

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
March 04, 2014

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 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 (late)

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

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

Regular Meeting-03-04-14

No discussion

Motion

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$228,937.35
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	4,953.00
CAPITAL FUND	29,090.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	30,739.06
PLANNING BOARD TRUS FUND	3,180.00
SECTION 8	1,336.39
Total regular bills list February 18, 2014	\$298,765.80
Section 8 Rent Payments	0
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF MARCH 4, 2014	
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	\$44,800.00
TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST	\$44,800.00

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS

\$343,565.80

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Stettner, Tersigni, Fey, Lynn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

Councilmen Piazza entered the meeting 7:08 PM

PRESENTATION by Nicholas Piperata – I have been trying to locate a place to establish the distillery, I received a call from the Mayor who took me over to see a fantastic building at 304 Foundry Lane. I want to Thank Mr. Mayor, and thanks Mr. Tersigni for your support.

So let me go over the steps of the business structure phase 1 phase 2 the six month lease agreement then I can start phase 3A with a bond for the warehouse. Phase 3B cleaned up – fire safety paint I am going to invest my own funds, if you're willing to take a chance on me for six months, phase 4 inspections, Federal Government, I can be my own distributor, with samples and a tour. Micro impact business, I can use the apples in the area in the fall, I am ready to go tomorrow I am looking for approval. It is a beautiful property I can see music and festivals, you already have Old Town Festival we can have a New Town Festival. Thank you all for the time to speak.

Mayor Wyant asked how many square feet do you need of this building

Mr. Piperata 2,000 or 3,000 square feet

Mayor Wyant how many square feet to create a lease agreement

Mr. Piperata are you asking me – 2,000

Mayor Wyant if you need 3,00 sq. ft. at a later date that could be arranged later, I can ask the council to consider 304 Foundry Lane using 2,000 sq. ft.

Councilmen Fey stated the American dream to be your own businessmen, micro brewery's and wineries are successful there is a lot of creative activity there, any help or support I'll give that to you.

Council President Tersigni your enthusiasm and passionate with this process at the end of six months once established

Mr. Piperata concerns are that I would leave and go somewhere else I would promise to stay this is where I need to be. I would never leave my Town after six months we can make that happen

Council President Tersigni said I believe that Sir.

Councilman Stettner if you're making lemon cello look to purchase as well

Mr. Piperata if I get my license the sky's the limit and would be a dream of mine

Councilmen Lynn we are business friendly and any help with that.

Mayor is there no other interest in this building we can all benefit from it.

Councilman Piazza after you're through with the lease agreement can we ask you to come in and give regular updates

Mr. Piperata stated I love talking about this – surely and your all welcome anytime you want

Council President Tersigni your Grandfather was my neighbor for 40 years, up inherited your passion from your dad. He always made you feel good about yourself

Councilmen Stettner 2014 – 47 at end of the meeting to lease property to Mr. Piperata

Stan Schrek – Town Engineer said that a lease would need to be formulated and water, sewer and electric needs to be looked at and how to divide it

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Stettner – we are still working on the rental ordinance Councilmen Piazza and I hope to finish this week.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Stan Schrek and Dave Maski have been working on the Riverfront Heritage trails – the documents have been enclosed we need to have a committee names for the Riverfront Development Committee to work on the Trail

The Committee will consist of the following:

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| Mayor Wyant | Randy Piazza |
| Stan Schrek | James Lee Jr. |
| Dave Maski | Bernie Rooney |
| Frank Greenagle | Joe Little |

Councilmen Lynn made a motion to approve the committee. Councilmen Fey seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ENGINEERS REPORT Stan Schrek stated that they have taken inventory of the trails, we can connect those trails all the way to Stormville NY, to Wilkes Barre PA. The National Park service is on board with us. We need to talk with the DEP and Norfolk Southern we established a committee. We will have a chairmen, minutes and report back to Council. Drawing are as laid out and it connects 29 points of historic interest in the town, we need to utilize the RR Bridge to get across the river, and it’s been done before and can be a center piece of the project.

We have another project going on big project on Washington Street we have a \$450,000.00 grant DOT and we have been surveying.

We will go out to bid while the activities are low.

Mayor Wyant stated the project on Sitgreaves street will start up again once the weather breaks

Stan Schrek said he is confident we can get a grant for phase 6 and 7 work by McKeen Street, phase 8 Saw Mill

Mayor Wyant the winter is taking a toll on South Main Street and the crosswalks in Union Square.

Councilmen Stettner Thank you Stan for your efforts

Mayor Wyant stated that it has been a dream of his to see the walking and bike path on the RR Bridge, it is a breath taking view of the falls and Twin Rivers. I hope to live long enough to see it happen, we are going to present this to Mayor Panto and the Bridge Commission and get them involved.

Councilmen Piazza I am glad we have an actual working committee that's what I like.

Mayor Wyant it's a good group of people that like to see things happen. The 2014 budget is ready for pick up in the Clerk's office after the meeting and I will need an executive session regarding the IR property.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Meyner 392 South Main Street, I handed out a paper prior to the meeting. I want to discuss the tax exemption of the Riverfront and Peron Construction. *see attachment

Councilmen Lynn asked Mr. Meyner to give the Council a chance to review the documents that was handed out and come back to another meeting to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ORDINANCES

O: 2014-06 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 570 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG RELATIVE TO SHORT TERM TAX ABATEMENT IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Stettner and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Stettner moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

Discussion: Councilmen Tersigni stated this is help to all property owners expand properties – community expansion for 5 years give enthusiasm to fix up properties

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

NAYS: None

O: 2014-07 (First Reading)

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-03 IN ORDER TO CORRECT CERTAIN SALARY STEPS IMPROVEMENTS was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Piazza who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2014-08 (First Reading)

SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RAW WATER INFLUENT PUMP AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN, BY, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$38,635 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF IMPROVEMENTS was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Piazza 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: 2014-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES WITH WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS PHILLIPSBURG 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: 2014-40

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-41

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-42

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF STREETS PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-43

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR REFUND PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-44

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PREMIUM REFUND PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-45

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR REFUND PHILLIPSBURG 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: 2014-46

CANCELING AN AGGREGATE \$413,208.52 OF A TOTAL \$640,000 IN SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS COLLECTIVELY APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NUMBERS 2010-02, 2011-12 AND 2013-17 HERETOFORE ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND RETURNING SUCH CANCELED APPROPRIATIONS TO THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-47

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISCHARGE OF A MORTGAGE PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-48

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF discussion of Nick Piperata relative to short term lease, a motion to go into executive session was made by Councilmen Fey. The motion was seconded by Councilmen Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PETITIONS

None

OPENTIME

Councilmen Lynn I want to thank Bobby Fulper and his group for the great job they did with the fundraiser for the fire victims

Council President Tersigni after the wrestling tournament I would like Coach Post to come in and Honor him – Coach of the year he well deserves as did Brandon Hall. They are State Champs Thanks Mr. Fulper great cause Mr. Pisello and Mayor Thanks

MOTIONS

Application for Active Duty –Derek D. Martino – Alert Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 Councilman Stettner moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey. THANK YOU!

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

NAYS: None

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1188 issued to St Philip & St James for Carnival Games on:

April 30, 2014

May 01, 2014 } 6-11 PM

May 02, 2014

May 03, 2014 } 12 noon-6 PM

May 04, 2014

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014 - 49

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF IR contract – no action to be taken, a motion was made by Councilmen Stettner. The motion was seconded by Councilmen Fey.

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

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

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