

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
March 01, 2016

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 01, 2016 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 Fey.

INVOCATION by Councilman Fey

MOMENT OF SILENCE Ms. Sulick

PLEDGE by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President Tersigni
Council Members: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza,

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Ellis, Clerk Kleiner,
Attorney Wenner

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

Council Meeting 02-16-16
Work Session 02-09-16

Motion

Councilman Fey moved for approval of minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis.

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 1,173,040.02
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	5,189.20
CAPITAL FUND	79,927.17
SEWER UTILITY FUND	212,920.29
SEWER CAPITAL FUND	23,617.83
OPUS INVESTMENTS	990.00
DOG TRUST FUND	153.35
SECTION 8	1,908.09
AGENCY FUND	216.89
Total regular bills list March 01, 2016	\$1,497,962.84
Section 8 Rent Payments March	\$ 0

PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF March 01, 2016

CURRENT FUND	\$ 125,000.00
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	41,000.00
AGENCY FUND	154,603.20

Clerk Kleiner asked the Council to approve an outstanding bill for training of one of our offices received at the County in the amount of \$7,144.00.

Pre-Paid Bill List	\$327,747.20
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,825,710.04

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni
 NAYS: None

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Ellis stated that on March 17th that the Ancient Order of Hibernians would like Council and me to raise the flag at Shappell Park.

I went to the Firth Youth Center meeting (the Mayor handed out copies to the Council)

Thursday morning I spent the morning with Councilman Piazza we went over to McWane Ductile

I spent the day today with Stan we viewed the intersection for the high school, we have the assessments, but not sure how to go about the purchase Attorney Wenner we can discuss in executive property acquisition

PROCLAMATION. Council President Tersigni reads the proclamation along with Mayor Ellis for the American Red Cross Month

OLD BUSINESS Table the Change of Auditors

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Harold Baylor Delaware Heights, stated he is there to speak about the crossing guard salary is not enough to collect unemployment

Mayor Ellis stated that we can take it up to \$1.50 which would be approximately \$34.00

Mr. Baylor stated his concern is not enough to get unemployment

Mayor Ellis stated that he understands and that we need to hold the budget

Mr. Baylor stated well you got a nice raise

Mayor Ellis stated we are not comparing apples to apples, you went from zero to \$1.50, and there is one employee here for four years with a raise still receiving minimum wage

Mr. Baylor what's the (S & V) sick and vacation and you choose to stay and want benefits or unemployment

Mayor Ellis stated I would like to talk to the Department of Labor, it is hard to get through, it's hard to give a raise to collect unemployment

Attorney Wenner stated that we can amend Ordinance on a second reading and, set a different salary on a second reading opens us up for an attack

Councilman Lutz questioned can we pull it

Attorney Wenner public being on notice

Council President Tersigni I need a motion to approve the increase of the crossing guard salary

Attorney Wenner stated current increase is \$.50

Council President Tersigni questioned the wording

Mayor Ellis stated can we withdraw the line item

Mr. McConnell I wanted to let you all know that our group found a new home for the rehab.

There is an issue of community service is there anyone heading it. On South Main Street across from Sals market the transformer was bad. 105 South Main Street.

Councilman Lutz stated that they came out, and put speedy dry on it

Council President Tersigni stated Stan Prater will respond to your requests

Don Dickey of Randall Street stated that 2016-04 the left hand turn which way is that

Councilman Lutz stated out of the middle school no left only can make a right turn

Joe Meyner 392 South Main Street, concerned about the salary of the upper echelons Police department personnel, we need to have a comparison with all of Warren County.

Attorney Wenner stated that we are comparable to other municipalities of this size, Vernon, Jefferson; it's the type of police work, urban or suburbs.

ORDINANCES

O: 2016-01 (second and final reading)

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SALARIES PHILLIPSBURG
Council President Tersigni asked that the motion to approve but withdraw the crossing guards from the ordinance was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Fey who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

Discussion: Council President Tersigni thinks that \$1.50 is a good compromise

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Davis			x			
Fey			x			
Lutz	X		x			
Piazza		X	x			
Tersigni			x			

O: 2016 – 02 BOND (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 was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Fey who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

Discussion: Councilman Lutz is this for engineering
 Mayor Ellis stated engineering and construction it will be a big draw for the pool
 Councilman Davis questioning the debt and started he will talk with the CFO

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Davis			X			
Fey	X		x			
Lutz			x			
Piazza		X	x			
Tersigni			x			

 O: 2016 -03 (First Reading). A motion was made by Councilman Piazza to table this Ordinance. Councilman Davis seconded the motion.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR SOA'S POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Davis		X	X			
Fey			X			
Lutz			X			
Piazza	X		X			
Tersigni			X			

 O: 2016-04 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 67-24, SCHEDULE IX, LEFT TURN PROHIBITIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Fey who moved that the ordinance be

properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza...

