

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
September 01, 2015

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 01, 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 Wenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
Were submitted for approval:

Council Meeting 08-18-2015

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND		\$ 100,910.03
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		4,221.93
CAPITAL FUND		20,079.78
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		5,798.90
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND		133,397.00
PLANNING BOARD TRUST		607.50
COMMERCE PARK REDEVELOPMENT		1,080.00
Total regular bills list September 01, 2015		\$267,022.22
SECTION 8 RENT PAYMENTS September 01, 2015		0
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF September 01, 2015		
CURRENT FUND	\$	457,744.00
TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST	\$	457,744.00
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$	724,766.22

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2015-132A

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING Contractual matters relative to Commerce Park Redevelopment.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Wyant stated that we have an exciting night; we are going to have a resolution allowing me to enter into an agreement with OPUS INVESTMENTS LLC, the redeveloper for the Ingersoll Rand Redevelopment. Yesterday they met with the DOT that went well we are very excited. The sale of the property 2.5 million in lieu of the \$270,000 in taxes, I would borrow to make that investment. We will get retables, and increase upward of 2000 jobs, it is absolutely exciting, this Council and previous councils worked very hard they played a very important part of this. Upon the signing of the contract within ten days OPUS will provide the Town with a check for \$100,000.00 non-refundable. They're will be a special planning board meeting in October. As you know Lopatcong Township named as conditional redeveloper with OPUS. Opus has an agreement with IR, for the 100 acres, and the Situs Group for the 65 acres, the center campus. This is the biggest thing that has happened in Phillipsburg in 100 years - tonight I hope council passes the resolution to keep moving as quick as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Timmann 230 South Main Street, question R: 2015-140 what's the purpose to the widening, where will it start & end? East to West?

Mayor Wyant stated the West side of Roseberry street Lot 4, 2,3,& 1, 0-10 Ft at the intersection of the High School, a turning lane.

Marie Hann, 610 Ferguson Street, and Kudos to the Mayor he was kind to our family and did a proclamation for her mom (Viola) she turned 100 years old, and I am so proud of the proclamation. Thank you!

ORDINANCES

O: 2015-17 (First Reading)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW TOWN PHONE SYSTEM, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$50,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$47,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Tersigni who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey for discussion.

Discussion: Councilman Fey questioned if having problems.

Mayor Wyant stated that we have a lot of problems with calls coming in and going out. It is concerning for all departments and we need to get this in place in case.

ROLL CALL

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

O: 2015-18 (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. THEREOF was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Tersigni who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey for discussion.

ROLL CALL

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

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2015-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR UNUSED VACATION DAYS TO RICHARD HALLEY OF THE PHILLIPSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-133

A RESOLUTION APPROVING JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE FOR YEAR 2015 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Council President Lynn questioned why so late Mayor Wyant stated that they are closed, but the owner doesn't want to lose the use, he wants to secure it.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-134

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: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

R: 2015-135

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-136

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 Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-137

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-138

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-139

A RESOLUTION GRANTING WAIVER FOR FIVE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON RECONSTRUCTED AND RESURFACED STREETS was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015-140

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH ROBERT E. HEFFERNAN ASSOCIATES FOR A SELF-CONTAINED APPRAISAL REPORT ESTIMATING THE MARKET VALUE OF PROPOSED TAKINGS RELATIVE TO THE ROSEBERRY STREET ROAD WIDENING PROJECT was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2015 - 141

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT WITH OPUS INVESTMENTS LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY THE REDEVELOPER OF THE
INGERSOLL RAND REDEVELOPMENT AREA was
introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its
adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Council President Lynn stated Thank you Mayor, and our
professionals and the other Councilmen for all their hard work in the
last 10 years – this was a proud moment for the Town of Phillipsburg.
Council Vice President stated I am Proud also, this is a great thing.
Councilman Piazza stated he is very optimistic. Councilman Fey
stated time and effort by all going to meetings all over the State- no
one has sacrificed their time as much as Mayor Wyant. The Town of
Phillipsburg owes Mayor Wyant a lot of gratitude as he guides the
Town through hardships.
Councilman Stettner I have been here all those years and I can say I
did make a difference.

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

NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS None

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Bill Timmann of 230 South Main Street applauded the Mayor and Council on the
project it is a big boom for the future and definitely a plus.

OPEN TIME

Councilman Stettner thanked Mrs. Hann for recognizing the Mayor.

Council Vice President Tersigni stated this is the biggest thing that happened to the Town and the Mayor is the catalyst of this project. Thank you Mayor Wyant.

Councilman Piazza Thanks Mrs. Hann very touching. As to mention the Opus project it has been a long time being part of it and benefits the Town I am very enthused about the project. The Phillipsburg trail system is moving along, the highlands portion. We made markers out of acrylic if you want to see the samples. I have them here.

Councilman Fey stated this weekend started all the local sports leagues opened. They are getting prepared so if you're bored go out to a local field get out and support the kids the future starts as they become adults

MOTIONS

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1221 issued to the Garnet Boosterettes for an Off Premise Raffle on November 25, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

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

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

 NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

 NAYS: None