

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2015

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 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 Council Vice President Tersigni.

INVOCATION

by Council Vice President Tersigni

MOMENT OF SILENCE for Tim Balas one of our Police Officers and Ron “Punk” Snyder, who was a founder in the Garnet Boosters.

PLEDGE

by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Council President

Lynn

Council Members

Fey, Piazza, Stettner, Lynn

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Acting Clerk Kleiner,
Attorney Wenner

Absent Mayor Wyant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
Were submitted for approval:

Regular Mtg.-02-17-2015

Motion

Councilman Tersigni moved for approval of the regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Tersigni, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Fey

APPROVAL OF BILLS

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$	297,364.91
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		462.48
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		53,126.55
CAPITAL FUND		17,855.99
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND		301,970.06
SECTION 8		991.24
COMMERCE PARK REDEVELOPMENT		792.59
Total regular bills list March 03, 2015	\$	672,563.82
SECTION 8 Program Rent Payments		0
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF March 03, 2015		
CURRENT FUND	\$	2,000.00
AGENCY FUND-PENSION PAYMENTS	\$	1,419.36
TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST	\$	3,419.36
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$	675,983.18

Discussion: None

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS NONE

MAYORS REPORT NONE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Meyner, South Main Street, questioned the Ordinance 2015-06, no parking on the North Side.

Council President Lynn stated that people can't get out of their driveways

Mr. Meyner questioned O:2015-07 the 3.5% Cap Bank, stating the law sets up the ability to increase the cap bank and makes it easier for you to come up with increases.

Council President Lynn stated that the increase above the cost of living adjustment increase over the next two years, it's a way to bank and plan for the future, which we always do prior to the budget.

Mr. Meyner questioned the paragraph that states for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens.

Councilman Fey stated that he knew some Municipalities didn't take advantage - where we are storing for a rainy day, tucking a little aside.

Mr. Meyner stated I understand your argument, I ask that you take a second look at the consideration not give as much thought to it. I didn't realize that it happened to a lot of communities.

Mr. Meyner questioned O:2015-08, I saw guys making the property safe.

Council President Lynn asked Councilman Fey to explain the PHNDC. Councilman Fey explained that all the taxes are paid the property is in decent shape they are giving us \$15,000.00 towards closing. The organization PHNDC, hasn't been active the last few years with the banks tacking on liens, we could buy for the Town – the funds and reestablish this with new carpet, roof, then we sell to a low income family. It is a positive influence- nonprofit- we rehab and flip sell them. The family would have to stay in the house for “X” amount of years, and be a first time family buyers, it's a nice program and makes sure the house is all up to code.

Mr. Meyner questioned R:2015-47 I ask that you rebid these it's just too high

Councilman Tersigni stated they were justifiable – centralized/zone, I believe the price is justifiable.

Councilman Fey it is a costly and needs to be balanced, there is a lot of labor involved.

Council President Lynn stated it is not just thermostats.

Thank You.

ORDINANCES

O: 2015-06 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 67-17, SCHEDULE I, NO PARKING, 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 Fey for discussion.

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Stettner			x			
Piazza			x			
Tersigni	x		x			
Fey		x	x			
Lynn			x			

O: 2015-07 (First Reading)

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Fey who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni for discussion.

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Stettner			x			
Piazza			x			
Tersigni		x	x			
Fey	x		x			
Lynn			x			

O: 2015 - 08

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF LAND LOCATED AT 16 LIMEKILM ROAD, PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Fey who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza for discussion.

Discussion: Councilman Tersigni thanked Councilman Fey for the explanation and for serving on that committee. Council President Lynn stated if there is anything we can do to help. Just ask.

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Stettner			x			
Piazza		x	x			
Tersigni			x			
Fey	x		x			
Lynn			x			

13. **RESOLUTIONS**

R: 2015-43

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-44

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INTERFUND 2015 RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-45

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR RENEWAL OF TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR AKAB, INC. was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-46

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR RENEWAL OF LIMOUSINE OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR AKAB, INC. was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED CONTRACT TO WORTH AND COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,500.00 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED CONTRACT TO WORTH AND COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,509.00 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R-2015-49

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CHILLER was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Discussion: Council President Lynn Stated this is an old problem.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-50

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion: Public Hearing on April 7th, Council President Lynn Stated.

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Stettner			X			
Piazza			X			
Tersigni	X		X			
Fey		X	X			
Lynn			X			

R: 2015-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED CONTRACT TO HAMILTON CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,308.00 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 99 SITGREAVES STREET was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Discussion: Councilman Tersigni stated that he was glad to see this eyesore taken down; it is way overdue, and better for the community.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED CONTRACT TO YOUR WAY CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$458,904.25 FOR MAIN STREET PHASE 6 was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS None

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Bill Timmann, South Main Street, the sidewalks seem to be heaving and the brick work, who is going to be responsible for this?

Council President Lynn stated he would mention this to Stan Schrek – the Town Engineer.

Mr. Timmann, the school board meeting is Monday night; the budget is up for review. I would like that you all would reconsider the PILOT program, on the Howard Street property, since we are not an Abbott District anymore. It will hurt the elderly. I would think you all would be there for the schools impact on the taxes. Are there any amendments on the PILOT program?

Councilman Tersigni stated as far as the Municipal Budget, were best grip over last several years.

OPEN TIME

Councilman Fey stated he is glad to be back.

Councilman Piazza hoped last snow storm

Council President Lynn said the road crew has done a good job.

Councilman Tersigni said this is the fourth year in a row the exchange club is sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th at 9:00 AM

Councilman Fey participated last year with his family, Councilman Stettner and Councilman Lynn, and Piazza thanks for your help.

Councilman Stettner asked that Attorney Wenner to have something on that Ordinance for the next work session.

Councilman Stettner stated that the PILOT program – rehab money to offset taxes. We can defer cost; we have the benefit to give to the school.

Council President Lynn stated that the Shad Festival will be April 23 – 26th at the boat launch.

MOTIONS

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None