

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 06, 2015

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 06, 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, Tersigni

Absent Stettner

**TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Mayor Wyant, Clerk Kleiner,  
Attorney Wenner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of meeting minutes  
Were submitted for approval:

Council Meeting 09-15-2015

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 2,818,559.99
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	5,603.32
CAPITAL FUND	74,254.05
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	153,915.07
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND	299,636.41
PLANNING BOARD TRUST	3,465.00
OPUS INVESTMENTS	7,942.50
SECTION 8	1,488.45
COMMERCE PARK REDEVELOPMENT	1274.11
GENERAL TRUST FUND	233.01
REVOLVING LOAN FUND	435.00
<b>Total regular bills list October 06, 2015</b>	<b>\$3,366,806.80</b>
SECTION 8 RENT PAYMENTS October 06, 2015	0

PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF September 06, 2015

CURRENT FUND	\$ 2,500.00
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 46,300.00
CAPITAL FUND	\$ 33,340.32
AGENCY FUND	\$ 147,364.83
<b>TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST</b>	<b>\$ 299,505.15</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 3,596,311.95</b>

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Piazza, Lynn, Tersigni,  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: Stettner

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Wyant stated that there was a planning board vacancy and that Brian Otto resigned. He stated that Bob Yale would be willing to come back and serve on the board, so he will be appointed.

The Mayor stated that he received an email from Dan Gural stating that he has heard from numerous end users from fortune 500 companies that want to move into NJ and the most asked question that he receives is when can we move in. Dan Gural shared a few of those end users with me and they are some really big companies. They are making progress with the NJDOT and the left turn lane on Rt 22, the study is complete and the application is moving forward. The core campus is in ink, and a non-refundable deposit. The Situs group should have an inked deal

by the end of the week; it is out of attorney review. They have been looking for Construction Company to rebuild the Third street Bridge as a secondary entrance to the site. That update on the former IR project is now the I-78 Logistics.

Council President Lynn questioned if it is finalized

Mayor Wyant stated they are moving quickly, it's encouraging; we need to keep it going.

## **CHIEFS REPORT**

Chief Faulborn hands out his stat sheets. There was 142 hours of community policing, zone 1 no complaints, zone 2 several overnight burglaries, we did a press release and the residents need to lock their house, and car doors, zone 3 no complaints, zone 4 no new complaints.

Chief gave the floor to Lieutenant Franceschino;

Lieutenant Franceschino and Officer Marino have a grant for Safe Driving, and we are kicking it off safe teen driving from State Farm we are giving 450 sophomores in drivers Ed. We have two golf carts and fatal vision goggles, and cones, the kids would maneuver through, we also have them texting as distracted drivers so they can see how serious it is. This is a training exercise, that is hands on and it really gives them something to think about.

The Fall festival is coming up on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, there is free food, activities, the hay ride, driven by the Mayor. In November we are going to Kick off the Coffee with a Cop where the community policing officer meet and greet at the different locations that the officers patrol. It is an informal way to hear what the public has to say. The zones, dates, and locations we are working on. We will have 3/5 officers there and share a common bond with coffee and talk one on one.

Council President Lynn questioned the fall festival date?

Chief stated the 24<sup>th</sup> October

Mayor questioned if there will be donuts

Chief stated yes if Georjean brings them

The Chief also stated that they started reading in the schools, and recently one of the officer's in plain clothes was recognized by a child, saying hey you read to me. That is being done at Andover and Barber schools, five (5) classes a day every other week. We are also doing SP & SJ and Alpha.

Councilman Fey questioned the reports and zones, what officer is assigned to what area and which grants.

Chief stated Officer Marino, offered to any officers that want to come in.

Councilman Piazza questioned the fall harvest/haunted house contest.

Council President Lynn said he still had concerns of speeding and if we can move the speed sign, Lewis and Heckman Streets.

Lieutenant Franceschino stated that there is data stored in the machine that is useful. Councilman Fey stated that he has seen the difference on Green Street.

Council President Lynn said I know you can't be everywhere

Lieutenant Franceschino said we collect that data

Council President Lynn stated that the electric sign deters and can't we get another one. Thank you

### **ENGINEERS REPORT**

Stan Schrek stated that we are in the last phase of South Main Street application to the State. Phase 6 & 7 complete without the trees, the Mayor is looking at a different type of trees. Tonight you have a resolution for an application for DOT local aid, phase 1 Chamber & Wilson Streets, and phase 2 Wilson & Lincoln \$539,000.00 funding of local aid selection process.

