

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2013

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE for the Boston Marathon victims and their families.

INVOCATION by Councilman Tersigni

PLEDGE By the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Stettner, Piazza, Tersigni, Lynn

President: Fey

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Wyant, Acting Clerk  
Kleiner, Attorney Wenner,  
Robert Merlo, Heidi Wohlleb  
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes  
were submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting-04-02-13

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 234,730.80
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	294.00
PLANNING BOARD TRUST FUND	1,705.00
CAPITAL FUND	1,595.60
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	58,130.50
SECTION 8 PROGRAM	133,130.50

PRE-PAID BILL LIST AS OF APRIL 16, 2013

STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 738,471.00
SECTION 8	1,250.00
PAYROLL AGENCY FUND-PENSION PAYMENTS	1,171,448.00
SEWER UTILITY FUND	1,250.00
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL	625.00

Motion

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING 2013 Municipal Budget

Council President Fey commended all the people who worked on the budget, Bob, Mayor Wyant, Vicki. With rising costs and tragedies it is the lowest that it has been in 14 years without hurting the services in our Town. Thank you Mayor.

Councilman Tersigni going over the budget with a fine tooth comb it is one million dollars less, lowered interest and pay down debt. I feel good about this budget.

Mayor Wyant commended the staff Bob and Heidi Wohlleb it was a collaborative effort, with the tragedy and loss of Michele and Joe they were almost irreplaceable. Bob will be taking his test we wish you well. Bob worked close with Heidi and Vicki as Clerk all the tragedy the staff has really come together and stepped up. Without the staff we would be in dyer straights I want to commend the entire staff.

Councilman Lynn reasonable budget effective minimal increase very pleased.

Councilman Stettner appreciates what has been done not much left to pick at. The Freeholders decrease open space tax 0 base – almost there.

Councilman Piazza after looking through it's the lowest increase in 14 years. All justified very little to cut.

Council President Fey said there was nothing left on the carcass, the lowest increase in a decade. THANK YOU.

### HABITABILITY HEARING

Carrie Scott, 1116 South Main Street, Ice House Property didn't show for hearing.

Attorney Wenner stated re-notice or order of removal

Council President Fey questioned if she reached out, how do we proceed, we already gave her option, final notice, copy of the quote?

Attorney Wenner said we need to do a resolution for demo of the Tower and lien against the property.

Council President Fey and second part of the demo the concrete building

Mayor Wyant the proper way motion to order to demo by owner

Councilman Tersigni motion – with 30 days Councilman Stettner seconded the motion.

Councilman Lynn stated we have been more than corporative- 30 days for the property owner to remove.

YEAS: Fey, Stettner, Lynn, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

### OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Tersigni stated that he received another \$10,000.00 grant from St. Lukes Warren Hospital, to keep the pool open. I want to personally want to Thank B. Martin, Stewart Woolf for their dedication to the Town of Phillipsburg. Thank you.

Councilman Lynn we are giving a trial run with the videotaping tonight, training upload and broadcast on TV the next few weeks we will complete the training, and present it in a professional manner.

Council President Fey Thanked Councilman Lynn for all his effort on this, do the right way and follow protocol, thanks to Mayor Wyant and Keith for the numerous hours. Thanks.

### Chiefs Report

Chief Faulborn spoke of the speeding, dumping, problems with kids in the Heights. Domestic violence has increased. The number of unoccupied homes has had an increase of break-ins. We had rapid deployment training and we will need a refresher class.

Councilman Lynn wanted the Chief to be aware how Officer Sokolowski handled an accident that his wife was in. The Officer made sure that she got home ok, and was very compassionate. It was good to know since this happened while I was away.

Councilman Tersigni stated that Officer Hulse is all over he commends him and give him my regards. Thanks.

## Engineer's Report

Stan Schrek, first reading of the sign ordinance for electronic sign boards. If a sign application to come in front of the board – variance controls.

Mayor Wyant we need to implement this with all the controversy with the bill board like in Palmer Township.

Council President Fey I agree to be proactive now good to learn from our neighbors mistakes

Councilman Lynn billboard is sign

Mayor Wyant it is in a residential area, the residents complain from the lights. I also will be out of Town next week and would like to send a representative on my behalf to the ECEC (Early Childhood Education Center) on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April for Earth Day, at 8:30 am and 9:30 am.

Council President Fey stated that he would like to.

Mayor Wyant stated he has certificates in his office. I will also not be able to make the awards dinner, on the 25<sup>th</sup> so if someone could go on my behalf.

Councilman Tersigni stated he would go on Mayor's behalf.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Discussion

## NEW BUSINESS:

None

## ORDINANCES

O: 2013-08 (First Reading)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 625, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO INCLUDE NEW DEFINITIONS AND LIMITATIONS REGARDING SIGNS was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Piazza who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Discussion: Councilman Piazza question meters at cost of whom. Councilman Stettner and in what time frame, year, month or on a complaint?

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

NAYS: None

## RESOLUTIONS

R: 2013-62

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF SECOND QUARTER 2013 COUNTY TAX, DUE MAY 15, 2013 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-63

A RESOLUTION APPROVING POLICE PATROLS PHASE X PROJECT OF THE PHILLIPSBURG URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

R: 2013-64

A RESOLUTION AWARDED BID FOR DEMOLITION OF 397 CENTER STREET, PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

Discussion: Attorney Wenner stated that he was in contact and he is sending them the invoice and they will take care of it. Fair Foreclosure act.

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

R:2013-65

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIR TO SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES SCHOOL was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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



R: 2013-66

A RESOLUTION OF RESPECT GLORIA A. DECKER was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

Discussion: Councilman Tersigni stated G. Decker was instrumental in the Bill – for Green Street and Andover Morris in 1973.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013 - 67

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettmer.

Discussion: Table till executive session, conflicts

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-68

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF A PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE NO. 2119-44-012-001 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

R: 2013-69

Lopatcong Creek award of Contract to KDP Development for Lowest conforming bid was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

PUBLIC PETITIONS None

#### OPEN TIME

Councilman Tersigni was appointed last Wednesday to the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders to the Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee, Division of Preservation.

I would like to thank directly Jason Sarnoski, Gardner, and Smith freeholders it is going to great to be at the County Level a great experience.

Councilman Lynn as you know April 26<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day the Shade Tree will be at the ECEC with Rainie Roncoroni we selected a class with seedlings this year and we have goals of involving the children in the Town, it's a five year plan.

## MOTIONS

### EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2012-70

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF Contractual matters Commerce Park –action may be taken Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

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