

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
February 04, 2014

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 04, 2014 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 Lynn.

INVOCATION by Councilman Lynn

PLEDGE by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President Tersigni
Council Members: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Piazza

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of meeting minutes
Were submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting-01-21-14
Executive Meeting 01-21-14

No discussion

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Tersigni, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Fey, Lynn

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$188,146.21
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	3,574.86
SECTION 8	438.09
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	6,723.44
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND	4,666.08
PLANNING BOARD TRUST FUND	3,976.50
GENERAL TRUST FUND	115.21
Total regular bills list February 04, 2014	187,640.39

Pre-Paid Bill List as of JANUARY 21, 2014

SEWER UTILITY FUND	33,118.46
Total pre-paid bills February 04, 2014	\$33,118.46
Grand total of all funds:	\$220,758.85

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

MAYOR'S REPORT

Well last week I was in Florida and with no snow, I drove around Town and the DPW has done a great phenomenal job, plowing the snow, garbage and recycling working long hard hours plowing and doing all the Town's walks. I want to go on record that they have done a great job. We have had a few complaints but it helped with the snow emergency on the snow storm, we are watching for tonight and snow emergency is taking a toll on the supply of salt, but as you see every bills list there is salt. But, it only works when the temperature is 20 degrees, going through the Town the roads are in good condition. Thank you.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Tersigni talked about how he met with Councilmen Rooks from Alpha and talked about shared services of the Court. So Councilmen Rooks, Mayor Wyant and I met and we agree it is a win win situation. Alpha has been working on a deficit situation from the stats that we saw from Councilmen Rooks. We gave the information to Attorney Wenner to work out the details. I want to Thank Mayor Wyant and Councilmen Rooks, we will discuss this matter the next work session, weather permitting. I think it is a great idea.

Councilmen Fey stated that Councilmen Rooks called him the next day and that they are happy with the police force and any other opportunities. The Town of Alpha is pleased with us. Thank you.

ORDINANCES

O: 2014-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2014 SALARIES FOR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Fey and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Fey moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2014 – 03

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2013-2015 YEARS SALARIES FOR LIBRARY EMPLOYEES was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Fey and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Fey moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2014-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING AND DELETING SECTIONS 570-11 THROUGH 570-23 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG RELATIVE TO LONG TERM TAX ABATEMENT was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Lynn and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Lynn moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2014-05 (First Reading)

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR TAX EXEMPTION OF PHILLIPSBURG RIVERVIEW URBAN RENEWAL, LLC FOR THE

CONSTRUCTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED IN THE RIVERVIEW REDEVELOPMENT AREA was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Stettner who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2014-28

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO WASHINGTON STREET was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion: Councilmen Fey stated Thanks for your hard work, Councilmen Lynn stated does this included in the grant? Council President Tersigni stated this is one of the oldest neighborhoods and in need of this, Thank you Stan.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT
PARTNERS, LLC RELATIVE TO AN OPERATIONAL AUDIT
OF THE TOWN SEWER UTILITY was introduced by
Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was
seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-30

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED
REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH PERON
CONSTRUCTION, LLC was introduced by Councilman Piazza
who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by
Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-31

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE NO. 2119-33-040-005 was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-32

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT OF STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014 - 33

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR
CERTAIN BLOOD TESTING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF
PHILLIPSBURG AND ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL was introduced
by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion
was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-34

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY
OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADJUSTING THE
2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET OF THE
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND was introduced by
Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was
seconded by Councilman Piazza.

Discussion: Councilmen Stettner asked this is 900 verses 1.5 right, Attorney
Wenner answered yes.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Robert Fulper, 166 Chambers Street, we are having a benefit at Marianna's for the fire victims of South Main Street and I want to thank Council President Tersigni for securing the event with his \$500.00 donation to show support to the community, we started an organization the Citizens for a Cleaner Community we are going to work with you not against you. I spoke to Councilmen Piazza about rehabbing the Phillipsburg Cemetery.

Council President Tersigni wants to Thank Mr. Fulper and I am honored to be a part of it. It is for the betterment of the community for now and the future.

Mr. Fulper gives a shout out to Mr. David Markle – who's joining the fire department.

OPENTIME

Council President Tersigni mentioned working on the housing code and the rentals, with Attorney Wenner, and Councilmen Stettner and Councilmen Piazza. Council President Tersigni said it will make a better quality of life.

Councilmen Lynn said he will be out next week for knee surgery, and would like to be kept up on what is going on.

Council President Tersigni said that he should speak with the Mayor

Councilmen Fey said that he agrees with what the Mayor stated about the road crew and what a good job they have been doing. The homeowners responsibility to keep shoveled out, they crew spends hours plowing the homeowners should dig their garbage cans out. We need to amend the property owner's responsibility to make it easier for the road crew. It is not fair to shovel out cans in three (3) feet of snow they guys work extremely hard.

Council President Tersigni questioned if there was any ordinance on this.

Attorney Wenner stated that there is an ordinance on refuse containers, is there anything is an alert.

Councilmen Fey said that they guys are walking through three (3) feet of snow

Mayor Wyant said that the garbage was barricaded out of the snow bank, maybe we will have to leave the cans for next week.

Councilmen Lynn said we should suspend garbage during the snow emergency

Mayor Wyant stated the night before the cans go out and the bags at 6 am the day of. The snow came and filed up the cans if they shovel the walk they should shovel a space for their garbage.

Councilmen Fey said it is nothing we can act on now

Council President Fey would like to reiterate what Councilmen Fey said, some people you never please. It is the best I have seen in all my years and from the bottom of my heart it is a superlative job.

MOTIONS

Application for Active Duty – David Markle - Jersey Hose Co. No. 2.
Councilman Piazza moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner. THANK YOU!

VOTE: YEAS: Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1187 issued to Steele Hill Youth Club for an On- Premise Raffle on: March 02, 2014 12:00 – 3:00 PM
Councilman Lynn moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Piazza, Fey, Tersigni, Lynn

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Stettner

ADJOURNMENT

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