

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2012

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 675 Corliss Avenue.

The required Open Public Meeting Act Statement was read by Councilman Fey.

INVOCATION By Councilman Fey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE By the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

President: Piazza

ABSENT: None

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Wyant, Clerk/Administrator
Broubalow and Attorney Wenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:

Special Meeting – Dec. 16, 2011
Regular Meeting – Dec. 19, 2011
Special Meeting – Dec. 23, 2011

Motion

Councilman Tersigni moved for approval of minutes. The motion was

seconded by Councilman Stettner,
which carried by a 4-0-1 vote,
Councilman Lynn abstaining

APPROVAL OF MINUTE CONTENTS

The following Executive Minutes
were submitted for content approval:

December 19, 2011

December 23, 2011

Motion

Councilman Tersigni moved for
content approval of minutes. The
motion was seconded by Councilman
Fey, which carried by a 4-0-1 vote,
Councilman Lynn abstaining

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment approval:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	91,609.21
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	77,164.55
PLANNING BOARD TRUST FUND	375.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER TRUST FUND	300.00
PAYROLL AGENCY FUND	1,209.27
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	7,891.27

Pre-Paid Bill List as of January 3, 2012

CURRENT FUND 1,083,721.00

Bill List Addition

FINCH FUEL OIL 1,685.26

Motion

Councilman Stettner moved for approval of bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERT TEAM

The following individuals were presented with ‘Certificates’ by Mayor Wyant and Mabel Cook:--

Joann M. Banghart
 Karen Lea Bridge
 Ruth M. Cahill
 Chandra E. Gieske
 Richard E. Kranich, III
 Kathryn I. Nuss
 Michael J. Russo
 Donald D. Stewart
 Stefanie Stewart

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES FOR RECERTIFICATION

The following individuals were presented with ‘Re-Certification Certificates’ by Mayor Wyant and Mabel Cook:--

Phyllis Kranich
 Jane Rush

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

James Faulborn, Police Chief, presented Council with Monthly Activity and Mileage Report for December. In addition, he presented Council with comparison for services calls for 2010 and 2011.

Chief Faulborn referred to Community Policing presentation by Todd Miller who is president of the International Police Chief Association. Originally, he continued the presentation was scheduled for Work Session in February but suggested either Wednesday, February 15 or Thursday, February 16.

President Piazza directed Work Session for February be rescheduled for Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at NORWESCAP building located at 350 Marshall Street.

Chief Faulborn welcomed Councilman Lynn.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Thomas Bush, Columbus Avenue, addressed Resolution R:2012-10. He questioned reason and whether this will be offered to other taxpayers.

Mayor advised former owner paid all taxes due at time of closing. Further, he noted the new owner would become tax exempt in 2012 but before that time, they are responsible for taxes due between closing and end of 2011. He stated the payment of those taxes would be an extreme burden on them therefore; they requested a waiver of interest due.

Mr. Bush questioned loss in revenue.

Mayor advised the amount paid was approximately \$50,000, which represents from closing to end of 2011. He estimated loss of revenue to be approximately \$100,000 with building becoming tax exempt.

ORDINANCE (First Reading)

O:2012-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2012 SALARIES FOR LIBRARY EMPLOYEES was introduced for first reading by Councilman Fey who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESSRESOLUTIONS

R:2012-09

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R:2012-10

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF TAX PAYMENT INTEREST was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Discussion

Councilman Stettner questioned whether taxes were paid.

Mayor replied yes.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Dawn Paulus, South Main Street, questioned period of time in which election signs must be removed.

President Piazza replied 5 days.

Ms. Paulus noted that the Mayor has a sign located in building across from Shappell Park.

Mayor replied that is a private building that he does not have access to in order to remove sign.

AnnMarie Fleming, 459 Pursel Street, questioned status of water situation.

Stanley Schrek, Town Engineer, replied some progress has been made noted an inspection of the underground utilities has been conducted; interviewed Public Works employees as to past history of this area; received information from Geo Tech; and, have photographed properties.

OPEN TIME

Councilman Stettner commented on Fire Chief's report received.

Councilman Lynn thanked Tom Bush for information written by Alexander Tyler over 200 years ago while still a British Colony.

Councilman Tersigni welcomed Councilman Lynn and stated he looks forward to Mayor and Council working together.

MOTION

Councilman Stettner moved for approval of Raffle License No. RL:1135 issued to Exchange Club of Warren County for off-premise raffle

to be conducted February 9, 2012 FEE: \$20.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey, which carried by a 4-0-1 vote, Councilman Tersigni abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Fey moved for adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

MICHELE D. BROUBALOW
Clerk/Administrator

APPROVED:

RANDY S. PIAZZA, SR.
Council President