Discussion: Councilman Piazza questioned why not just eliminated it Councilman Lutz stated it is back up in school is tremendous, I drive the bus to middle school and on Warren and Heckman Street I can sit in the middle of the block for 15 minutes. Councilman Piazza stated it and around. Councilman Lutz stated maybe it would faster. Councilman Piazza stated maybe we can get another guard out there. Councilman Davis I think the time is long for school time. Councilman Lutz who recommended it, Councilman Davis

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Davis			X			
Fey	X		x			
Lutz			x			
Piazza		X	x			
Tersigni			x			

 O: 2016 -05 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 5, *ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT*, ARTICLE V, *TOWN ATTORNEY*, IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ATTORNEY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Lutz who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion: Council President Tersigni stated that he thinks this is a good compromise and it shows that the Mayor and Council can work together now and in the future. Councilman Davis approve of this

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Davis			x			

Fey		X	X			
Lutz	X		x			
Piazza			x			
Tersigni			x			

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2016-46

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT (Fire Dept. Personal Protective Equipment \$49.50) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

R: 2016 -47

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FINDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR PURPOSES OF N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 AND N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1 was introduced by Councilman Lutz who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis

Council President Tersigni stated this was for the snow removal

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

R: 2016-48

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY TRUST FUND REQUIRED BY THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, NJSA 52:27D-192 et was

introduced by Councilman Davis who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

R: 2016- 49

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE INTER-LOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND THE PHILLIPSBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY was introduced by Councilman Lutz who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Ellis stated that he met with Noel McGuire and Gary Shoenberger to talk about the corporate project and has the Town rated at the highest, he asked me for a unique proposal, so Stan Schrek and myself are sending one in.

Council President Tersigni I visited with Noel McGuire his priority is Phillipsburg

Mayor Ellis stated that we are going to move on it

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Alan Amey 7 Lewis Street I have a question the land at the end of South Main Street near Norton's Cork and Bottle is that Town owned, that area that's mud can it be stone and used as a school bus turnaround

Councilman Piazza stated bus goes into that lot and coming from Pohatcong you can't see it is a blind corner. We want to put an oversized parking lot where bus turns

Dave 70 North Riverview Road, I am a union Iron worker and I am interested in the IR construction and being here we have a lot of people that live here but travel to work far
Attorney Wenner stated best effort to use Phillipsburg in their developing

Mike Dalpe I am the business agent of Local 3 in Hampton NJ. The Original local was in Union NJ I am here for the IR property we would love to be given a fair shot our representatives we have a lot of local people here..

OPENTIME

Councilman Lutz Saturday Randy Piazza, R. Fulper and I met at Tom's lunch regarding the solid waste. Bobby and his group at Lincoln and the Fire house to clean up the garbage, we need to get more cans out of the corners and groups to go out and clean up

Councilman Piazza I agree about the meeting it is a strategic approach to get better handle and better enforcement

Councilman Davis I have been in contact with Youth Sports and the Challenges that the recreation department. Also, being on the service access committee

Council President Tersigni access committee sound technical knowledge and get it accomplished it has been talked about since 2011. We need to get it done.
Mayor Ellis stated Monday of next week

Council President Tersigni stated that he commends Councilman Lutz, and Councilman Piazza, with the continuation of the war on garbage which I started in 2014, there was over 70 summonses and have gone to court and have gone to court 5 times and won every case, so we can bring it to the next level the ordinance is set in place there is more to do, it is ongoing.

I also commend Mayor Ellis on the I Pad and going paperless and I support that I think it is a great asset to the Town.

Mayor Ellis stated we are saving trees

MOTIONS

Application for Active Duty – Craig Rush- Alert Hook and Ladder Co. # 1, Councilman Fey made a motion to approve the application. The application was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2016- 50

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING Property acquisition- road widening, action may be taken

ADJOURNMENT

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