

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 03, 2015

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 03, 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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** for Cula Cyphers, Mother of Brenda Cyphers, in the Finance Office, Kevin Cyphers, a Police Officer, and sister to Mayor Wyant.

**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.-01-20-2015**

**Executive Mtg. – 01-20-2015**

Discussion: Executive meeting Minutes were tabled until the next Council Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Council didn't all get to review them.

Motion

Councilman Fey moved for approval of the regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$	85,831.44
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		50.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		3,261.23
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND		521,170.94
SECTION 8		206.01
<b>Total regular bills list February 03, 2015</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>610,519.62</b>
SECTION 8 Program Rent Payments		0
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF January 20, 2015		
CURRENT FUND	\$	529.71
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		45,900.00
<b>TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>46,429.71</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>656,949.33</b>

Discussion: None

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

## **MAYORS REPORT**

The Mayor stated that this may be some possible old business, the school construction corporation is taken out the road and light but it must be done. The Town of Phillipsburg and Lopatcong Township must file for discretionary aid together so I am asking Council to support a resolution. Applying for the NJ Discretionary aide will help defray cost of the improvements and the light. I had a conference all today at 1:00 PM. Attorney Wenner wanted to clarify the application is to support Roseberry Street and Belvidere Road improvements.

## **ENGINEERS REPORT**

Stan Schrek stated that 2015 funded phase 6 we will be receiving bids for on February 26, 2015, for the 2015 fiscal year. I hope that the discretionary aid application for the school intersection won't affect what we get for phase 7. We also had to sign a letter of intent (LOI) for the Warren County Mitigation – which is a considerable amount of work. It will include Rich Hay, Attorney Wenner, and The Mayor, Dennis Viscomi of the DPW and the CFO and me. There is a lot of work and a public hearing on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Wenner stated it is required the consequence will jeopardize FEMA funding. Stan Schrek stated even though we didn't get anything for the Lopatcong Creek Failure.

Mayor Wyant spoke to Rich Hay about it but putting it into the context that they want.

Stan Schrek stated that it goes back to March 12, 2008 and in the format that they want. Council President Lynn state is this currently in our Emergency Management Plan? Mayor Wyant it has nothing to do with the plan. Thanks Stan. Councilman Fey asked is this in light of what the FCC is looking to do, widen road. Stan Schrek proposed signal and road widening was incorporated with SBC funding. The road improvements and light, is a two (2) million dollar project.

Mayor Wyant said the right turning lanes going East and West.

Stan Schrek it is a County road but really the schools responsibility  
Councilman Lynn asked doesn't the school have any responsibility.

Mayor Wyant stated will support the resolution

Councilman Piazza is the county going to fund this?

Mayor Wyant stated no – not help at all

Council Vice President Tersigni stated was money set aside to purchase land?

Stan Schrek right of way acquisition, the transportation trust fund, Warren County doesn't get a lot of money. We get grant money, because we spent money and we get the projects done, like Washington Street grant through discretionary aid. The grant application for the school, I believe this is school SBA project and should be pressured to go back to the school.

Council President Lynn what chances this will be paid by. Stan Schrek it is not known. Council President Lynn stated he is disappointed that this is landing on our lap. Stan Schrek the buses have to get in and we can't ignore it.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Bill Timmann, 230 South Main Street, questioned what the money approved by Ordinance will be used for at the pool?

Council President Lynn stated the baby pool, will be turned into a splash pool and repairs need to be made to the concrete and skimmers.

Bill Timmann also questioned the change in parking for Raymond Street. Council President Lynn stated this is for Garbage trucks.

Joe Meyner, south Main Street, I missed the intersection for school entrance. Council President Lynn stated Belvidere Road and Roseberry Street

Bill Timmann asked if the eight million dollar school referendum passed the money should be used.

Council President Lynn stated that money was designated for school repairs.

**ORDINANCES**

O: 2015-04 (Second and Final 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 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.

**ROLL CALL**

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

O: 2015-05 (First Reading)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO WALTER’S PARK POOL, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$150,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$142,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Piazza who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni for discussion.

Discussion: Council Vice President I want to go on the record the Pool is a Town asset in the community and it is need of an upgrade I believe it will bring a better quality of life.

Councilman Piazza where will the kids go to swim if no pool – to the River Council President Lynn – interest rates are good now we need to protect our assets and make it up to date I believe it is a good move.

**ROLL CALL**

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

13. **RESOLUTIONS**

R: 2015-25

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,  
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ENERGY  
GENERATION SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN  
ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE 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

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R: 2015-26

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,  
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVER PAYMENT DUE  
TO TAX APPEALS was introduced by Councilman Tersigni  
who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by  
Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2015-27

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF  
RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO NJ  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION was  
introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption.  
The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-28

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF TAXES CERTIFICATION IN REGARDS TO RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT ACT was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

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R: 2015-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS OF MAIN STREET PHASE 7 PROJECT 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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R: 2015-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH RT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. 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: 2015-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH RT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. 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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R: 2015-32

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

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2015-33

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF LETTER OF INTENT TO WARREN COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING PROCESS was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015 - 34

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE JOINT APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY AID WITH LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP 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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**NEW BUSINESS** None

**PUBLIC PETITIONS**

Mr. Meyner, South Main Street, spoke to the Council in regards to the Meeting minutes, which he feels are prejudicial. He believes that the clerk is taking out information and responses that are necessary for a court appeal. Mr. Meyner has

sat down with the clerk and has made suggestions on how to fix this problem going forward. Mr. Meyner asked the clerk to share this with the Mayor; the Mayor was out with the flu so he was unaware of the discussion. Mr. Meyner alleges that the minutes are not read by the Councilmen, and he would like that the future minutes are more accurately recorded.

Blaine Fehley 237 Bowhay Avenue, what is happening with the Ice House?

Mayor Wyant stated that there is no update it was made safe.

Councilman Fey stated that the owner has complied in good faith, with the grass, weeds, and making it safe.

Blaine Fehley, when were they in front of Council

Council President Lynn stated three or four months ago

Blaine Fehley and the Union Square Building.

Council President Lynn stated that the owner was here and they will be doing improvements in the spring it is an eyesore now.

Blaine Fehley whoever got this done (tapping the microphone) did a good job – speaking of the sound system

## **OPEN TIME**

Councilman Stettner would like a work session to discuss a property Ordinance

Council Vice President Tersigni stated that in the last two storms the DPW did a fantastic job and I must commend them they are doing the best they can and you can't please everyone. On another note I was appointed another two years with Warren County economic advisory conservative trust for the county, I would like to Thank Jason Sarnoski and Ed Smith for their trust and faith in my.

Councilman Piazza Public works did a bang up job

Councilman Fey stated that the DPW does more than just snow – they are collecting the garbage also, keeping Phillipsburg running and flowing, my hats off to them.

Council President Lynn I appreciate it a lot because I do it also. It's a hell of a job

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NAYS: None