

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
MARCH 05, 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.

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-03-05-13

No discussion

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 131,342.31
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	474.34
PLANNING BOARD TRUST	127.00
SECTION 8	485.00
CAPITAL FUND	3,826.00
SEWAGE LOAN FUND	2,448.42
SEWER UTILITY FUND	2,419.90

PRE-PAID BILL LIST AS OF MARCH 05, 2013

CURRENT FUND	\$ 16.00
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 43,200.00

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:

President of St. Luke's Warren Hospital Mr. Wolfe spoke about how St. Luke's Warren Hospital has recently celebrated 90 + 1 year anniversary as an acute care hospital. Since he has arrived in April 2012 they have been planning, they joined Warren Hospital with twenty five million dollars, they just authorized an additional thirty million dollars we have a fifty five million dollar commitment.

Two thirds spend on Campus to extend the life of the buildings; twenty million will be spent upgrading space, inpatient, outpatient & hospital rooms, a new ICU – medical surgery unit. Upgrading infrastructure – generators, HVAC, sprinklers, catch up for the last ten years of work. The curb appeal will extend beyond the curb into the lobby and into the rooms.

We have found that it is not cost effective to have the birthing unit; we will be investing into the Hillcrest mall with a heart and vascular, pre-natal and post natal care, women's health, neurological and orthopedic.

We are going to increase the primary care Doctor's in the next two to three years.

Councilman Tersigni said Thank you for investing back into our community, Bob Martin thank you for the grant for our children and combining medical and educational is a positive outlook for Phillipsburg.

Mr. Wolfe, we always try to help schools and the community

Council President Fey follow up with us again

Bob Martin anticipated a good work force but they were great, great health care and education and never facilities.

Councilman Stettner said Thank you, prior to the merger we had discussed about some of the local squad and training was going to be done since the Federal and State were concerned.

Mr. Wolfe stated he would look into that and get our local Squad members trained.

Mr. Wolfe stated that in the last three months the evaluations that people have filled out have been 99% satisfied with a good experience. It is the most impressive group of employees. We will be back in a year.

Motion for an executive session was introduced by Council President Fey. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

Motion to reconvene was introduced by Councilman Stettner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Faulborn spoke about how the summonses are down, half of last years and the crashes are also down. The criminal arrests are up. There was dumping in the alley the community policing is watching. We are cross training officers, Sgt. Swick of the Detectives is teaching patrol officers basic fingerprinting.

We had a meeting down Town and people are not reporting incidents that they are seeing, we are trying to increase the dialogue with the people. We met with Georgine Trickle and everyone in that room saw some type of incident that took place and no one reported it.

ACO had animal cruelty cases with summons

We had two new officers graduate the Academy and one officer resign – Scott Imboden going to the prosecutor's office. One less detective, we are solving more theft crimes.

Council Stettner community policing you going to see how it plays out and it did just as we were told.

Thanks Chief

Mayor Wyant stated that we are moving people around; publically I would like to say that Vicki's doing a great job. Robert Merlo is Acting CFO.

In the past we have had a problem getting bills paid in a timely fashion I would like to ask Council if they had a problem doing a weekly bills list.

Councilman Tersigni said he thought it was a good idea.

Councilman Lynn asked under whose direction?

Attorney Wenner once budget passed its appropriated

Mayor Wyant stated that if there is a question on the bills list you will still get an answer and that I can't over expend the budget.

Councilman Tersigni moved for a motion to approve the bills weekly. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner. The motion carried a 5 – 0 vote.

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: 2013-05 (First Reading)

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES FOR THE YEAR 2013 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:

Councilman Lynn reiterated that we needed this to insure physical and financial security, being proactive in the future and being prepared.

Council President Fey agreed 100%

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION

R: 2013-29

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF TAXES CERTIFICATION IN REGARDS TO RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT ACT 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

R: 2013-30

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 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: 2013-31

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-32

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH ELIZABETHTOWN GAS COMPANY was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Discussion: Mayor Wyant stated this is done with NO FEE

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A LOAN FROM THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PROGRAM AND SPECIFYING REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN APPLICATION 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: 2013-34

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFUND PLANNING & ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS/ESCROWS 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: 2013-35

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AT OLE TOWN FESTIVAL was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF STREETS AND A MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

12. OPEN TIME

Councilman Tersigni stated that last Thursday he went to the Warren County Solid Waste meeting at the Dumont building. They spoke about a 6.5 acre solar farm expansion in the future. Councilman Tersigni was nominated for secretary for the 2013 year for the Solid Waste Committee.

Councilman Stettner said that the redevelopment committee has another interest in five acres in light industry.

14. EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2012- 39

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF contract relative to attorney's fees – no action to be taken.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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