Council President Lynn questioned the scope of the work

Engineer Schrek stated sidewalks, cross walks, curbs, base, repair & overlay. We also had the bids for the well – at the Switch Tower water line, difficult with Norfolk Southern.

We also have the Shimer Alley – retaining wall work.

Thanks Stan

**OLD BUSINESS**            NONE

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Bill Timmann, 230 South Main Street, questioned resolution 2015-152, consider who you give the award to; if you're not specific they will take shortcuts.

Also, the property liens, Norton's, Ice house are over grown, still a potential nuisance, they are not boarded up correctly and could be a burn problem also.

Joe Meyner, South Main Street, what is it Coopersmith is doing?

Council President Lynn the Administration building at the sewer plant, and Mr. Timmann, don't worry our engineers will be overlooking the job.

Mayor Wyant stated it went out to bid two times.

Councilman Fey stated he had a good relationship with him; he was professional and follows the scope of the work.

Mr. Timmann stated Mayor Corcoran took him (Coopersmith to Lunch) and 28 things on the punch list never got completed.

Council President Lynn stated that it was a different Mayor then and different administration.

## **ORDINANCES**

O: 2015-18 (Second and Final 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 was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Piazza and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Piazza moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

Discussion: Council President Lynn stated he received a letter 09-24-15 with endorsement from the planning board.

Council Vice President Tersigni stated we are one step closer to getting this process done with this administration – Thank you Mayor Wyant Councilman Piazza – thumbs up I am all for it – Commerce Park

**ROLL CALL**

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



O: 2015 - 19 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 58, *FIRE DEPARTMENT*, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO ADD A NEW SECTION ENTITLED *JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS* 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 Fey.

Discussion: Joe Meyner, questioned what they are, Attorney Wenner stated 16-17 year olds with reduced capacity. Council President Lynn 18 years old for a bona fide firefighter. Councilman Fey, it is fantastic ordinance for our young adults, supporting an active role as they grow. Council President Lynn stated it helps with the volunteers in the fire department grows. Council vice President Tersigni people involved in volunteering in the community it is a great ordinance and during fire prevention week.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

R: 2015-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, A CONTRACT TO COOPERSMITH BROTHERS FOR THE SEWER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

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R: 2015-153

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

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

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R: 2015-154

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AT HAROLD BELLIS FIELD AT MALONEY STADIUM was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion: Council President Lynn stated this relates to the pep-rally

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Tersigni



NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

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R: 2015-155

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF STREETS was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey

Discussion: Council President Lynn stated this relates to the pep-rally

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

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R: 2015 - 156

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2015-142; IMPOSING LIEN FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

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R-2015-157

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO EXECUTE INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP, TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND THE PHILLIPSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DEFINE THE

PARTIES RESPECTIVE ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS AS THEY RELATE TO THE WIDENING AND TRAFFIC CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS ON BELVIDERE ROAD AND ROSEBERRY STREET was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

Discussion: Council President Lynn commented about the Lopatcong Engineer, in hopes that Stan Schrek will still give us updates, we have tremendous confidence in Stan.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

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R: 2015 - 158

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR UNUSED DAYS TO SHAWN CARMODY 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, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

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R: 2015 - 159

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE EXECUTION OF GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEWJERSEY DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO HECKMAN STREET, PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2 PROJECT was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion: Council President Lynn stated more great work Stan Schrek

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

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R: 2015-160

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

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

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R: 2015-161

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

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

R: 2015-162

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) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

ABSTAIN: Tersigni

**NEW BUSINESS** None

### **PUBLIC PETITIONS**

Mike and Leanne Denmon, 20 Miller Street, no parking sign blew down in the hurricane and the public works secretary told us we needed to come to a meeting to get it put back up.

Mayor Wyant stated that no parking signs are in the code and it will go back up.

### **OPEN TIME**

Councilman Tersigni stated he is looking forward to the fall festival, hay rides, and we have gotten over 400 people, and I encourage you to come out and enjoy it.

### **MOTIONS**

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1224 issued to St Lukes Warren Hospital Auxiliary, Inc., for a 50/50 on premise raffle to be conducted on December 11, 2015, Councilman Tersigni moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1225 issued to the St. Lukes Warren Hospital for a on premise Basket raffle on December 11, 2015 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Councilman Tersigni moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Fey, Piazza, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

### **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

R: 2015-163

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING, inter-local agreement regarding R: 2015-157

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner