

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2014

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its Reorganization Meeting on Sunday, January 7, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 675 Corliss Avenue.

The required Open Public Meeting Act Statement was read by Attorney Wenner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE By the Assembly

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Wyant, Acting Clerk Kleiner,
Attorney Rich Wenner

OATH OF OFFICE was administered by Mayor Harry Wyant, Bernie Fey, Randy Piazza and Todd Tersigni.

SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON-PRO-TEMPORE

Motion

Councilman Stettner nominated Attorney Wenner to serve as Chairperson-Pro-Tempore. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Chairperson-Pro-Tempore called for nominations for the position of Council President.

Councilman Stettner nominated Councilman Tersigni. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Fey.

There being no further nominations, Attorney Wenner moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

The vote for the selection of Councilman Todd M. Tersigni as Council President carried by a 5-0 vote.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Wyant administered 'Oath of Office' to Todd M. Tersigni, Council President.

SELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Councilman Stettner nominated Councilman Lynn for the position of Vice President. The nomination was seconded by Council President Fey, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

The vote for the selection of John A. Lynn, Jr. as Vice President carried by a 5-0 vote.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President Tersigni

Council Members: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

Mayor submitted the following appointments to Council for their confirmation:

- The Law firm of Courter, Kobert & Cohen,
- Richard Wenner, Town Attorney

- Christopher Troxell, Prosecutor
- Richard Hay, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator
- Mabel Cook, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
- Richard Kranich, Deputy Fire Chief
- Nisivoccia & Company LLP
Heidi Wohlleb
- Planning Board
- Sub Code Fire Official – Kevin Duddy

Councilman Stettner moved for confirmation of appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

ORDINANCES

O: 2014-001 (First Reading)

ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF CULKIN STREET, IN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Lynn who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Fey

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2014-01

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

R: 2014-02

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

R: 2014-03

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE SEWER UTILITY FUND FOR 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner
 NAYS: None

R: 2014-04

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner
 NAYS: None

R: 2014-05

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR YEAR 2014 was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

R: 2014-06

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR YEAR 2014 was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

R: 2014-07

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

R: 2014-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN ATTORNEY AND/OR SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO EXECUTE STIPULATIONS, CORRECT ASSESSMENTS IN TAX COURT, FILE ADDED, OMITTED, OMITTED/ADDED ASSESSMENTS, ROLL-BACK TAX COMPLAINTS AND TAX APPEALS was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

 NAYS: None

R: 2014-09

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INTERFUND 2014 RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

 NAYS: None

R: 2014-09A

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
 COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 AUTHORIZING THE CFO TO ISSUE PAYROLL was
 introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption.
 The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

 R: 2014 - 10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
 COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2013-206 OF THE TOWN
 OF PHILLIPSBURG PAYROLL was introduced by
 Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion
 was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

 R: 2014-11

A RESOLUTION APPROVING LIST FOR TOWING
 SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
 FOR YEAR 2014 PAYROLL was introduced by
 Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion
 was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

R: 2014-12

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING LIEN FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES PAYROLL was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

R: 2014-13

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT PAYROLL was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

R: 2014-14

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF FIRST QUARTER 2014 COUNTY TAX, DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2014 PAYROLL was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion: Councilman Stettner questioned if the same rate. The Mayor replied yes.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
were submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting- 12-17-13

Motion

Councilman Piazza moved for approval of minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Tersigni, Stettner, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Lynn

APPROVAL OF BILLS**SUMMARY**

CURRENT FUND	\$143,431.42
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	179,016.01
CAPITAL FUND	6,370.26
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	4,700.59
SECTION 8	216.10
GENERAL TRUST FUND	408.25
COMMERCE PARK REDEVELOPMENT	397.68
P'BURG COMM PARK/IR ESCROW	1,389.85

PAYROLL AGENCY FUND	238.50
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Grand Total REGULAR BILLS LIST	\$336,168.71
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SECTION 8 PROGRAMS

PRE-PAID BILL LIST	January 07, 2014
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CURRENT FUND	\$5,700.00
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GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUND	\$341,888.71
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Motion

Councilman Stettner moved for approval of bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE:	YEAS:	Lynn, Tersigni, Fey, Stettner, Piazza
	NAYS:	None

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	None
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PUBLIC PETITIONS

Dawn Shafer, 450 Buckhorn drive, owner of 480 South Main Street, I want to contest the lien being placed on my property. I would like to appeal and contest the lien. I have a trial tomorrow at 3:00 pm contesting the ticket. It is only four tires.

Attorney Wenner stated that the Council already approved the liens in the resolution and your appeal is for the summons not the work order.

Councilman Fey stated that if you call the Town when you're in the process of an eviction you can schedule a clean-up and establish the collection of these items and this won't happen it is a small fee for learning.

Council President Tersigni stated that the decision will stand it was voted on.

Attorney Wenner stated that Ms. Shafer could follow up with a written appeal, and that the summons was different than the lien.

MAYORS REPORT

I would like to re-appoint Bernard Rooney for another four year term on Planning Board. Clerk, please send a letter to the Planning Board Secretary Jeannine Wargo.

OPEN TIME

Assemblyman John DiMaio congratulated the Council. He liked how the Council handled the order of business and how efficient they are.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2013-15

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING contractual matters of the Riverfront Redevelopment, no action to be taken.

Councilman Stettner moved for the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Fey, Stettner, Piazza
 NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Tersigni moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza. The Motion was carried with a 5 – 0 vote.

SUBMITTED BY:

VICTORIA L. KLEINER
Acting Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

TODD M. TERSIGNI
Council President