

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2015

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 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, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Wyant, Clerk Kleiner,
Attorney Moscagiuri

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
Were submitted for approval:

Council Meeting 07-07-15
Executive Meeting 07-07-15

Motion

Councilman Piazza moved for approval of the *Council* Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

Motion

Councilman Tersigni moved for approval of the *Executive* meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner

VOTE: YEAS Tersigni, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Fey

APPROVAL OF BILLS

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 257,452.77
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	22,373.28
CAPITAL FUND	37,884.27
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	521,990.91
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND	2,764,812.17
DOG TRUST FUND	71.60

PLANNING BOARD TRUST FUND	2,015.00
SECTION 8	1,111.04
COMMERCE PARK REDEVELOPMENT	18,814.67
Total regular bills list July 21, 2015	\$ 3,626,525.71
SECTION 8 RENT PAYMENTS AUGUST 2015	\$133,975.16
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF July 21, 2015	
CURRENT FUND	\$ 13,061.21
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 43,500.00
SEWER UTILITY FUND	\$ 3,503.51
AGENCY FUND	\$ 153,242.88
TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST	\$ 213,307.60
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$ 3,973,808.47

Discussion: None

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS None

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor introduced Georgine Trinkle from NORWESCAP and the Chief to speak about the upcoming events.

Georgine Trinkle reminded Attorney Wenner that he said he would run along with the Cops on the run 5 K for the Community Police Partnership. Tuesday, August 4th is National Night Out. It is an annual event we have some special things planned. Don't worry Mayor not a dunk tank; there was a suggestion last year with the traffic flow. Problem solving initiative, it is a party with free food. I will need to come in at a later date to talk about the Federal funding complete assessment, line officers and line staff. The Town of Phillipsburg compared to same size agencies we have 100% participation of the police department, every supervisor and staff member did this.

Council President Lynn added that the Council Meeting will be held in Shappell Park – thank you Georgine

Councilman Fey stated that 100% support, but this Council isn't much for running but we will support the effort.

Mayor Wyant stated that the Chief will be running

Chief Faulborn spoke about the Police Chaplin, that Captain Stettner reached out to clergy with in the different areas and they will work together.

Mayor Wyant stated that Ole Town Festival (OTF) went well, Saturday and Sunday was worse because it was hot. We had huge support from the Chief and other law enforcement, no incidents inside or outside the park. The presence of the Chief and law enforcement was great. Thank you, Chief for covering that.

Mayor stated that there were lots of good bands and a lot of work by a lot of people, well deserved thank you. Our next meeting will be in Shappell Park should be a light agenda.

CHIEFS REPORT

127 hours of Community Policing, no new problems, Delaware Heights there was poison ivy that DPW took care of. A few property code violations where people are not cleaning up after their pets.

We will be getting two new unmarked vehicles that should last 10 years, and I am looking forward to seeing you at the National Night Out.

Councilman Fey asked about putting the speed sign up at Logan and Green Street, the kids play on the sidewalk.

The Chief stated it is in Delaware Heights now

Councilman Piazza stated he too had asked about a street where people were going too fast.

Councilman Fey it will make people aware of their speed and that there are children present

MAYORS REPORT

Phase 6 between Center and Mckeen Street only have a few punch list items to complete. Phase 7 moving along quickly, the sidewalks in front of the school are almost done and should be complete before schools open next month.

Council President Lynn questions will we need to go back and start again

Mayor Wyant stated that we may need to stamp asphalt where the bricks settled it is not a smooth run; we did a large crack seal from Union Square to Stockton Street.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Timmann South Main Street, on the bills list what is the \$18,000.00 for the Commerce Park

Mayor Wyant stated that it was for Gary Brown – RT Environmental

ORDINANCES

O: 2015-16 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 375, *MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS*, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LICENSED MASSAGE AND BODYWORK 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 Stettner.

NO DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL

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

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2015-110

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING LIEN FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES 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

R: 2015-111

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2015-2016 LIQUOR LICENSES WITHIN TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

Discussion: With additional License (Nortons)

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-112

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR RENEWAL OF ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE 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: 2015-113

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) Donation from AQUA for New Water Lines 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

R: 2015-114

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF THIRD QUARTER 2015 COUNTY TAX AND OPEN SPACE TAX, DUE

AUGUST 15, 2015 was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-115

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 Tersigni.

Discussion: Council President Lynn questioned the same property, large amount. The Mayor Stated it has been going on for years.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-116

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING A PORTION OF RESOLUTION 2015-105; License number 2119-44-012-001 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

R: 2015 - 117

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-118

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 Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-119

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING PAYMENT OF THE THIRD QUARTER TAXES was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

Mayor Wyant stated that the bills did not go out on time, because we didn't get the rate from the County on time

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

NAYS: None

NEW BUSBUSINESS NONE

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Bill Timmann, 230 South Main Street, questioned if the Town had a Pay to Play, is Perrucci abandoning the property

Mayor Wyant stated that we abide by the State laws.

Council President Lynn questioned if we had an update on the Howard Street project.

Mayor Wyant stated that they are doing the plans over, so I understand that changes have been made. Don't know of any reason that they'll abandon the property.

Bill Timmann, since you all voted you should look at this issue of the school taxes. Mayor Wyant stated that it has been approved by this Council.

Council President Lynn added we do have the option to allocate to the district from the PILOT program.

Bill Timmann, but will it offset

Council President Lynn stated it would help

Mayor Wyant stated that project is not stalled

Councilman Stettner it helps our tax payers the PILOT, it brings tax rebates, this has been explained at least 20 times since the project started.

OPEN TIME

Councilman Fey stated that OTF had many more things for the kids to do, games, rides, petting zoo, was noticeable as parents. It went in the right direction with that.

Councilman Piazza I went down on Friday night and I was working the Thomas the Tank with the historic society

Council Vice President OTF was a success the community came together the kids had a lot of fun the volunteers came together past, present and future. Thanks Ms. Davis, one of the Chairs I would like to acknowledge year after year thanks.

Mayor Wyant stated that all the sponsors did a lot of fundraising, and the sponsors put this together, with-out them we couldn't get it don't, the one tent was \$2800.00.

Council President Lynn stated that the Town employees did a great job keeping things clean it looked sharp

MOTIONS

Application for Active Duty – Stanley D. Jessamine, Jr. - Lincoln Engine Co. No. 2. Council Vice President Tersigni moved to adopt the motion, and Thanked Mr. Jessamine, for his service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1216 issued to Garnet Boosterettes for an On - Premise Raffle on:

January 14,30 **2016** from 5:00-6:30 PM

February 4, **2015** from 5:00 – 7:30 PM

February 10,12, **2015** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Councilman Tersigni moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1217 issued to Garnet Boosterettes for an On - Premise Raffle on:

December 22,23, **2015** from 5:00 – 7:30 PM

January 2,7,13, **2016** 5:00-7:30 PM

Councilman Piazza moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

Council Vice President Tersigni stated that the Garnet Boosterettes started in 1974 and that it's been 41 years, thanks his mother Betty Mensah Tersigni, Ms. Allen, Ms. Yost.

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