Borough's current exemption expires on December 23, 2011,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Bloomsbury Council requests the Director of Local Government Services exempt the Borough of Bloomsbury from appointing a Certified Principal Public Works Manager for the period December 24, 2011 through December 23, 2016 because it provides minimal public works activities.

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolution # 50-11; seconded by Mrs. Tersigni. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 51-11 - LIEN REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Bloomsbury has advised the Committee that the following properties have been redeemed and the money due thereon paid to the Borough of Bloomsbury Tax Collector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Borough of Bloomsbury this 27th day of September 2011 that refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

| CERTIFICATE HOLDER | BLOCK/LOT | CERT # | AMOUNT |
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US Bank Cust for CCTS Capital 16/13 20010-006 \$8,165.65
2 Liberty Place
50 S. 16th St. Suite 1950
Philadelphia, PA. 19102

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolution # 51-11; seconded by Mr. Weger.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Peck-aye; Papics-aye; Tersigni-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 52-11 - RETURN OF PREMIUM

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Bloomsbury has advised the Common Council that the following property has been redeemed within five (5) years of the tax sale, and a premium of \$200.00 was paid at the time of the sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury this 8th day of September 2011, that the \$200.00 premium is to be returned to the certificate holder as noted:

| CERTIFICATE HOLDER | BLOCK/LOT | CERT # |
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| US Bank Cust for CCTS Capital, LLC 2 Liberty Place, 50 S. 16 th Street, Suite 1950 Philadelphia, PA 19102 | 16/13 | 2010-006 |

Mrs. Papics moved Council adopt Resolution # 52-11; seconded by Mr. Weger.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Peck-aye; Papics-aye; Tersigni-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 53-11 - BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY JOINING THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE 10th ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11th

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Bloomsbury expresses their support of the United State's Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

WHEREAS, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

WHEREAS, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2011, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

WHEREAS, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111–13; 123 Stat. 1460); and

WHEREAS, in September 2009 and 2010, President Obama issued Proclamation 8413 (74 Fed. Reg. 47045) and Proclamation 8559 (75 Fed. Reg. 56463) proclaiming September 11, 2009, and September 11, 2010, respectively, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Bloomsbury:

(1) recognizes September 11, 2011, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and

(2) offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

(3) honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and

(4) recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and

(5) reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day in United States history the governing body of the Borough of Bloomsbury calls upon all of the people and institutions of the United States to observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2011, including (i) media outlets; (ii) houses of worship; (iii) military organizations; (iv) veterans organizations; (v) airlines; (vi) airports; (vii) railroads; (viii) sports teams; (ix) the Federal Government; (x) State and local governments; (xi) police, fire, and other public institutions; (xii) educational institutions; (xiii) businesses; and (xiv) other public and private institutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Bloomsbury encourages the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable ceasing all work or other activity; and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

Mr. Weger moved Council adopt Resolution # 53-11; seconded by Mrs. Papis. All ayes. Motion carried.

BEST PRACTICES WORKSHEET-

RESOLUTION # 56-11 - RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE BEST PRACTICES WORKSHEET FOR 2011

Mr. Weger moved Council adopt Resolution # 56-11; seconded by Mrs. Papis. Tersigni abstained. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOROUGH STREET LIGHTS-

The Clerk reported that she has begun an inventory of Borough Street Lights and believes we might be paying for more than we have and has been in contact with JCP&L regarding the same.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weger; seconded by Mrs. Tersigni. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Burd, RMC
Borough Clerk/Administrator