

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2013

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 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 Michele Broubalow, Clerk Administrator one year anniversary of her passing & the Oklahoma City families lost due to the tornado

INVOCATION by Councilman Tersigni

PLEDGE By the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Piazza, Tersigni, Lynn, Stettner
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-05-07-13

Discussion: Amendment to minutes to include John Lynn on votes for resolutions 71,72,74,75,76, and Bond Ordinance

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 68,764.86
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	2,751.10
GENERAL TRUST FUND	250.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	4,825.49
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND	2,460.00

SECTION 8 RENT PAYMENTS

\$135,909.50

Grand Total all funds

\$214,960.95

Motion

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

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

 NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS NONE

MAYORS REPORT

Chief Faulborn' s report still several people speeding on Heckman St., John Mitchel, Irwin St., Heckman St.

Fillmore we are watching curfew there is still dumping going on around Town.

Council President Fey questioned will there be a pick-up in activity once school is out?

Chief Faulborn stated that the aggravated assault on Davis St., we put some plain clothes officers and more uniforms out watching and being proactive

Council President Fey said the hot spots will be covered more

Chief Faulborn we have had multiple calls regarding Davis St.,

Thanks Chief

Mayor Wyant reports that the employees signed a petition to have the Friday after July 4th off to make it a long weekend, the Administration nothing was received from the DPW. I want to ask council to take this into consideration.

Councilman Tersigni made a motion to allow the Administration offices to be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza. The motion carried a 5 – 0 vote.

Mayor Wyant reiterated closing the Administration not DPW.

Mayor Wyant also spoke to council regarding a letter from Scott Scholfield and his pipes that froze and water ran out the back door. This is a rental property where the tenant went away the pipes froze and broke and for days the water ran out the door. The sewer bill was quite high, he had a plumber repair it and in the last 12months his bill was \$77 was the highest went to \$1500.00 with the break I would like Council to give some consideration on that sewer bill.

Council President Fey not full payment we are open to suggestions

Councilman Tersigni said well maybe half of the bill

Mayor Wyant stated any consideration when the tenant left that is when the pipes broke.

Councilman Lynn questioned what did the water company do? Half is too much

Mayor Wyant stated that the water was used, the pipe broke didn't go through

Councilman Stettner stated that the way we used to do this is to go back to the usage of this place and to the average monthly cost.

Councilman Lynn went from 40 to 1500

Councilman Stettner stated that 176.46 was the highest so we can go back to the highest amount.

Councilman Stettner made a motion to go back to the highest average of \$ 176.46. Councilman Tersigni seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 5 – 0 vote

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES

O: 2013-09 (Second Reading & Final Reading)

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 123 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED “SEWER UTILITY” was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Lynn and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Lynn moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2013-10 (Second Reading & final reading)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$517,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$484,969 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Tersigni and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Tersigni moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2013-78

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-79

A RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASES
UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT was introduced by
Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was
seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-80

A RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASES
UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT 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: 2013-81

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT AGREEMENT EXECUTION BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-82

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-83

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) was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-84

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

Discussion Councilman Lynn questioned how many employees? Mayor Wyant stated that covers two employees

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-85

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-86

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) was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

Discussion: Mayor Wyant stated this is County Grant

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-87

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) 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: 2013-88

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

Discussion: Mayor Wyant stated that this is a testament to the employees they are a good crew

R: 2013-89

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ACTING COURT ADMINISTRATOR was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Discussion: it will cover maternity leave and on a will call basis

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-90

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 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: 2013-91

I A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER *EX OFFICIO* OF THE RENTS AND INCOME OF BLOCK 2201, LOT 9 IN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

Discussion: Councilman Lynn questioned if this was something new
Mayor Wyant stated White Rocks Chemical has several rentals that we can collect rents from to put toward unpaid taxes, like Carl's Auto Glass, and Paul's Auto Body.

Councilman Tersigni stated like garnishing wages

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Blaine Fehley, 237 Bowhay Ave., tonight the attorney enforced the ordinance about recording, I do it closer because of the sound system I can't hear, if you chance the sound system like I have asked for the last few years I wouldn't have any problems

Another thing I thought someone with a criminal record couldn't be on a committee, planning board, zoning board, Tim Burger pleaded guilty ...

Attorney Wenner advised not to speak on it

Blaine Fehley stated that Councilman Tersigni said that there was money left in the budget

Councilman Tersigni stated that other measures have been taken and there is money left and we are going to expand that program

Blain Fehley Mr. Lynn I tried to email you when televised and when on web site?

Dustin Pierce the graduation is June 13th no May 13th

MS. Dowd of the Phillipsburg Area Chamber of Commerce would like to invite the Council to a meet and greet at the Atlantic States on June 24th 5 – 7 pm

Open Time

Councilman Tersigni stated that Saturday at noon the pool will be opening and I would like to thank St. Luke's Warren again for the donation the last two years.

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1165 issued to Barber Elementary School for a basket raffle to be conducted on June 06, 2013. Councilman Piazza moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2013-92A

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF contractual sewer utility action may be taken.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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