

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2014

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 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

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Council President	Tersigni
	Council Members	Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Piazza
	Absent	None

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

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

Regular Mtg.-10-07-14
Executive Mtg. – 10-07-14

Discussion: none

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Tersigni, Lynn, Stettner, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Fey

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 1,001,293.38
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	1,366.18
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	27,290.50
PLANNING BOARD TRUST FUND	75.00
DOG TRUST FUND	1,200.00
COMMERCE PARK REDEVELOPMENT	747.57
Total regular bills list October 21, 2014	\$1,031,972.63
SECTION 8 Program Rent Payments	136,539.00
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF October 21, 2014	
CURRENT FUND	\$7,726.00
SEWER UTILITY FUND	2,549.96
AGENCY FUND PENSION PAYMENTS	142,899.42

TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST	\$ 153,175.38
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$ 1,321,687.01

Discussion: None

Motion

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

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

OLDBUSINESS NONE

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor stated that Washington Street was moving along and they are closing up for the winter soon.

Stan Schrek – Town Engineer, said they are finishing up the sidewalk to Hudson and finishing the landscaping.

Mayor Wyant asked about paving

Stan Schrek said there was curb line water company issues and they are tightening up the job for the winter

Mayor stated that they will resume in the spring, we are doing a Capital Ordinance which was in the packet to enter into the next phase and we want to get the specs out to bid to be set for early spring. When you bid late fall the work is for end spring beginning summer, but we don't want that to happen we want to be set for early spring. We want to bid winter for work in spring to finish in summer.

Stan Schrek we submitted the application for phase 7 this week.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Meyner, South Main Street, spoke about an appeal judgment of a pilot program.

Councilman Stettner asked if it was an appellant Judged in tax court?

Mr. Meyner was not sure.

Councilman Stettner stated he would look it up.

Gary DeAlmo, 525 Fisher Avenue, thanks Mr. Meyner for being aggressive about the PILOT program. I want to ask how the Phillipsburg Housing Authority can tell the elderly disabled people to go 20-30 feet from the door to smoke, when they have an influx of health issues. I hope that you all are ready to deal with an increase of flu.

Councilman Stettner asked if Mr. DeAlmo has taken this to the Board at the Housing Authority.

Council President Tersigni stated that it is not our jurisdiction

Councilman Stettner stated it is a HUD property

Mr. DeAlmo said he saw all these signs to vote yes, bad idea for the school referendum.

Councilman Lynn asked Mr. DeAlmo if he spoke to the school board or BOE

Mr. DeAlmo stated that he cares about Phillipsburg

Joe Imhoff, 240 Aurora St., questioned about resolution 2014-126 – legal residents that are able to participate in the Little Liners. I have a few things to ask about.

1. A follow up to the resolution
2. Is there a procedure to verify residency
3. Who is the administrator that verifies the residency?
4. What actions are there in place for future funding?

Councilman Stettner, stated that this is all done between Dawn and Vicki

Mayor Wyant stated that the rosters are given to the recreation director and we rely on the youth group – or if there is a complaint.

Councilman Fey stated that they run as separate entities, the little liners is different variation and has different guidelines than the youth groups

Mr. Imhoff stated that the \$1750 goes for the insurance, we are a 501 C3 with residency requirements also.

NEW BUSINESS None

ORDINANCES

O: 2014-22 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
VACATING A ROADWAY KNOWN AS “STRYKER
STREET” BETWEEN MARKET STREET AND ELIZABETH
STREET was introduced for a second reading by Councilman
Piazza and there being no errors corrections or objections,
Councilman Stettner moved that the ordinance be adopted
according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman
Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2014 – 23 (First Reading)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY;

APPROPRIATING \$350,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$332,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Lynn who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey for discussion.

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

NAYS: None

13. RESOLUTIONS

R: 2014-177

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS (RVE) FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE PHILLIPSBURG RIVERSIDE WAY PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN LINING PROJECT AND PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-178

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: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Tersigni, Stettner

NAYS: None

R: 2014-179

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-180

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

Discussion: Councilman asked if this was for the Halloween Parade. The Mayor responded no.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PETITIONS
(Public Comments)

OPEN TIME

Councilman Lynn thanked Lafayette College for help with pruning, the volunteers donated four hours of their time it a big help. I want to thank them for all their help.

