

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2015

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 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

**PLEDGE**

by the Assembly

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Council President

Lynn

Council Members

Fey, Stettner, Lynn

Absent

Piazza

**TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Mayor Wyant, Acting Clerk Kleiner,  
Attorney Wenner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of meeting minutes  
Were submitted for approval:

Special Mtg. 03-31-15  
Council Mtg. 04-21-15

Executive Mtg. 04-07-15  
 Wk. Sess. Mtg. 04-14-15

Motion

Councilman Tersigni moved for approval of the regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner. Councilman Piazza abstained from the Council meeting and Executive Session meeting minutes of 04-07-2015.

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

NAYS: None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$	131,247.35
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		0.00
CAPITAL FUND		660.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		173,518.66
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND		30.00
DOG TRUST FUND		85.48
SECTION 8		1,804.99
<b>Total regular bills list APRIL 21, 2015</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>309,158.06</b>
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF April 07, 2015		
CURRENT FUND	\$	0.00
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	\$	0.00
AGENCY FUND-PENSION PAYMENTS	\$	144,362.48

<b>TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,850,910.48</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,296,472.70</b>

Discussion: None

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

**OLD BUSINESS** NONE

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Wyant congratulated Victoria Kleiner on passing the Clerk test, I am proud and excited to have her on board now. Thank you

**CHIEFS REPORT**

The Chief hands out his monthly statistics report. The Chief spoke about the open house this Saturday, from 10-noon, I want to invite the Governing Body this is the second year. We will have demonstrations and crime investigations, Taz is doing fine but Officer Amy is under the weather.

Council President Lynn said he met Taz at the Kids and Cops reading room and was looking forward to seeing him at the open house.

Chief mentioned that Officer Amy was ill and in the hospital having a short illness. That's all I have thank you.

Mayor Wyant also wanted to add that this was the third year in a row that we have had no recommendations from the auditors, I want to commend Bob Merlo for the fine job he did with that.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Joe Meyner, 392 South Main Street, R: 2015-23 like this is a State thing. He also mentioned that he gave a petition to Victoria prior to the meeting regarding ordinance 2015-09.

**ORDINANCES**

O: 2015-10A (First Reading)

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED PHILLIPSBURG COMMERCE PARK REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FORMER INGERSOLL RAND PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 3201, LOTS 7.01, 7.02, 7.03, 7.04, 7.05, 7.06, 7.07, 7.08, 7.09, 7.10, 7.11, 7.12 AND 7.13, BLOCK 3301, LOTS 1, 2, 4, 4.01, 5 AND 6. was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Piazza 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
Fey			x			
Piazza	x		x			
Stettner			x			
Tersigni		x	x			
Lynn			x			

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 O: 2015-11 (Second and Final Reading )

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 2009 LOT 22 NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY PRIVATE AUCTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5)** 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 Tersigni.

Discussion: Question arose that what the location is – Mayor Wyant stated it was the old Devlin funeral home parking lot which is part owned by the Town, so we are going to offer it to the adjacent property owner.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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O: 2015 – 12 ( First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 67-18.1, SCHEDULE IIA, LOADING ZONES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Piazza 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
Fey			x			
Piazza	X		x			
Stettner			x			
Tersigni		X	x			
Lynn			x			

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O: 2015-13

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF

PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$742,865 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$705,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF 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
Fey		x	x			
Piazza			x			
Stettner			x			
Tersigni	x		x			
Lynn			x			

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**13. RESOLUTIONS**

R: 2015-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE NORTH JERSEY REGION OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS AND THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG 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: 2015-71

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF SECOND QUARTER 2015 COUNTY TAX AND OPEN SPACE TAX, DUE MAY 15, 2015 was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2015-72

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT 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: 2015-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING THE TRANSPARENT TAX ACT OF 2015 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,  
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
APPOINTING VICTORIA L. KLEINER AS MUNICIPAL  
CLERK was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its  
adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Congratulations!

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Wyant Swears in Victoria L. Kleiner to Registered Municipal  
Clerk.

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**NEW BUSINESS** None

**PUBLIC PETITIONS**

Joe Meyner, 392 South Main Street, stated he handed me a petition regarding the  
2015-09 Ordinance, stating it wasn't in the agenda.

Council President Lynn addressed the concern and it was in the official agenda on  
March 17<sup>th</sup> for first reading, and you should keep the facts straight.

**OPEN TIME**

Councilman Piazza stated that they had the first meeting of the trail committee and  
that Mike Muckle and the Youth Corp is ready to go. Councilman Fey gave  
congratulations to V. Kleiner from himself and Gina. Councilman Stettner also  
shared in congratulations. Councilman Tersigni had fun bowling with Council  
President Lynn last Saturday; they beat Belvidere and had a great team. Council  
Vice President Tersigni congratulated V. Kleiner. Council President Lynn stated  
that Council Vice President Tersigni is a good bowler and our team cleaned out the  
awards table. Council President Lynn stated congratulations and that they  
appreciated what she does for them. Council President Lynn spoke about the Earth



Day ceremony, Also, Friday is Arbor Day, and we are planning pink dog woods at Shappell Park at 3:45PM. Chief, I will be at the open house Saturday, are you going to have any food? Chief responded donuts!  
Council President Lynn stated he hoped that Taz would be there.

**MOTIONS NONE**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING None**

R: 2015-

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING property acquisition.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NAYS: None