

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
December 03, 2013

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 03, 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

MOMENT OF SILENCE for Mrs. Ciardelli and Mr. Mondzak, Sr.

PLEDGE by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Tersigni, Lynn, Fey,
Stettner, Piazza

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
were submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting-11-18-13

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Lynn

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$141,184.69
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	2,733.25
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	132,786.00
PLANNING BOARD TRUST	637.50
SECTION 8	194.20
GENERAL TRUST FUND	912.52
Total REGULAR BILLS LIST	\$279,400.66

OLD BUSINESS NONE

MAYORS REPORT

We had a great turn out last night; we gave out 400 goodie bags. The people were lining up at 4:00 PM for the 6:00 PM tree lighting ceremony. The weather cooperated. I want to thank the Council that turned out for the tree lighting. Down town looks nice.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA NONE

NEW BUSINESS NONE

ORDINANCE

O: 2013-21 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR SOA'S POLICE DEPARTMENT 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: None

Close public comments

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

NAYS: None

O: 2013-22 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 2012-2014 SALARIES FOR AFSCME AND NON-CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES 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: None

Close public comments

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2013-196

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-197

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFUND OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-198

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-199

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2013 YEAR END HOLIDAY STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-200

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-201

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT RAW INFLUENT PUMP was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PETITIONS

(Public comments)

Mac Sullivan owner of Stockton Station, I just purchased the old Ryan's Parkside, I want to see if I can be considered for the pilot program.

Councilman Tersigni asked for how long are you looking, Mr. Sullivan stated maybe 10 years.

Attorney Wenner stated they are usually 30 years

Mayor Wyant explained that Ryan's Parkside was Algarve and that it closed several years ago and is in disrepair. From time to time we give pilot incentives to help them get established; get the property up to current standards. The upper floors need a lot of work. Council might want to consider it.

Attorney Wenner asked it's not Urban Renewal

Mayor Wyant 169 South Main Street, Attorney Wenner stated he can research it under Title 50.

Councilman Stettner if we can offer it I am sure we can do it, but we must do due diligence on it.

Attorney Wenner will do his research

Councilman Tersigni said that what he admires about you (Mr. Sullivan) is that you reinvest your money back into the Town; we will be business friendly with you.

Council President Fey stated that he (Mr. Sullivan) should reach out to Attorney Wenner in a few days.

Thank you.

OPEN TIME

Councilman Lynn asked that we have an Eagle Scout and if we could recognize him. Kish, from Lopatcong he handed out bikes to local residents, and he did it all on his own. So I would like us to honor him on the 17th.

Councilman Piazza said he would like to reiterate about the comments about the Tree Lighting event. That the event is growing and all the volunteering, the community was out there. Regarding Mr. Sullivan being near the park what a focal point that could be, and we will be glad to help.

Councilman Tersigni I'll reiterate what the other two said – I would like to see in 2014 the other volunteer youth clubs come in.

Mayor Wyant stated that one thing was missing the elf

Councilman Fey I have someone who is close to my heart who recently died, he was part of the last baseball team in Delaware Heights, he left behind three young daughters, and we are having a throwback of the baseball team. Marianna's donated a free room proceeds going towards their family, I want to Thank Marianna's for their graciousness and having us next week.

MOTIONS

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1175 issued to Garnet Boosterettes for an On - Premise Raffle on:
January 2, 4,9,25, 29, **2014** from 5:00 – 7:30 PM
February 1, **2014** 12:00 – 1:30 PM Councilman Tersigni moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1176 issued to Garnet Boosterettes for an On - Premise Raffle on:
February 6, **2014** from 5:00-7:30 PM
February 10,12,14, **2014** from 6:00 – 7:30 PM
February 22, **2014** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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

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

NAYS: None

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1177 issued to Lopatcong PTA for an On – Premise 50/50 Raffle on January 31, **2014** from 6:00 PM – 11:00PM Councilman Piazza moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1178 issued to St. Philip & St. James Church for an Off - Premise Raffle on May 4, **2014**
Councilman Tersigni moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn

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

NAYS: None

EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2013- 202

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING contractual-Litigation regarding Lopatcong Sewer, no action to be taken. Councilman Tersigni moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn

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

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None