Council President Tersigni spoke about Richard Siefert a young man who is a boy scout which is a positive endeavor making him whole and complete person. He is

here tonight to listen to the discussion of Municipal Government to earn towards his Eagle Scout. Congratulations

Councilman Piazza spoke about the Trail committee meeting at St. Lukes Warren Campus auditorium on Saturday, Council and Planning Board will be there 9 – 11, we invited local organizations, state stake holders to introduce the trail system along with the Mayor of Easton. Mr. Goodell – will speak about the economic impact in his presentation.

Council President Tersigni stated he wanted to commend Councilman Piazza for taking charge of this historic PA/NJ trail system.

Mayor Wyant reminded everyone about the October Festival at Shappell Park on Saturday from 2 – 6 PM. He will be driving the hay ride again the Halloween Parade is on Sunday at 3:00 PM

Council President Tersigni introduced Vice President of Steele Hill Youth Organization, Keith Gargone. Mr. Gargone stated that he was interested if there was a committee put together to oversee the youth groups yet. The insurance issue is putting a damper on out funds

Attorney Wenner stated that R 144 that State Wide Insurance is the JIF and we have coverage requirements

Mr. Gargone said we would like an agreement to what level of control your talking about.

Councilman Stettner said this was done for the clubs to front for football

Attorney Wenner stated what control

Mr. Gargone stay own so Town pays the insurance, how much is the Town saving?

Attorney Wenner stated that you're covered under umbrella coverage we aren't saving any money, the level of control we need to meet with the insurance reps and the organized schedule, Dawn and the head of the youth organization working with us.

Mayor Wyant stated that we can get John Moore in during the day and get it cleared up. What is the best time?

Attorney Wenner said he would reach out to the legal office at Statewide

Mayor Wyant we can reduce it to writing first and give it to you to look at first, if you're not satisfied or have questions we can set up a meeting

Councilman Fey – the word control isn't correct really - it is like the youth center a liaison between not controls

Council President Tersigni suggest the simplest way

Councilman Lynn stated R -144 concerns – keep individual group under the “control” what participation the Town will have and what's expected and covers of what Mr. Imhoff was asking, I brought this up and I didn't want the Town to take over. A Council in the future and another Council take the responsibility away from you, later.

Council President Tersigni Somehow we need a happy medium

Councilman Lynn said 10 years from now when we have a different Council, they have an idea and think it should be changed – we don't want the groups to loose individuality.

Mr. Gargone- I wondered if anyone has read the letter about prorating the children not per organization

Councilman Stettner stated there have been complaints over the years, background checks, the Town was in a bad light, and we have to protect the Town and the Clubs. An insurance Committee to write rules, what discipline action – for a violation, one policy one set of rules, it is a long time coming we need to pull the strings and march together, all the input and finalize it.

Councilman Lynn – if there was a committee and what is decided

Mayor Wyant stated there was no committee I ran things by Rich and I and we met with John Moore and Vicki, and got it done. Now- “Control” not me and the recreation director doesn't want to take control. She is over the top with fields, equipment and she gets it done.

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Mr. Gargone gym time at and payment to PMS (BOE), we pay \$15 / student for the FYC we have 19 basketball teams we had to pay the school \$ 3000 need help to get through this.

Mayor Wyant we won't control we will just oversee

Attorney Wenner stated I know your covered doing all to extend coverage – JP Stettner said heavy list sit down and do it with some concessions – of not signed up we can't micromanage, in writing from the Carrier.

Councilman Fey stated the Youth Center Board has the ability and more time, Mr. Reda spoke about possible ways of keeping it open longer and what days, all the kids contribute it has been discussed but not final.

Mr. Gargone we need gym time, school is out of pocket

Councilman Stettner- Steele Hill and Firthtown must put in writing what you do, the director works for your Mayor if something is wrong you can fix it.

Councilman Fey a group from PA used to pay the FYC

Mr. Gargone we have 200 kids at \$15 each.

Thank you.

MOTIONS none

EXECUTIVE MEETING None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None