

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2015

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 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, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Wyant, Clerk Kleiner,
Attorney Wenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
Were submitted for approval:

Council Mtg. 06-02-2015

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Tersigni, Lynn, Piazza, Fey

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Stettner

APPROVAL OF BILLS

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$	222,916.91
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		72,367.26
CAPITAL FUND		31,308.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		199,406.61
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND		200.00
SECTION 8		3,587.56
COMMERCE PARK REDEVELOPMENT		750.00
Total regular bills list June 16, 2015	\$	534,523.92
SECTION 8 RENT PAYMENTS July 01, 2015	\$	138,767.16
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF June 16, 2015		
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	\$	60,900.00
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL	\$	34,206.78

TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST	\$	95,106.78
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$	768,397.86

Discussion: None

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS None

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor stated that there is an additional resolution for Phase 7, we had bids today and I encourage you all to take a look, goes in front of Andover Morris school and we need to get this done before school starts, that is why it is on for tonight.

Along with that 624 South Main street the individual had pipes break, it was a vacant property, three quarters of their prior sewer rate was \$15.00 in 2013 the highest bill was 133.40, they received a bill for \$969.52, I wanted to bring this to your attention they received no adjustment from Aqua, they used the water but it didn't go down the sewer.

Council President Lynn questioned if this has been done in the past, adjusting the bill.

Mayor Wyant responded that we have given credit when Aqua gave credits, but no used for personal purposes.

Council President Lynn water usage or sewer

Mayor Wyant stated Sewer gallons

Council President Lynn stated that we should help them with the sewer, Council what are your thoughts?

Councilman Stettner questioned the highest amount on the bill

Councilman Fey it's is something that went undetected – we should look at the highest bill

Councilman Tersigni questioned do we take an average
Council President Lynn said we need to help them
Attorney Wenner stated that the water didn't go down the sewer
Councilman Stettner said we need to check the sidewalk for cracks and damages
that could have been cause by the water leak
Council President Lynn questioned if we can do that tonight
Mayor Wyant stated we would use the highest bill

CHIEFS REPORT

Chief Faulborn hands out his report to the Council. It was a quiet month, some abandoned vehicles, people not picking up after their pets downtown. We had 160 hours of community service no complaints in zone 1 & 2, zone 3 was quiet. We had some car break in that's common during the warmer weather.

Mayor Wyant asked if anyone had questions for the Chief.

Councilman Bernie Fey questioned the Davis Street area, when kids are out late like last year, now that school out, are we watching the curfew.

Chief stated the onset of warm weather the officers are out on foot we had several complaints of fast cars on Davis Street. No kid issues at this time.

Council President Lynn questioned the two new vehicles

Chief Faulborn stated the vehicles are Ford Explorers, more room for the bigger officers the Taurus's are more cumbersome, they were the same price as the lease of the Taurus.

Councilman Stettner lot of times we receive grants

Chief Faulborn stated that the Department of Justice was here last week

Councilman Stettner looks good?

Chief Faulborn said it was too early but he was impressed

Councilman Piazza questioned what type of reception the police get from the residents while they are out there, are you making progress

Chief said yes it is we set an office that is more hesitant it is a learning experience, we pair up depending on the area of Town, some areas are different than others, individuals, or quality of life issues

Council Vice President Tersigni stated Heckman Street should have the speed apparatus, is it possible to put that unit there

Chief Faulborn stated that they haven't read the data yet

Council Vice President Tersigni I am just passing along the information

Chief Faulborn we are doing more enforcement better deploy resources

Councilman Fey stated there is a lot of speeding on Logan Street, Saturday and Sunday mornings, I sit out there I don't believe they aren't going 50 mph. More so on the weekend time the kids are playing we have close to 12 kids in the

neighborhood under 10 year old and an autistic child, we should have a sign to show how fast they are going, then they may slow down.
Mayor Wyant Roseberry Street is 40 mph and Green Street and Logan are 35 mph
Councilman Stettner stated that was done because of the school
Mayor Wyant stated driving lane by projects is also too high
Council President Lynn stated maybe we need to look at other street speeds and look at reducing them at a work session
Councilman Stettner, Mayor remember we made 35mph curb there on Rte. 22, where DOT dropped to 35mph that was the original concept.
Thank you Chief.

ENGINEER REPORT

Stan Schrek stated I was going to speak on Phase 7 but you beat me to it Mayor.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Meyner, 392 South Main Street, questioned R2015-101, Attorney Wenner stated remember I read the letter after the executive session
Joe Meyner questioned no pilot mentioned, # 3 agreements – tentative put together with Mayor and OPUS
Attorney Wenner stated Council and Mayor along with the professionals and redeveloper
Joe Meyner repeated what Attorney Wenner stated.

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			

 O: 2015-15 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SALARIES

ROLL CALL

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

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2015-99

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING LIEN FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES 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: 2015-100

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015- 101

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG DESIGNATING OPUS INVESTMENTS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY THE REDEVELOPER OF THE INGERSOLL RAND REDEVELOPMENT AREA AND APPROVING THE NEGOTIATION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

Discussion: Council President Lynn stated that the Town will benefit from OPUS Investments experience it will be successful. I am excited to be on Town Council and working with OPUS. I look forward to results positive results.

Council Vice President Tersigni stated tonight we name OPUS Investments to the IR tract time to deliver for the Town of Phillipsburg, jobs prosperity, you gave us your word and I believe in them, thank you.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

R: 2015-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED CONTRACT TO Z BROTHERS CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$379,999.82 FOR MAIN STREET PHASE 7 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: 2015-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENTS IN THE SEWER SERVICE BILL was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS NONE

PUBLIC PETITIONS NONE

OPEN TIME

Council Vice President Tersigni reminded everyone that every Thursday in June and July we have music in Shappell Park, and I want to commend Mayor Harry Wyant for that.

Councilman Fey officially welcomed OPUS and he looks forward to working with them

Mayor Wyant is very excited about the project and working closely with OPUS, they are working hard and at great speed, appointing them redeveloper I hope that it continues at the same rate of speed. This is an important project for the residents and creating jobs and retables. The loss of IR and the 5,000 employees took a huge toll on the tax base, it is great seeing this and I truly believe it's going to happen.

Council President Lynn this is a great opportunity for OPUS and the Town of Phillipsburg and I do believe it is going to happen.

MOTIONS NONE

EXECUTIVE MEETING None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None