

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2015

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, January, 20, 2015 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 Council Vice President Tersigni.

**INVOCATION**

by Council Vice President Tersigni

**PLEDGE**

by the Assembly

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Council President

Lynn

Council Members

Fey, Piazza, Stettner, Lynn

**TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Mayor Wyant, Acting Clerk Kleiner,  
Attorney Wenner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of meeting minutes  
Were submitted for approval:

**Regular Mtg.-01-06-2015**

**Executive Mtg. – 01-06-2015**

Discussion: none

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 1,142,454.85
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	671.31
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	317,409.07
<b>Total regular bills list January 20, 2015</b>	<b>\$1,460,535.23</b>
SECTION 8 Program Rent Payments	133,422.00
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF January 20, 2015	
CURRENT FUND	\$ 9,810.90
SEWER UTILITY FUND	2,549.47
AGENCY FUND-PENSION PAYMENTS	228,415.45
<b>TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST</b>	<b>\$ 240,775.82</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 1,834,733.05</b>

Discussion: None

## Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

## **OLD BUSINESS NONE**

## **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Wyant stated that the Police Chief is here to recognize a few officers.

### POLICE CHIEF

Chief Faulborn handed out the stats for the month to the Councilmen.

The Chief stated that there were 342 hours of Community Policing, and he wanted to recognize these officers that at one of their Union meetings came up with new ideas in helping NORWESCAP since NORWESCAP helps us in getting grants for Downtown. Capt. Stettner had asked the Chief if he has been in the garage lately. It had several hundred pounds of food in there. The Officers found out that the Food bank was running short. They drafted a letter with Georgine Trinkle and distributed them door to door on their community service areas. This was a give back to Community Policing. Officer Sokolowski & Officer Connaughton collected over 500 pounds of food and Officer Amey collected over 300 in the last two days. The Chief thanked them on the job they did on their own and he appreciates what they have been doing.

Mayor Wyant stated it great to give back to the community

Council President Lynn stated that shows your dedication to the program Thanks  
Council Vice President Tersigni stated his hat is off to you guys

The Chief stated that the School Resource Officer selected Officer Deluca and he started today. He will be handing security, bulling, crime prevention and DARE. The school has the largest concentration and it is beneficial to keep the communication with the Police and the community.

Mayor Wyant stated that he will be based in the Phillipsburg Middle school but will be going to other schools and covering Alpha also. We will have a new officer in the academy March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Lynn stated great job Officer Deluca has done in the Community Policing it's a shame we are losing him to that.

Chief stated that he did a great job with the dog park; he was in the Down Town area and now moved to Alpha. That area is now covered by Officer Cupon.

Council President Lynn stated it is clear the effort is still there with the Officers

Councilman Stetter stated Good Luck, it took nine (9) tried to get that grant we are fortunate, Good Luck

Mayor Wyant stated Georgine Trinkle is a great grant writer and partner with us for the Police Department, kudos to her and NORWESCAP for helping us.

Council Vice President Tersigni I wish Officer Deluca well with his new endeavor.

Officer Sokolowski, Amy and Connaughton your volunteerism is important part of our community. Thank you.

Mayor Wyant requested a short executive session, contractual matters with the former IR tract, what I see happening, will be brought to the public shortly – no action to be taken.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Meyner, South Main Street, questioned the Ordinance to see if it pertained to garbage.

Mayor Wyant stated the problem is that the parking makes it difficult for the truck to get down the road

Mr. Meyner questioned Resolution 2015-22 Municipal Alliance Grant application, what is involved with this the restrictions.

Council Vice President Tersigni stated that chairman DJ Kophazy – does drug and alcohol awareness, this helps move the process along.

Mr. Meyner questioned what he does to bring the awareness

Council Vice President Tersigni stated that they get points on the licenses for Tavern owners; meetings are held once every three (3). It keeps the younger generation on the straight and narrow.

Mr. Meyner stated keeps the faith of the youth in the right direction

Mr. Meyner stated that the Police have been very respectful to him, but he is concerned of the killing of the schizophrenic in Phillipsburg

Council President Lynn stated that this is not an agenda item

Barry Bourquin 85 Chambers Street, Tonight there is a resolution placing a lien because I refused to take trees down. This has a long history – the roadwork done on that. It was promised that the trees were to be protected. I contacted the Town prior to the Bond being up.

1. Town killed it
2. It's not my property

I have no intention of ruining my credit rating I will pay it but this fight is not over.

## **ORDINANCES**

O: 2015-01 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2015 SALARIES FOR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Tersigni and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Tersigni moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

## **ROLLCALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Stettner			x			
Piazza		x	x			
Tersigni	x		x			
Fey			x			
Lynn			x			

O: 2015-02 (Second and Final reading)

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 625 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG IN ORDER TO DELETE CERTAIN PERMITTED USES was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Stettner and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Stettner moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Stettner	x		x			
Piazza			x			
Tersigni		x	x			
Fey			x			
Lynn			x			

O: 2015-03 (Second and Final Reading)

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Piazza and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Piazza moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Stettner			x			
Piazza	x		x			
Tersigni			x			

Fey		x	x			
Lynn			x			

O: 2015-04 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 67-18, SCHEDULE II, NO PARKING CERTAIN HOURS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Lynn who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey for discussion.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Stettner			x			
Piazza			x			
Tersigni		x	x			
Fey	x		x			
Lynn			x			

13. **RESOLUTIONS**

R: 2015-21

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT APPLICATION was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Council President Lynn Thanked Council Vice President Tersigni for his explanation earlier.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Tersigni

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R: 2015-23

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INTERFUND 2015 RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

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**PUBLIC PETITIONS**

Joe Meyner, South Main Street, I realize the difficulty and would like to know the process of the dead man/woman. Was something presented, when will the investigation go before the Grand Jury?

Attorney Wenner stated the investigation is in the hands of the County Prosecutor and Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Meyner questioned again about the Grand Jury

Attorney Wenner stated that the Council can't answer



## **OPEN TIME**

Council Vice President Tersigni stated Rich Seifert was here before for Scouting and now is a Life Scout, we are proud of what you're doing.

## **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**R: 2015-24**

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING Contractual matters with Ingersoll Rand property no action to be taken

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NAYS: None