

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2013

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 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.

A moment of Silence for Mrs. Glacken, the school nurse.

INVOCATION by Councilman Tersigni

PLEDGE by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni
Piazza – came 7:05PM

President: Fey

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
were submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting-02-05-12

No discussion

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

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| CURRENT FUND | \$ 129,126.24 |
| STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS | 309.75 |
| PLANNING BOARD TRUST | 1,876.00 |
| SECTION 8 | 550.00 |
| CAPITAL FUND | 14,962.27 |
| SEWAGE UTILITY FUND | 157,439.09 |
| SECTION 8 PROGRAM | 130,810.00 |

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS NONE

SPEAKERS: Healthcare Quality Strategies, Inc.,- Cindy Meakem, Karen Blumenfeld and Sarah (from NORWESCAP)

Cindy Meakem spoke about them mixed messages that the children see with smoking in the parks yet it is supposed to be a healthy place to be. That 90 % of children start smoking prior to age 14. Out of 565 Municipalities across New Jersey, 160 Municipalities have passed the smoke free parks policy.

The State Department will give free signs, with a custom sticker with your ordinance number on it, which will be self-enforcement.

With elders in the park with oxygen, could be a hazard if smoking nearby, smoking cause's fires, environmental problems, and it take 1,000 years for the butts to biodegrade. It is a green initiative, debt certification – sustainable New Jersey to have fewer butts. In Warren County, Hackettstown, Oxford and White Township have adopted the ordinance. Lopatcong Township is in favor of it and will have first reading on March 06th.

Sara from NORWESCAP stated that in Phillipsburg 21 % of residents are smokers currently, which is higher than the State average.

Council President Fey stated that we understand that adult copy the children, in all the years I have been a coach I still see many parents respecting that and walk away from the area where the children are to have a smoke.

Thank you.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Carrie Scott met with me along with Joe Faranella who signed a letter of intent. Carrie Scott is going to demo the tower and get proposal for the other buildings, if they are too high, she will look into reconstruction and restore the structure. So there were some developments since last meeting.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

We will discuss at the work session on March 12th a sample Ordinance for the Smoke Free Parks Policy. If we can work it out we can have the first reading on March 19, 2013.

PUBLIC PETITIONS None

ORDINANCES

O:2013-01 Second and final reading

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2013 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 Stettner.

Discussion – None

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

NAYS: None

O: 2013-03 Second and final 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 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 Stettner.

Discussion – Councilman Stettner questioned if this was revised?
Attorney Wenner stated no.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2013-04 First reading

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 172, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF 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.

Discussion – Councilman Stettner does the \$25.00 cover the daily charges?
Attorney Wenner stated yes.

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION

R: 2013-23

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 - 24

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING HANDICAP PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-25

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFUND 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:2013-26

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

Discussion: Councilman Tersigni said Thank you Council for getting an eye sore removed. Council President Fey agrees.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-27

RESOLUTION REMOVING DESIGNATION OF MASTER REDEVELOPER AS TO PERON CONSTRUCTION, LLC was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

Discussion: Councilman Lynn asked we are not having another redevelopment council at this time. Councilman Stettner said we can but not at this time.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-28

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, Stettner

NAYS: None

12. OPEN TIME

Council President Fey stated again how the DPW has done a great job with snow removal, this season.

13. MOTION

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1160 issued to the Phillipsburg High School Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) to have a 50/50 raffle be conducted on March 23, 2013. a fee of \$20.00 was paid to the Town. Councilman Stettner moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

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 Piazza at 8:25 PM.