

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2015

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 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, Piazza, Tersigni

Absent

Stettner

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Wyant, Clerk Kleiner,
Attorney Wenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
Were submitted for approval:

Council Meeting 05-05-2015

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Tersigni, Lynn, Piazza, Fey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stetter

APPROVAL OF BILLS

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$	126,952.94
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		231,108.32
CAPITAL FUND		14,728.15
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		150,520.75
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND		881,405.10
Total regular bills list May 19, 2015	\$	1,404,715.26
SECTION 8 RENT PAYMENTS JUNE 01, 2015	\$	135,500.16
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF May 19, 2015		
CURRENT FUND	\$	2,000.00
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	\$	44,500.00
AGENCY FUND-PENSION PAYMENTS	\$	148,034.51
TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST	\$	194, 534, 51
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$	1,734,749.93

Discussion: None

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Piazza, Lynn, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

OLD BUSINESS NONE

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Wyant stated that he hired two part time individuals both in the inspections department. One will be working taking care of the complaints of grass and weeds; while Paul Smith is out he is very ill right now. The other will work with the overflow in the inspections office and handle the planning board, Cheree Carney, and Adam Kita; both live in town and highly recommended and have impressive resumes. They will start a week from today.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Stan Schrek stated that they are working on Phase 6 and they have a new contractor Your Way Construction, they are doing a nice job so far. Shelly is pleased also.

Z Brothers is doing concrete on Washington Street, when that is done they will mill and pave.

Phase 7 the survey is complete and we are getting ready to bid while we have the contractors working in the area.

Council President Lynn asked about the road resurfacing. Stan Schrek stated that Dennis is running that through the CO-OP. It was part of the new services that were added in 2012. So aqua is paying half and the Town is paying half. 2013-2014 will start soon on Bullman and Sitgreaves Streets. I spoke to John Hildebrandt and their part of the contribution is coming soon. Aqua has some additional projects for another year.

Mayor Wyant stated Glenn, Raymond and Schaffer to Joseph will have new mains so they will get a better waters supply to the hydrants, which are going on as we speak.

Stan Schrek stated that the Chief and Dennis got together to discuss the traffic during the construction.

Council Vice President Tersigni asked why there was no work today, on the last part of Center Street. Stan Schrek said they would be back tomorrow there was a threat of showers.

CHIEFS REPORT

The Chief hands out his stats to the Council, community policing had 143 hours, zone 2 had students from the high school walking in the roadway on Morris and Summit. Zone 3 there are kids in the park late at night, Spruce Alley kids have no respect for the neighbors.

Officer Marino is the school resource officer and he had games with third, fourth and fifth grade students at the high school. They had 80 students, 72 parents 100 spectators that came out to participate.

We have Click it or Ticket going on from boarder to boarder, which is seat belt enforcement, we received a \$4,000.00 grant to pay for the extra patrols it goes from now to May 31, 2015. This is the second year we received the grant.

We are also getting another grant from State Farm, with the help of Georgine Trinkle, for safe teen driving.

One other thing the ACO report is a bit sparse, he had a medical emergency and he is back with is in mind and body and we are very happy, fortunately the squad and the force was there to help revive him.

Council Vice President Tersigni I would like to say for the record that crime went down 40% from last year which makes me proud. The paperwork states significant decrease in the crime in the Town of Phillipsburg.

Mayor Wyant said Chief we had a complaint in Valley View kids playing basketball in the street. An Officer came over and said it was not illegal. The Chief questions which street, Mayor Wyant stated Gate Street, and the Chief stated it is illegal and not safe, I will look into it.

Councilman Piazza said he was noticing coming back from Easton making that people are making left hand turns over the bridge.

The Chief stated it is handled by the State Police

Councilman Piazza stated that he almost clipped a guy

Council President Lynn stated that people don't read the signs

Chief stated they ignore the signs

Mayor Wyant stated that they have to cross two lanes of traffic

Councilmen Piazza said when it was talked about in the paper it people were cautious, now it is more prevalent.

Chief stated that he is friends with the State Policy Commander at Perryville, we talk often we can address that.

Thanks.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Meyner, 392 South Main Street, questions Ordinance 2015-14 section 117 A change of wording of Municipality Attorney Wenner Stated that Municipality or Entity Joe Meyner stated so Municipality can Joe Meyner questioned R2015-87 miscellaneous grant money Council President Lynn stated it was a Chapter 159 Attorney Wenner stated a special item of revenue, dedication of rider.

Thanks

Mayor Wyant questioned Joe Meyner on why he doesn't participate in the pledge. Joe Meyner stated he pledges to humanity, not to an item, but I have respect to the nation too.

ORDINANCES

O: 2015-10A (Second 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.

Councilman Fey made a motion to table this ordinance until the planning board has a chance to finish review. A second was made by Councilman Tersigni.

