

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 05, 2013

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 05, 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

Council Members: Lynn, Piazza, Tersigni, Stettner

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

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

**Regular Meeting-01-15-13**

No discussion

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Stettner

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 59,833.51
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	600.81
SECTION 8	2,528.88
CAPITAL FUND	4,386.80
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	4,477.56
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND	1,088.10

**Pre-Paid Bill List as of February 05, 2013**

CURRENT FUND	\$129,039.00
Payroll Agency Fund Pension Payments	123,231.51
Sewer Utility Fund	2,340.90

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS Attorney Wenner Swears in Ms. Scott property owner 1116 South Main St., Phillipsburg. Attorney Wenner Swears in Kevin Duddy, Construction Official.

Kevin Duddy, went out and re-inspected the property that morning, he brought photos of the property from the past and the present, to show council. Kevin Duddy said that the owners need to tare down the building. It has been reduced, dilapidated state and needs to come down. The iron water tower and cross

members are not structurally sound. The first demo was in 1994, than 1998 Ms. Scott removed partial in 2006.

Attorney Wenner asked Ms. Scott do you have anything to say.

Ms. Scott stated that at this point that they have had it listed for sale, and currently have a developer that would like to meet with the Mayor and the Town Engineer Stan Schrek, regarding a private drive with homes in the back.

Mayor Wyant stated he had no problem meeting next week, this property is severely dangerous and we need to take action, I don't think a week or 1 month will matter. Now there is the cell tower.

Ms. Scott as to the cell tower the County advised the power company that they can't continue to move the wall back at the corner of Carpentersville Road and South Main St.

Mayor Wyant stated that the County planning board has not given their approval yet. I don't know what those conditions are I don't think construction can take place.

Attorney Wenner stated that was correct.

Stan Schrek stated that the site distance, can't relocate

Ms. Scott stated she will contact the County Planning board.

Mayor Wyant The Zoning board made the condition the cell company doesn't agree, Ms. Scott call my office and set up an appointment maybe next Wednesday. Stan Schrek stated that the water tower needs to be stabilized or come down it has severe erosion.

Councilman Tersigni moved for a motion to continue the hearing on March 05, 2013. Councilman Lynn seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: NONE

MAYOR'S REPORT

CHIEFS REPORT: Dumping on Broad St., Speeding, and Cars burglarized in Hillcrest.

Councilman Piazza stated that signs were posted in the cemetery.

Thanks Chief.

Stan Schrek completed the design for Lopatcong Creek out to bid within the next week, expecting the project to be about \$350,000.00. They will be using willow rap, bio mattress, the last hurdle will be to monitor the other side of the street parallel to Main Street by the foot bridge connects to the plant. DOT grants are late this year, the Transportation Enhancement grant we are rated high.

Councilman Tersigni questioned how long it will take start to finish.

Stan Schrek stated about four weeks depending on the weather.

Councilman Stettner asked if the Willow weave help the copper situation.

Mayor Wyant also asked Council if there would be any problem if we paid bills next week without a bills list. Council responded no problem.

#### 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 Lynn who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

Discussion: Omitted but not changed the Councilman President Salary is \$3,500.00 a year, Councilman Salary is \$3000.00 a year. So we need to amend the Ordinance to be corrected and it will be retroactive back to January 01, 2013. Councilmen Lynn made a motion to amend the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2013-02 (Second Reading)

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 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 Lynn.

Discussion - Attorney Wenner stated that this is preempted by State Law.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2013-03 (first reading)

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 67, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Tersigni who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

Discussion - Removed the Parking Authority

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION

R: 2013-19

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRIVATE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R:2013-21

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013- 22

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE WARREN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAND PRESERVATION AND RECEIPT OF GRANT MONIES was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PETITIONS- NONE

OPEN TIME - Council President Fey - is looking forward to Next Tuesday - no work session.

MOTIONS

Approval for Raffle License No. 1159 issued to the Warren Hospital Auxiliary for the purpose of an on premise Tricky Tray Raffle to be conducted on February 21, 2013, a fee of \$20.00 was paid to the Town. Councilman Tersigni moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

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

ADJOURNMENT

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