

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
November 17, 2014

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 675 Corliss Avenue.

Councilman Lynn read the required Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

INVOCATION

By Councilman Lynn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

By the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Councilmembers:	Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner
	President:	Tersigni
ABSENT:	None	

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Wyant, Attorney Wenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:

Regular Mtg 11-03-2014  
Executive Mtg 11-03-2014

Discussion: None

Motion

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

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for approval:

### SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 928,985.01
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	16,091.02
CAPITAL FUND	15,000.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	352,808.77
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND	23,200.00
SECTION 8	2,714.00
COMMERCE PARK REDEVELOPMENT	1,965.57
<b>Total regular bill list November 17, 2014</b>	<b>\$1,340,764.97</b>
Section 8 Rent Payments	\$ 133,251.00
PRE-PAID BILL LIST AS OF November 17, 2014	
CURRENT FUND	2,560.00
AGENCY FUND-PENSION PAYMENTS	140,496.97
<b>PRE-PAID BILL LIST</b>	<b>\$ 143,056.97</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>1,617,072.94</b>

### Addition

Mayor Wyant requested Council to include \$6,483.73 payment to “City Entertainment Systems” for equipment and installation costs for audio system in Council Chambers.

### Motion

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

## Discussion

None

The motion for payment of bills carried by a 5-0 vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## MAYOR'S REPORT

### 11 ½ South Main St. (Guerra's Bldg.)

Mayor Wyant stated he had asked James Guerra to attend tonight's meeting to bring us up to date on his building; which was damaged by a vehicle running into it in May.

### James Guerra – 11 ½ South Main St., Union Square

Mr. Guerra stated the northwest corner of the building was hit in May and caused extensive damage. First he had to have the insurance company come in; which has been settled. Second he sought the advice of a Structural Engineer in how to go about restoring the building. The restoration will take place, but with modifications. It is not feasible to replace the 20' front wall, that will be replaced with steel. The contractor, JP Group, who did the initial demolition is being consulted. Construction on the foundation will start by the end of the year. It is structurally sound as per the engineer. He is also intent on a use for the building as well as restoration.

Councilman Piazza questioned if plans were finalized.

Mr. Guerra replied there is a finalized plan and he needs to get the drawings to the Town and apply for a permit.

Council President Tersigni asked if the work would be done by the end of 2015?

Mr. Guerra replied, Yes.

Councilman Fey asked Mr. Guerra to keep Mayor informed on the progress.

Mr. Guerra responded, the Mayor has reached out to me if he hasn't heard from me.

Council President Tersigni thanked Mr. Guerra for addressing Council.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

### Stan Schrek

Stan noted Washington Street is done and stabilized. They can continue to work if the weather cooperates or they will pick up again in March. In order to complete Stage 6, approval is needed. They received a request from Lopatcong about the creek, to clean and stabilize. There are trees down by the sewer plant, but a permit is needed. There also needs to be 14 days notice. As soon as the permit is received, Denny is cleared to do the work. He added the people interested in cleaning up the creek are also interested in Trail work. Stan is networking to get interested parties together for this work, the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Railroad Bridge people have shown interest.

Council President Tersigni thanked Stan.

## POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Faulborn handed packets to Council. He thanked Council for participating in the Fall Festival. He noted the Festival exceeded his expectations and is a wonderful opportunity for the Town to shine.

Officer Koehler addressed the Council to inform them about his utilizing Facebook to extend their community policing efforts. He will soon institute Warrant Wednesday to provide a brief description of someone who has a bench warrant and allow the community to call in on the non-emergency number or the tip line with information.

Mayor Wyant commended Officer Koehler for the great idea.

Councilman Piazza stated the anonymous contact is a good idea.

Council President Tersigni asked when it would be started.

Koehler replied December.

Chief Faulborn referenced the grant for a school in-residence officer would be in effect in January 2015 and he would keep Council updated.

Councilman Lynn asked if officer would be in full uniform.

Chief replied yes. He continued, one officer would be assigned Monday thru Friday to the different schools. The officer's time would be split between the Phillipsburg Middle School, elementary schools and Alpha.

Councilman Piazza complimented the outcome of the Fall Festival, adding the Roseberry-Guess House was also open that weekend and had some 400 children go through for a Haunted weekend.

ORDINANCE

O: 2014 – 23 (Second and Final 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 second reading by Councilman Fey and there being no errors, corrections or objections, Councilman Fey moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2014-24 (First Reading)

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A FULLY FUNDED ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR RAILROAD AVENUE, DAVIS STREET, COLBY PLACE, ROSE STREET, WILSON STREET, ANN STREET, PURSEL STREET, THOMAS STREET AND HARRIS STREET IMPROVEMENTS, BY, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$171,412.13 FROM THE RESERVE AQUA ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Piazza who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2014-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED CONTRACT TO LB INDUSTRIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,199,600.00 was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2014-193

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVER PAYMENT was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2014-194

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

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2013-195

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR INTERFUND TRANSFERS was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

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R: 2014-196

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF 5 YEAR PLAN FOR THE PHILLIPSBURG DCD HOUSING AUTHORITY was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

PUBLIC PETITIONS  
(Public Comments)-None

OPEN TIME  
None

MOTIONS

Application for Active Duty – Matthew W. Rowe, Jr. - Jersey Hose Co. No. 2.

Application for Active Duty – Matthew T. Shiller - Jersey Hose Co. No. 2.

Application for Active Duty – Sean P. McNerney – Reliance Hose Co. No. 1.

Application for Active Duty –Stephen J. Hoyd– Reliance Hose Co. No. 1.

Councilman Piazza moved for approval of the applications for active duty for Matthew W. Rowe, Jr. and Matthew T. Shiller both of Jersey Hose and Sean P. McNerney and Stephen J. Hoyd of Reliance Hose Co. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2014 - 197

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION MATTERS was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

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President Tersigni recessed meeting at 7:20 PM for the purpose of conducting Executive Meeting.

Motion

Councilman Piazza moved at 7:42 PM that Council reconvenes to public session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Stettner moved for adjournment at 7:43 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

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LORRAINE LOUDENBERRY  
Deputy Registrar