ROLL CALL

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

 O: 2015 -14 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 117, *REDEVELOPMENT*, ARTICLE I, *PLANS AND PROJECTS*, 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
Fey		x	x			
Piazza			x			
Stettner						x
Tersigni	x		x			
Lynn			x			

 13. **RESOLUTIONS**

R: 2015-76

Supporting the *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization of May 18 – 31, 2015 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

 R: 2015 – 77

A RESOLUTION SAFE DRIVING was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

R: 2015-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED CONTRACT TO WHL ENTERPRISES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,900.00 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

R: 2015-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED CONTRACT TO IRON HILLS CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,889.00 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

R: 2015-80

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

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

R: 2015-81

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVER PAYMENT was introduced by Councilman Tersigni

who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R: 2015-82

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVER PAYMENT DUE TO TAX APPEALS was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R: 2015-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED CONTRACT TO MONTANA CONSTRUCTION CORP. INC. IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$124,750.00 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R: 2015-84

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) CLICK IT OR TICKET was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R: 2015-85

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) SOUTH MAIN STREET PHASE 7 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

 R: 2015-86

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) CLEAN COMMUNITIES was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

 R: 2015-87

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE BOARD OF EDUCATION MATCH was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

R: 2015-88

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FORD MOTOR was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

R: 2015-89

A RESOLUTION IN REM FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

R: 2015 - 90

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO REQUIRE BIDDERS ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS ESTIMATED TO EQUAL OR EXCEED \$750,000 TO EMPLOY HIGHLY SKILLED WORKERS was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NEW BUSINESS None

Council President Lynn spoke about the bid on the Bond Anticipation Notes (BANS) and the rate that we just received .69% from PNC Bank who won the bid.

Council Vice President Tersigni requested that an Ordinance is done by Rich Wenner the attorney for the Mayor to be a part of the redevelopment committee. Attorney Wenner stated that the first reading is tonight and it reflects the Governing Body

Council Vice President Tersigni stated that it is taken for granted that the Mayor is part of that.

Attorney Wenner stated that it mirrors the Statute.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Wayne Morris, 589 Congress Street, is concerned about the big field in his back yard, and wants to know if the deal IR redevelopment is finalized with OPUS on the IR property

Council President Lynn stated that it is in the early stages

Wayne Morris asked if it will be fenced off

Attorney Wenner stated that they will be a public meeting where you can comment on the planning process.

Wayne Morris asked if it will be a 24 hour operation

Attorney Wenner stated that the company has not formally presented a plan; it is logistics, e commerce products. On June 9th they will appear in front of Council at a work session and they can field your questions. The Town has not yet named a redeveloper, the Town only agreed not to discuss the property with any other parties, this is very preliminary. There is a lot that has to happen, Bond Council, Engineers, all has to happen the powers of the operations.

Wayne Morris the photo shows six building are they set how far they are going to be.

Mayor Wyant stated the process is in the making, there are no plans set yet it is very preliminary, the only thing that you will see is the back of the building, there will be no truck traffic

Wayne Morris do you think it will affect the home evaluation

Mayor Wyant stated hopefully for the better

Wayne Morris I see everything but bears in my back yard

Mayor Wyant stated again this is totally preliminary; there will be screenings, plants, and pines.

Wayne Morris trees

Mayor Wyant no not yet

Wayne Morris will they be hiring local

Mayor Wyant stated again it is too preliminary to discuss what you are asking

Wayne Morris we are concerned about the soccer field. IR had a baseball field which got to be a hang out, where kids drink, do drugs there are needles and for entertainment they set fires. Will it be leased out for teams?

Mayor Wyant the latest blue prints shows no soccer field at this time. Thanks

Councilman Lynn stated that when things move forward the planning board will send you a notice and you will a perfect opportunity to speak

Councilman Fey stated that that the past Councils haven't been as transparent as this Council has been, and were so open people are ahead of the game. Were so transparent and open we are want the public to know what's going on. It is going to create opportunity for jobs and retail, that's what we're envisioning looking out your door is not going to be grand central station with trucks.

Wayne Morris they all want to know

Council President Lynn Stated hold on to your questions and take to the planning board.

Wayne Morris I am here today because we thought they were going to be here.

Council Vice President Tersigni I agree in what Councilman Fey stated, we also spoke to Mrs. Grube and vowed to her to be most transparent and change to the best over the last 100 years. This Mayor and Council doing the best, she knows and you can call me anytime I will answer any question you have. Thank you.

Joe Meyner, 392 South Main Street, I live more than 200 feet how will I know what happens at the planning board

Attorney Wenner stated that Town Council has to review 10 A and offer comments to Council back to the redevelopment plan for Commerce Park.

Joe Meyner and so it's just regarding the solar panels

Council President Lynn stated yes

Joe Meyner questioned just altering the plan

Council President Lynn stated yes

OPEN TIME

Councilman Piazza stated that the Main Street Initiative is getting started and their goals were to bring back downtown, the leadership team and the Main Street Initiative can be merged together to avoid redundancy. The PLT served its purpose the last five years and sounded very promising.

Councilman Fey stated that the busing routes and senior housing changes are set; I received confirmation of a schedule change and driver for around Town. I worked a lot with Jan McGuire and they are stopping at the housing and then the senior center, they will be able to participate in the Nutrition program of Warren County. When this happens it will be a nice asset for seniors in the area.

Mayor Wyant reminded everyone that the Memorial Day parade is coming up and that the ceremony will start at the Bridge this year, then we will walk down to Shappell Park and lay a wreath and continue to Walters Park. I would need the Council to meet at 10:30 am At Broad and North Main, to honor our fallen soldiers.

Council Vice President Tersigni tomorrow night is the Chamber Dinner at 5:30 and Maryann Ignatz is going to be honored for 100 years and four generations in the Town, and I will see you at the Memorial Day Parade.

MOTIONS

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1212 issued to the Exchange Club of Warren County for an off premise Raffle on October 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM Councilman Piazza moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Piazza, Lynn,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

ABSTAIN: Tersigni

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

 NAYS: None

 ABSENT: Stettner