

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 05, 2012

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 05, 2012 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 Fey.

INVOCATION By Bernie Fey

MOMENT OF SILENCE In Memory of Michele D. Broubalow

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE By the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

President: Piazza

ABSENT: None

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Wyant, Acting Clerk Kleiner,
Attorney Wenner and Engineer
Schrek

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were
submitted for approval:

Meeting – May 01, 2012
Special Meeting – May 21, 2012

Motion

Councilman Lynn motioned for approval of minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni, which carried by a 4-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment approval:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 186,577.22
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	6,094.00
SECTION 8	2,184.10
CAPITAL FUND	19,963.31
PUBLIC DEFENDER TRUST FUND	0
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	20,096.48
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND	0
Section 8 Rent Payments for 2012	
SECTION 8 PROGRAM	0
Pre-Paid Bill List as of January 17, 2012	
CURRENT FUND	731,276.08
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	63,703.00

Motion

Councilman Tersigni moved for approval of bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Main Street, Phase 5

Engineer reported bids received May 24, for the Main Street Improvements. He reported the low bidder was determined to be Z Brothers Concrete with a bid amount of \$327,888.77.

Engineer advised that he would be applying for a grant from the Department of Transportation later this week.

Main Street, Phase 4

The Engineer stated that phase 4, is right on schedule to be completed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor expressed his sadness for Michele Broubalow who served as the Town's Clerk/Administrator. He stated Michele served the Town extremely well over the years and the Town will be extremely lost without her.

Mayor referred to Michele Broubalow as the "glue that held us together." Mayor wants to rename Frost Ave., to the Town parking lot Broubalow Way.

Mayor stated that her death has been a tremendous shock to this administration.

The Mayor thanked Todd Tersigni for volunteering his services and man power on getting the pool house painted and ready for the season. He wanted to Thank Al Andowski and Ryanatto also for their time and efforts.

Mayor congratulated Officer Goodell on his traffic stop and getting guns off the street.

Mayor also spoke of fallen Officer Rossnagle from the Bethlehem and Washington Township Police Department. Funeral services are Thurs at Doyle Devlin and Friday and part of South Main Street will be closed for the services for 20 minutes to a half hour.

Mayor addresses the Police Chief Faulborn about the Animal Control Officer doing a great job seven days a week. Thanked ACO Catalli for saving the Town money by fostering the pets out till they get adopted.

Mayor addressed Officer Franceschino about the Community Policing and the great job they are doing with the programs, Teen night at the FYC, the graffiti clean ups, park clean up, Cop and Kids reading program has taken off well. The Police are going to be involved with the fall festival in Shappel Park along with the Chamber, and Downtown association.

Councilman President Piazza stated that there are young adults in the Historical Society that can also help with clean ups.

Councilman Tersigni said that he has received several emails and phone calls in regards to the great job the Police department has done getting out into the community.

Mayor stated how nice it is to see all the community services working together: Police, NORWESCAP, Downtown Assoc., and Shade Tree Com. All to make the community a better place

Chief Faulborn stated that several officers are now taking on individual issues that they are coordinating to get involved in the community, i.e., Officer Deluca and the Dog Park, Officer Sandor with pedestrian assist., Officer Stettner and the Playground at Brainard St.,

Mayor addressed Georgine from NORWESCAP who has been involved with bringing the Community Policing into the classroom and

involved in the community. She has recently found grant opportunity for Phillipsburg that will help in a Five year plan which could bring \$100,000.00 in funding for recreation and Community Policing strategies.

Councilman Fey said there are great plans for the Community Policing and Thanks to all involved.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Tom Bush, Columbus Ave., Thanked Councilman Fey for his kind words about Michele Broubalow.

Mr. Bush had a question on the O: 2012-09 Pool Wages; and R: 2012-93 the name of which property was being foreclosed on Riverview Org.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2012-80

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR REFUND OF TAXOVERPAYMENT Councilman Tersigni moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R:2012-81 A RESOLUTION PROVINDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE UN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OF MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A: 4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) was introduced by Council President Piazza, Councilman Tersigni moved for its adoption. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-82

A RESOLUTION APPROVING LIST FOR TOWING SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR YEAR 2012 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-83

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF SECTION 8 MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TO THE PHILLIPSBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY. The Motion was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Fey

R: 2012-84

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTINO OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND PHILLIPSBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Fey

R: 2012-85

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING HANDICAP PARKING SPACES WITH THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-86

A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE CUSTODIAN OF THE PETTY CASH FUND WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-87

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CHANGE IN THE TITLE, TEXT OR AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A: 4-85 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-88

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RACHELLYN EDINGER AS TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 20120-89

A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE PENSION AND BENEFITS CERTIFYING OFFICER AND CERTIFYING SUPERVISOR WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-90

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASE UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-91A

RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASE UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-92

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASE FOR THE MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 5 was introduced by Councilman Stettner and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-93

A RESOLUTION IN REM FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS was introduced by Councilman Stettner and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Piazza

R: 2012-094

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES was introduced by Councilman Stettner and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2012-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE O-2-11-20 ADOPTED DECEMBER 06, 2011 was introduced by Councilman Fey and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Stettner, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Lynn

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Thomas Bush, Columbus Avenue, questioned status the CFO certificate and salary. Mr., Bush also wanting to know the dollar amount saved on difference between CFO/ TAX Collector and Joe Hriczaks salary.

Blain Fehley, 237 Bowhay Ave., questioned about the Ice House, with tall grass, roof caved in why that doesn't get fixed. The property owner is responsible, why hasn't Kevin Duddy given them a summons.

Mr. Fehley asked about an Ordinance that was passed with Criminal record in regards to Mr. Tim Burger and a disorderly conduct that he has and being on the zoning board. Town Council stated it was at the discretion of the board there is an escape clause.

Mr. Fehley heard that the PNC building was being given away, but Mayor Wyant stated that there is a private buyer for that property.

Mr. Fehley questioned why nothing was done about the Latin Kings that on in a building on Stockton Street. He said he had photos of them. The Police Chief Faulborn will discuss with Mr. Fehley after the meeting. Police Chief Faulborn was unaware of the presence of the Latin Kings.

Mr. Fehley was also concerned about the ACO using a Town vehicle to drop a student off at school and leaving the motor and lights of the vehicle running.

OPEN TIME

Chief Faulborn stated that the criminal activity has gone down drastically since one year ago. Council thanked the Chief for that.

Councilman Stettner made note of the error of the Resolution numbers were out of sequence 185 should have been 85.

Motion

Application for Active Duty – Michael S. Eaton – Lincoln Engine Co. No. 2. Councilman Tersigni moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey. Councilman Tersigni thanked Michael Eaton for his service.

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

 NAYS: None

EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2012-95

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING.
No action taken

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

 NAYS: None

President Piazza moved for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Councilman Lynn seconded the motion.

APPROVED:

SUBMITTED BY:

RANDY S. PIAZZA, SR.
Council President

VICTORIA L. KLEINER
Acting Municipal Clerk