

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2013

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 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 Tersigni.

INVOCATION by Councilman Tersigni

PLEDGE by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Tersigni, Lynn, Fey,
Stettner

Absent: Piazza

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
were submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting-10-01-13

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$107,538.05
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	407.39
CAPITAL FUND	19,026.25
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	45,042.99
SECTION 8	194.20
GENERAL TRUST FUND	5,144.50
REVOLVING LOAN FUND	460.80
Grand Total REGULAR BILLS LIST	\$177,814.18

SECTION 8 PROGRAMS \$ 129,512.00

PRE-PAID BILL LIST October 15, 2013

CURRENT FUND \$780,630.00

PAYROLL AGENCY FUND – PENSION PMTS 126,529.80

TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST 10-15-2013 \$907,159.80

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUND \$1,214,485.98

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

OLD BUSINESS NONE

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Wyant spoke about the best practices work sheet that we have and under the New Jersey guidelines we need to discuss it at a meeting. To the

best of our knowledge we've completed this. We have 80 % in the affirmative, we have been working on it to get it completed and submitted if any questions from Council we can discuss it more. Every year they add new questions this year we came right under the wire.

I also installed a new screen in the Council Room for presentations.

ENGINEERS REPORT

The construction of Sitgreaves Street was delayed due to the rains last week, all the mark outs are done. The job must be completed in a month.

Main Street Phase Five (5) asphalt testing \$1100.00 fee for coring, we will have to do a contract extension for the required testing per DOT grant.

We have had positive feedback on the National park trails, once they Government is up we can continue on that.

Councilman Tersigni questioned the start of the Sitgreaves project?

Engineer Schrek stated next Monday (Oct 21, 2013).

The Mayor reminded everyone about the Fall Festival from 2 – 6 Saturday he will be the driver of the tractor for the hay wagon it will be a lot of fun and fall festivities, a great day.

CHIEFS REPORT

For the month of September 370 summons, 14 crash investigations, 40 driving violations, 6 temp. Restraining orders, 5 DWI's, 32 criminal, 62 warrants, 178 hours of community policing – speeding of students and employees in the morning, some loose animals in the down town area.

At 333 Spruce Alley we had a homicide the murderer is still at large, but I would like to commend our Officers and Detectives on the around the clock work.

We will have a great turnout for the fall festival.

Council President Fey stated Thank you to all the officer on that, I am sure that it will be a short time before that individual will be apprehended.

Mayor Wyant stated that we are having the Auction on Thursday, for the Firehouse, Star Dollar Cleaners, and the Wood Shop.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ORDINANCE

O: 2013 - 20

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, BY THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$7,907,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,907,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF PLAN was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Tersigni who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2013-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION BY BID FOR PROPRIETARY GOODS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13(d) FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES AND OUTFLOW RELOCATION PROJECT 1 was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Fey, Stettner

 NAYS: None

 ABSENT: Piazza

R: 2013-167

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

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Fey, Stettner

 NAYS: None

 ABSENT: Piazza

R: 2013-168

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 Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

R: 2013-169

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFUND PLANNING & ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS/ESCROWS was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

R: 2013-170

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF FOURTH QUARTER 2013 COUNTY TAX, DUE

NOVEMBER 15, 2013 was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

R: 2013-171

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

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

R: 2013-172

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

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

R: 2013-173

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY TRANSIT was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

Discussion: Councilman Lynn asked if this was the property on South Main Street. Mayor Wyant responded that it was the lease renewal for the PU Switch Tower that Ron and Jean Titus have been restoring in an effortless and tireless endeavor. As doing this for South Main Street and tied this lease in for a 9 year renewal. Council President Fey stating that they are doing amazing work and my hats off to them.

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

R: 2013 - 174

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW**

JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE YEAR 2013-14 NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWN was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

R: 2013-175

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS (RVE) FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES AND OUTFALL RELOCATION PROJECT was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

R: 2013-176

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION
OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE
TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND
PHILLIPSBURG PBA LOCAL NO. 56 (SOA)
was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for
its adoption. The motion was seconded by
Councilman Stettner.

Discussion: Mayor Wyant stated that this is the Superior Officers Agreement and 1.85% raise.

VOTE: YEAS: Lynn, Tersigni, Fey, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

PUBLIC PETITIONS

(Public comments)

Blaine Fehley, 237 Bowhay Ave., on June 18, I asked the attorney to look into giving more teeth to the trash and house hold items that get put out for garbage that's not done.

Attorney Wenner stated that we can't give a one day notice because of due process.

Mr. Fehley stated garbage has been sitting on Filmore Street for two weeks why?

Attorney Wenner stated that the property owner has to be liable, we cite them with a notice and they must comply. The Homeowner has to have a chance to comply.

Council President Fey stated that the owner must call for a cleanup.

Mr. Fehley stated he watched that pile for two weeks

Attorney Wenner asked Mr. Fehley did you call the Mayor.

Councilman Tersigni said that once he saw your post of Face Book he called and it was cleared up the next day.

Mr. Fehley well how long was it there. Did you see the garbage men also, the way they toss those cans now they are putting them back nicely. Also, what is the Town debt?

Council President Fey stated every Town has debt

Mr. Fehley said there is nothing to do after school here.

Council President Fey stated that it is up to the parents to get the kids involved

OPEN TIME

Council President Fey and Councilman Tersigni went to the Roseberry house this weekend. It was really fascinating to me to see how they brought the old times back. I applaud all the individuals who worked so hard, thank you.

MOTIONS

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1173 issued to St Philip and St James Church for an on- Premise Calendar Raffle on:
January 8, 15, 22, 29 - **2014**

February 5, 12, 19, 26 - **2014**
March 05, 12, 19, 26 – **2014**

Between the hours of 8 am – 2 pm

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2013-none

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza