

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2014

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 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 Lynn

PLEDGE

by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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-06-03-14
Executive Meeting 06-03-14

Discussion: Added amended minutes.

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	\$	213,896.84
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		36,135.80
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		180,002.52
SECTION 8		855.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND		665.00
Total regular bills list JUNE 17, 2014		\$431,555.15

Section 8 Rent Payments	\$	135,496.00
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PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF June 17, 2014

CURRENT FUND	\$	839.96
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TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST **\$ 839.96**

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS **\$ 567,891.11**

OLD BUSINESS NONE

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Wyant stated he had received a resignation from Rachel Edinger the Tax Collector and that he would like to appoint Sandra Callery as the Tax Collector to finish Rachel Edinger's term and then she will be re-appointed by the new Mayor. Her salary will be \$70,000.00 that's a savings of over \$12,000.00 as Tax Collector; I would like confirmation of that. A motion was made by Councilman Piazza. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

The Chief is here maybe you can hand out your stats and if there are any questions you can field them. I want to say that the Department is doing a fine job, last week with the arrest and getting 500 bags of heroin off the street locally. Please relay that to the officers.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Faulborn stated he would let them know. There have been some problems with juveniles in the playgrounds at Freeman school and also at Delaware Heights Park. We received the Federal grant and we are going to implement in the South Main Street to the Black Bridge to McKeen Street. We have had several quality of

life issues, the drug bust the Mayor spoke about. The third phase is to evaluate the up and coming Todd Miller was here two years ago spoke to members of the department and the Governing Body with the Community Policing standards.

Councilman Lynn asked the Chief is he has been in contact with him during this giving him the progress

Chief Faulborn said that he occasionally spoke to him maybe once a month we exchange emails

Council President Tersigni asked wasn't he out in Minnesota

Councilmen Piazza I want to commend you on that drug arrest

Mayor Wyant stated that the bail was low 20,000 – 10% didn't seem to fit the crime

Chief Faulborn said there were guidelines

Chief Faulborn thanked Council President Todd Tersigni for the support of the vehicle at the freeholders meeting

ENGINEERS REPORT

Stan Schrek said that Sitgreaves Street is done just finishing up the punch list, paving in the first week of July and finish the punch list.

The Washington Street project is going out for bid, we did an addendum to extend bid, receiving on July 10.

The Trail committee met twice and made a lot of progress, on Saturday we are walking and seeing where to put the (logo) signs for the trails.

Thanks Stan

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Meyner of South Main Street questioned 2014-17 ordinance, is this Riverfront Property?

Attorney Wenner stated that this is to do with fees and sketch plans, feedback formal site plans.

Mr. Meyner stated that was a good idea

Mr. Meyner asked about resolution 107 Sewer plant problems

Attorney Wenner stated it was part of the UV

Mayor Wyant stated that currently the way that we process is chlorine and we are trying to get away from that and use ultraviolet which is more efficient

Mr. Meyner so not sewer

Mayor Wyant stated it is sewer infrastructure update

NEW BUSINESS NONE

ORDINANCES

O: 2014-16 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AMENDING CHAPTER 67-28, PARKING LOTS, OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN OFF-
STREET PARKING LOTS was introduced for a first reading by
Councilman Piazza who moved that the ordinance be properly
advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn

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

NAYS: None

O: 2014-17 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 360 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG ENTITLED LAND USE PROCEDURES TO ADD A NEW SECTION REGARDING INFORMAL REVIEW was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Piazza who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2014-107

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A LOAN FROM THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PROGRAM AND SPECIFYING REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN APPLICATION was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-108

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-109

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CANCELLING GRANTS COMPLETED AND INACTIVE
PROJECTS was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved
for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman
Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-110

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2014-2015 LIQUOR LICENSES WITHIN TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-111

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR RENEWAL OF ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-112

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-113

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR PROTECTIVE FIRE EQUIPMENT was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REAPPOINTING VICTORIA L. KLEINER AS ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK AND REGISTRAR FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion: Councilman Lynn questioned if Acting Clerk Kleiner was on track to get certification. Council President Tersigni stated Acting Clerk Kleiner is doing a fine job.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-115

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR REFUND FOR UNUSED ESCROW was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R-2014-116

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED BY THE TOWN AT AN AUCTION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Mr. Joe Meyner, South Main Street. ** Please see attached sheet that Mr. Meyner read at the meeting.

Councilman Tersigni stated that Mr. Meyner's time was up, Mr. Timmond yield his time to Mr. Meyner.

Mr. Meyner proceeded to complete reading his write up.

Thank you Mr. Meyner

OPENTIME

Councilman Lynn- stated he finds it strange that they want to shut down the nutrition program and bus 25 elderly residents to Washington and at the same time open a new program in Knowlton Township that has four people. They need something here why are they trying to eliminate it here we need to make a strong effort to keep the nutrition program here.

Mayor Wyant Stated that Council President Tersigni presented a good case to Freeholder Smith, we received some feedback but not keeping it at the same location. They want to build participation up in Phillipsburg and they hope by doing it at the Senior Center they will get more people. Moving 25 -30 people to the Senior Center can build the Nutrition Center, can't say for sure but its heading that way.

Councilman Lynn stated that the reasoning doesn't make sense

Mayor Wyant stated they need to keep it open, the minimal amount adds up, it is needed and I have expressed that.

Council President Tersigni stated that basically reiterate what Mayor Wyant said that Freeholder Smith vowed to keep it in Phillipsburg not at the Bernadine May Home but at the Senior Center.

Councilman Fey stated that he sits on the Senior Center board and its better off at the Senior Center but no to take away or be detrimental to Bernadine May Home, it pays their bills, we support the post as well but it did come to the Senior Board, we are not willing to pull it away from them.

Councilman Stettner stated that the Nutrition Center Hackettstown and Blairstown as well

Mayor Wyant stated it will be a three hour trip up and back for the seniors, and we hope they don't take it away all together just rather go to the Senior Center if they make a choice we need to keep it here in Town.

MOTIONS

Approval for Raffle License No. RL:1190 issued to Exchange Club of Warren County for an Off- Premise Raffle on:

October 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM A motion was made by Councilman Stettner to approve the license. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Lynn

EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2014-117

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING Riverfront contractual no action to be taken

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Stettner moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey. Motion was carried with a