

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
JANUARY 15, 2013

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 675 Corliss Avenue.

The required Open Public Meeting Act Statement was read by Councilman Tersigni.

INVOCATION by Councilman Tersigni

PLEDGE by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President Fey
Councilmembers: Lynn, Piazza, Tersigni

ABSENT: Councilmen Stettner

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Wyant, Acting Clerk
Kleiner, Attorney Wenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
were submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting-12-18-12

No discussion

Motion

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

VOTE: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

ABSENT: Stettner

Approval of meeting minutes
were submitted for approval:

Re-org Mtg. 01-01-13

No discussion

Motion

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

VOTE: Fey, Piazza, Tersigni

ABSENT: Stettner

ABSTAIN: Lynn

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 139,208.85
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	1,472.91
SECTION 8	419.17
CAPITAL FUND	74,280.65
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	76,530.32
SECTION 8 PROGRAM	129,154.00

Pre-Paid Bill List as of January 15, 2013

CURRENT FUND	7,772.90
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Motion

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

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

OLD BUSINESS Councilman Piazza asked about 397 Center St., Attorney Wenner stated he sent a letter two weeks ago the bank may pursue and do RFP'S they were taking the dimensions of the property and moving forward.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated that the construction office is moving forward on preparing specs of that property and we are going to move forward with bids to demo the property.

Also, The ice house property, we need Council to add that to an agenda the roof is in extreme repair and ready to collapse, it poses a danger to anyone in that building, the corner of South Main Street, and Carpentersville Road.

The hours of the Tax office are going to change from 7 am to 4:30 pm as of March first. We have been keeping track and only have had one customer prior to 8 am.

I would like to appoint Nisivoccia & Company LLP, Heidi Wohlleb;

Councilman Tersigni moved for a motion to appoint. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn to approve.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

William Duffy, John Penrose to Planning board and Jim Shelly to regular planning board member from an alternate member. Clerk please send out letters to the planning board members.

I also would like to appoint Kevin Duddy as fire sub code official for no additional cost.

Councilman Tersigni moved for a motion to appoint. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

Police Chief Report

Chief Faulborn stated that they have probation people helping to fix up the headquarters, painting, cleaning.

ACO had 49 calls, 11 summons, the police officers have had a refreshers classes at Warren County more than half the department attended we are working with the schools now, the county prosecutor's office is effective and mandating training.

Mayor Wyant questioned that looks like warren arrests are up and driving and moving violations are down.

Chief Faulborn we have had problems with students walking in the roadway, we had a letter put into the handbook and today we were there giving out warnings, tomorrow they will get summons.

Thanks Chief

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mary Jo Harris from the Family Guidance center we are only nonprofit organization. We need to prevent so by having connections, school, police clergy, we can help prevent substance abuse, and misuse of prescription drugs.

In 2011 we entered into an agreement with Sussex County addressing these issues. We used to treat the individual, now the community, it has become a social acceptance using and abusing. I came here today asking for help, asking for a member to sit on our coalition for a year. NAIDA January 28-February 03, 2013 be a part of campaign that week, helping us spread the word.

Councilman Piazza and Council President Fey asking the same question what time AM or PM?

Ms. Harris, 9 am

Councilman Tersigni questions cocaine vs heroin

Ms. Harris stated that there are more people who die from overdose of prescription drugs than from cocaine.

Councilman Piazza drug abuse has no decimation, not one type of family.

Ms. Harris stated that a person's first use is by age 13

Ms. Harris invited and reminded to join them on the fourth Monday of the month at 9:00 AM every month.

Thank YOU!

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES (first reading)

2013-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2013 SALARIES FOR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Tersigni who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

Discussion: Discrepancy in the \$7.00 / hr. when minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour. So we need to amend the Ordinance to be corrected and it will be retroactive back to January 01, 2013; first reading on February 05, 2013.

Councilmen Tersigni made a motion to amend the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

O: 2013-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DELETING CHAPTER 499 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY REGISTRATION was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Piazza who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

No Discussion

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

RESOLUTION

R: 2013-10

RESOLUTION APPOINTING REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

Discussion: Councilman Tersigni stated that Rich Wenner was the only choice; he is most familiar, most effective choice.

Council President Fey stated Councilman Tersigni your choice of words is 100 % correct.

Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R: 2013-11

A RESOLUTION APPROVING JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE FOR YEAR 2013 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R:2013-12

A RESOLUTION APPROVING LIST FOR TOWING SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR YEAR 2013 was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R: 2013-13

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R: 2013-14

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR REFUND OF SEWER OVERPAYMENT was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who

moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R: 2013- 15

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASE UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R: 2013-16

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFUNDPLANNING & ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS/ESCROWS was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R:2013-17

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADDED ASSESSMENT PAYMENT 2012 COUNTY TAX, DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2013 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R:2013-18

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF FIRST QUARTER 2013 COUNTY TAX, DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2013 was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

12. OPEN TIME

None

13. MOTION

Application for active duty – Michael A. Reed – Lincoln Engine Company # 2 Councilman Tersigni moved to adopt the motion and stated thank you. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

Application for Raffle License RL 1158 for Church of Saint Philip and Saint James on May 05, 2013 Councilman Piazza moved to approve the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

14. EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2012- NONE

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN
EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE
PURPOSE OF

15. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Tersigni moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.