

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 03, 2014

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 03, 2014 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 Stettner.

INVOCATION by Councilman Fey

PLEDGE by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Council President	Tersigni
	Council Members:	Fey, Stettner, Piazza
	Absent:	Lynn

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Wyant, Acting Clerk Kleiner,  
Attorney Wenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of meeting minutes  
Were submitted for approval:

**Regular Meeting-05-20-14**

Motion

Councilman Stettner moved for approval of minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Tersigni, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynn

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$	884,691.86
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		8,747.50
CAPITAL FUND		4,522.12
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		12,398.54
SECTION 8		944.93
GENERAL TRUST FUND		1,889.46
<b>Total regular bills list JUNE 03, 2014</b>		<b>\$931,303.61</b>

Section 8 Rent Payments \$ 0

PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF June 03, 2014

CURRENT FUND	\$	1,730.48
State & Federal Grants		50,800.00

AGENCY FUND-PENSION PAYMENTS 138,413.39

**TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST \$ 190,943.87**

**GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS \$ 1,122,247.48**

**SPEAKER** - Brenda Seals – Media Literacy Coordinator for the Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center – handed out packets to Council. The Executive Director spoke about the Domestic Violence murders that Warren County has had in the last six months. She spoke about her background working in this field before it was an actual field. The agency is a full service agency, victims, domestic violence, sexual assault hot lines, and shelter. They have hospital, police and court advocacy. It takes a woman eight (8) times to try and leave before they are successful. I came from Paterson to this rural community where transportation is not good, we started doing telephone counseling and we are changing the conversation. One in every three woman is a victim of Domestic abuse or Sexual Assault. The average person sees 1500 ads per day, images, and products. We need to change the way we look at things, advertising walks a fine line to pornography. I am asking council to sign this proclamation on media marketing and who’s empowered and who’s disempowered.

Council President Tersigni – Thanks for coming in

Councilman Piazza made a motion to sign the proclamation. Councilmen Stettner seconded the motion.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Tersigni, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynn

PROCLAMATION: Given by Council for Charlie Bowlby  
\*copy of proclamation attached

Certificates – Community Emergency Response Team Training members –  
Certificates handed out by Mayor Wyant, Mabel Cook and Rich Hay. This is the  
13<sup>th</sup> Cert Team we have had and 10<sup>th</sup> year which I attribute to Mabel Cook.

Capt. Howard Butt, congratulations to the CERT members, there are 23,000 CERT  
members across the State of New Jersey, we only have 8.6 million to go. To sum  
things up you all make a difference, you are there when you're needed and the  
Town calls you with the abilities you didn't have before. The response and  
recovery efforts there are never enough EMT's, when all hands on deck the first  
responders make a difference. Keep up the great work and again congratulations.

HABITABILITY HEARING 1116 South Main Street (Ice House Property)

This is a continued habitability hearing; Mr. Duddy as well as Attorney Wenner  
spoke to Mr. Hernandez. He is here tonight to discuss the work on the property.

Mr. Hernandez stated that he apologized for not being here the past few weeks, at  
this time he has taken out permits and is using the same contractor as before with  
the tower, to remove the debris.

Council President Tersigni asked when the work will be starting

Mr. Hernandez stated next week

Councilman Fey asked Kevin Duddy are you working with Mr. Hernandez

Kevin Duddy stated he spoke with Bob Johnson (contractor) and things are  
progressing

Mr. Hernandez stated he filed all the permits

Kevin Duddy stated that all the wood and roof that's inside will be removed, the  
structure will remain

Mr. Hernandez stated that the contactor will start next week

Councilman Piazza asked if the building is stabilized and you will keep the stone, how long with this take

Mr. Hernandez stated a week to week and a half

Councilman Piazza asked what are you planning on doing with the property

Mr. Hernandez said that Barry – Engineers, they are reviewing the wet lands and I am not sure what I am going to do yet

Councilman Piazza stated that he hopes that you will come back and tell us your plans

Mr. Hernandez said he was open to it and ideas for the property too

Councilman Piazza said that it was a safety issue and we have a better comfort zone now, I wish you a lot of luck

Council President Tersigni stated I was harsh last meeting you vowed and kept your word stated I was harsh last meeting you vowed and kept your word you will vow again to stabilize and I'll believe you, and you have made the property look better and I appreciate you came here tonight

Councilmen Stettner keep everyone happy keep in touch with the inspection office

Mayor Wyant asked there are five (5) lots, and does the property go up to the Pohatcong border where the cell tower lot is

Mr. Hernandez stated cell tower has long term lease

OLD BUSINESS NONE

MAYORS REPORT

Need executive session tonight

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS NONE

ORDINANCES

O: 2014-14 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 422 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG ENTITLED *PARKS* TO AMEND SECTION 422-17, *ANIMALS PROHIBITED*, AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 422-17.1 ENTITLED *DELAWARE RIVER PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS* 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 Fey.

Discussion: Thanks Officer Deluca

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Tersigni, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynn

RESOLUTIONS

R-2014-92

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA AND THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE SHARED COURT was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Discussion: Council President Tersigni stated it was an honor to work with Millard Rooks on the agreement and I look forward to working with them

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Tersigni, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynn

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R: 2014 - 100

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIR TO PHILLIPSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Tersigni, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynn

R: 2014-101

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 Grant was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Tersigni, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynn

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R: 2014-102

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF STREETS AND A MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Tersigni, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynn

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### PUBLIC PETITIONS

Joe Meyner, South Main Street, I am still appealing to you and I hope to get your ear I know your honorable people (letter read by Mr. Meyner attached), I want you to think about the lead polluted site, sewer system and the local tax issue along with the number of students. The police and Fire coverage will be increased also. Thank you



Dustin Pierce, 119 Lewis Street, would like to get some trees pruned because it is too hard to see cars.

Councilmen Piazza stated at Bates and Marshal Street

Dustin Pierce stated to avoid a catastrophic event

Councilman Piazza stated to get in touch with Councilman Lynn

Council President Tersigni stated tell him your concerns

Dustin asked about the weeds growing up on John Street

Councilman Piazza stated that we have a statute in place to make sure it gets done properly

Thank you

### OPENTIME

Council President Tersigni said that Saturday he went to the # 1 Fire Company 100 year celebrations I was honored to be there. Mayor Wyant read a proclamation there was 175 people at Flynn's it was a memorable experience thanks to the Fireman who protect our community

### MOTIONS

NONE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2014-103

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING contractual matters Commerce Park and the Fire House at 292 Chambers Street, action may be taken. Councilmen Stettner adopted the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilmen Fey.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynn

A motion was made to reconvene regular session by Councilman Stettner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynn

Councilman Piazza motioned to have a habitability and welfare hearing on the properties of 475 South Main Street and 383 Grant Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lynn

### ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Stettner moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey. Motion was carried with a 4 – 0 vote - Councilman Lynn is Absent