

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2014

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 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 Lynn.

INVOCATION by Councilman Lynn

PLEDGE by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President Tersigni  
Council Members: Fey, Lynn, Stettner  
Absent: Piazza

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

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

**Regular Meeting-08-05-14**

Discussion: none

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Tersigni, Lynn, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$	191,321.62
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		14,753.07
CAPITAL FUND		71,559.10
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		52,301.40
AGENCY FUND		477.00

**Total regular bills list July 01, 2014** **\$299,412.19**

Section 8 Rent Payments \$ 133,108.50

PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF July 01, 2014

STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS 22,100.00

CAPITAL FUND 6,706.00

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AGENCY FUND-PENSION PAYMENTS	138,944.35
<b>TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST</b>	<b>\$ 167,750.35</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 600,271.04</b>

Discussion: None

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

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MAYORS REPORT

I received a letter from Vice President and General Manager, Chris Cotty asking if the Town would consider vacating Stryker Street, as they recently became owners of 38 Market Street. They want to turn the Market Street property into an Old Fashioned General Store. I would like to ask the council to consider discussing this at the next work session.

Council President Tersigni asked Acting Clerk Kleiner to add this to the first work session in September's agenda along with Mr. Keyser's request of no smoking in the parks.

## CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Faulborn handed out the Stats sheets. Chief Faulborn thanked the Mayor, Council for attending the National Night out.

In July, Chief Todd Miller from MN spoke to the Officers and Governing Body about the community policing and how to work with the youth in the community.

The past two weeks we have executed a number of search warrants and arrested over 20 people between weapons and drug related charges, Warren County and our Officers did a great job making Phillipsburg safe as we can

Council President Tersigni stated that he was interviewed with Channel 69 news, thanking the Mayor's Office, Chief and his staff for the crackdown. It is refreshing taking the dealers off the street the crackdown was overdue, it was a good thing. There is an epidemic of heroin now, I am a statistics person and one out of 200 beat this, that's half of 1 %, if we help one person it's a good thing. Thank you so much for what you are doing.

Mr. Meyner – thanked the Chief in the audience as he walked by.

## ENGINEERS REPORT

Stan Schrek stated that they just had the preconstruction meeting for Washington Street project – construction in September and concrete the remainder of the year, traffic control sections were looked at and parking the excavator - and wire issues were worked out. The trail committee will have a summit meeting on October 25 at St. Lukes Warren Auditorium, people from Easton, and State agencies.

Thanks Stan

Mayor Wyant asked the Council to consider talking about the weight limit with tractor trailers on Stockton Street at the next work session. Tonight we had a pole taken down.

## NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

O: 2014-18 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 235, CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION GOVERNING FEES FOR RETAINING WALL was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Fey and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Fey moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

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RESOLUTIONS

R: 2014-146

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING LIEN FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Discussion: Councilman Lynn public works has been busy, the Mayor stated that there is many more to come.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

R: 2014-147

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH RT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

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R: 2014-148

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO THE TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

## PUBLIC PETITIONS

Mr. Joe Meyner, South Main Street. Mr. Meyner spoke about the PILOT and the new people making a 7% increase in population. Site plan doesn't show any storm water, 35 acre water shed, traffic, municipal expense, police force, budget increases.

Mayor Wyant addressed the Storm water management plan

Engineer Stan Schrek said that there is an extensive storm water plan

Mr. Meyner who's putting up the retention basin

Stan Schrek stated flow reduction – total solids – is in compliance with the storm water management plan the original plan was 2005, it is amended 2014

Mr. Meyner loss of retaining

Stan Schrek storm water directed to Delaware

Mayor Wyant the \$2,000/ unit hook up

Stan Schrek stated they own everything on the site

Mayor Wyant stated that if there is a backup they call someone else not the Town

Stan Schrek the size of the development the permits approved by the Stated, water is still valid, the plans are being reviewed now

Mr. Meyner questioned their cost not ours

Mayor Wyant said yes at their cost

Mr. Meyner I thought I knew - one line thing

Mayor Wyant said you can't bring up one line

Stan Schrek – reading to board – no storm water management plant your questioning my creditability

Mr. Meyner stated I thought I was correct

Stan Schrek just be careful what you say

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John Spirdon - (address), the new population is not poor; the student impact is an estimate. As Mr. Spirdon reads Mr. Meyner's write up  
Council President Tersigni said no 3 BR in Warren Heights

Mr. Timmann 232 South Main Street he also reads a section of Mr. Meyner's write up.

Council President Tersigni corrects Mr. Timmann regarding the Condo Association not a renters association.

Mr. Timmann spoke about bus routes, police and road damages. I also thing the traffic and tractor trailers weight is a problem, is everything off Mc Keen Street

Harold Baylor Riverview Road, McKeen and Abbot Street project going to get done

Stan Schrek stated DOT phase 6 we are working on that scope of the work, phase 7 Center Street

Mayor Wyant stated that there are several streets to be repaved we may have to amend the capital budget to get phase 6 done, definitely McKeen to Center will be next year.

Mr. Baylor asked about the ice house

Mayor Wyant stated that they took off the roof and timbers, made the building safe the walls are secure not bucked to my knowledge the owner is working on a plan

Mr. Keyser 563 South Main Street – why don't we have a contact with black top people we have one inch to four inches and no one's has done anything

Mayor Wyant South Main Street Washington Street Aqua water did new mains. McKeen to Center Street is a grant

Mr. Keyser three years sidewalks looking like crap

Mayor Wyant said they should have put the concrete back

Mr. Keyser stated that seniors and kids can fall – he also spoke about his parents who own two properties and wanted to know the cleanup policy

Council President Tersigni told him to get in touch with Patty and the pu are on Wednesday

Mr. Keyser said that his pu was July 15

Mayor Wyant said you fill a form out and sign it

Mr. Keyser said the policy should have you check ID's

Mayor Wyant stated we receive fax into us and it keeps our Town clean

Mr. Keyser asked about the Agway building with four foot weeds, the roof is falling in. Mayor Wyant stated that there is a work order for the property to get cleaned up. \$230,000.00 lien from the State of NJ we could foreclose on it

Thanks

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## OPENTIME

Councilman Lynn stated as per the information that Mr. Meyner spoke about he was at least six (6) times stood corrected, and John and Bill have also been



corrected and you have been misinformed. I am frustrated, we know your concerns and you're making uniformed decisions.

Council President Tersigni the last few weeks I had a dream that this Administration brought the Municipal Building Down Town. Something that has been going through my mind, maybe I won't get to see it , I would believe it would stimulate the economy-it should have never been replaced I was 13 years old it was the best it could be being a good quality of life. We need to move the Municipality back Down Town where it belongs.

## MOTIONS

EXECUTIVE MEETING     none

## ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: YEAS:     Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS:     None

ABSENT:     Piazza