

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2012

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 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 Fey.

### INVOCATION

By Councilman Fey

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

By the Assembly

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers:

Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

President:

Piazza

ABSENT:

None

### TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Wyant, Clerk/Administrator  
Broubalow and Attorney Wenner

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were  
submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting – February 7, 2012

#### Motion

Councilman Tersigni moved for  
approval of minutes. The motion was  
seconded by Councilman Stettner,  
which carried by a 5-0 vote.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTE CONTENTS

The following Executive Minutes  
were submitted for content approval:

February 7, 2012

#### Motion

Councilman Stettner moved for  
approval of minute contents. The

motion was seconded by Councilman Fey, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

### APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment approval:

#### SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	61,502.85
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	2,069.75
SECTION 8	184.10
CAPITAL FUND	3,642.24
GENERAL TRUST FUND	2,795.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	147,434.82
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND	21,660.00
<b>Section 8 Rent Payments for 2012</b>	
SECTION 8 PROGRAM	132,892.00

#### **Pre Paid Bill List as of February 21, 2012**

STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	51,040.00
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#### Motion

Councilman Tersigni moved for approval of bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

### OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

### MAYOR'S REPORT

#### Community Policing

Mayor referred to session held last week regarding Community Policing. He further referred to officers in attendance this evening in support of program; a program which he believes is very important to this community. Furthermore, he continued Community Policing will be a tremendous benefit therefore; he thanked Council for their support in adopting resolution.

#### Appointments

Mayor announced permanent appointment of James Faulborn as Police Chief effective February 16.

Mayor announced that Captain Walsh would be retiring effective March 1 therefore; he would be promoting Lt. Robert Stettner as provisional Captain effective March 1 and Sgt. Ralph Reppert as provisional Lieutenant effective March 1.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Discussion

ORDINANCES (Second Reading)

O:2012-03

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF LAND FROM WILLIAM EPPERLY 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 Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

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O:2012-04

ORDINANCE TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE FOR THE PLANNING AREA was introduced for 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 Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

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ORDINANCE (First Reading)

O:2012-05

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ADD CHAPTER 426 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO REGULATE DEALERS OF SECONDHAND GOODS WITHIN THE TOWN was

introduced for first reading by Councilman Tersigni who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

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## NEW BUSINESS

### RESOLUTIONS

R:2012-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE INTER-LOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND THE PHILLIPSBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

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R:2012-34

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE INTER-LOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND PHILLIPSBURG EMERGENCY SQUAD, INC. was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

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R:2012-35

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASE UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

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R:2012-36

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASE UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

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R:2012-37

A RESOLUTION APPROVING POLICE PATROLS PHASE IX PROJECT OF THE PHILLIPSBURG URBAN ENTERPRIZE ZONE AUTHORITY was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

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R:2012-38

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AT OLE TOWN FESTIVAL was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

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R:2012-39

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

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

NAYS: None

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R:2012-40

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATION OF A VEHICLE TO THE WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

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R:2012-41

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

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R:2012-42

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

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R:2012-43

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING AND PROBLEM SOLVING AS THE PHILOSOPHY FOR THE DELIVERY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Discussion

Councilman Tersigni stated Community Policing will bring transparency and a better quality of life for the Town. He stated it is a great thing for this to be happening at this time.

Councilman Stettner thanked Chief Faulborn, Todd Miller and Georjean Trinkle for last week's session. He stressed that he was glad to see all of the men here this evening because if everyone does not embrace, they would not be able to use these tools.

President Piazza stated he was very impressed with the program and feels Community Policing will be an asset to this Town.

James Faulborn, Police Chief, thanked Council for adopting resolution and the men would support them just as the Council supports them.

Councilman Fey congratulated Chief Faulborn, Lt. Stettner and Sgt. Reppert on their promotions on his behalf and his family.

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

NAYS: None

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### PUBLIC PETITIONS

Thomas Bush, Columbus Avenue, questioned whether criminal background statements for elected officers brought forward last year was standard operating procedure for elected and appointed officials or a one time thing.

President Piazza replied it is not standard operating procedure.

Mr. Bush questioned whether reports from League of Municipalities Convention have been received.

President Piazza indicated he has the reports at his residence and would be available to the public later this week.

Mr. Bush addressed Christmas luncheon. He noted building closed 2.5 hours early and questioned whether employees were paid for that time.

Mayor replied yes.

Mr. Bush stated that luncheon cost the taxpayers approximately \$8,500, which covers luncheon cost and wages for employees.

Eric Abel addressed Council regarding Market Street lot, which is near Skate Park. He indicated there are signs posted advising 'No Skate Park Parking' but the lot is full of cars; garbage thrown all around; and, youths are doing donuts in lot with their vehicles. He indicated when he contacts the Police Department, they do respond but the people are gone.

Mr. Abel recommended Town either turn lot into a parking lot or have police patrol lot for enforcement.

Councilman Fey stated he and Councilman Tersigni conducted a cleanup project last year and agrees this is something that needs to be addressed for safety reasons.

Blaine Fehley, 237 Bowhay Avenue, questioned when they would begin broadcasting Council Meetings.

Councilman Lynn announced a meeting of the Access Committee would be held February 27 at 3 pm. He referred to a question brought forward by Mr. Fehley at the last meeting regarding loss of channel, which is not true.

Mr. Fehley stated he had contacted Service Electric who confirmed if channel is not used, it would be lost.

Councilman Lynn replied channel will be used and at the next meeting, he would have a report.

Mr. Fehley questioned whether Town is searching for a Chief Financial Officer.

President Piazza replied yes.

Mr. Fehley suggested Town look into shared services.

#### OPEN TIME

Councilman Stettner addressed criminal history background checks and noted he had requested Council to adopt a resolution. He noted law that requires background checks on school officials has been adopted.

Councilman Stettner stated he and Councilman Tersigni met in regards to surveillance cameras. Furthermore, he referred to information that has been distributed to the Council and requested that they review.

Mayor advised he would be traveling to Hazelton, PA to look at the cameras installed.

Councilman Fey thanked Councilmembers Stettner and Tersigni for all their hard work and information on the cameras. He noted the Town would be taking a stand against crime with these cameras and the Community Policing Program.

Councilman Tersigni congratulated Chief Faulborn, Captain Stettner and Lieutenant Reppert and stated he knows they would provide great assistance to the rest of the Police Department.

Councilman Tersigni thanked Councilman Stettner for following up on the surveillance cameras. He indicated he tried to get program going last year but feels this endeavor would be completed this year.

Councilman Tersigni thanked officers for protecting our citizens. He noted they represent this Town and have been doing a great job.

Councilman Tersigni thanked Georjean Trinkle for all she does for the Town.

Councilman Lynn thanked officers for getting behind Community Policing Program.

President Piazza thanked Georjean Trinkle for the outstanding job with last week's session. He noted Community Policing will be a huge benefit and it is something innovative.

President Piazza thanked Mr. Schrek and Mr. Maski for attending this evening in support of Highlands.



MOTIONS

Councilman Fey moved for approval of Raffle License No. RL:1135 issued to Church of St. Philip & St. James for off-premise raffle to be conducted June 9, 2012 FEE: \$80.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Tersigni moved for approval of Raffle License No. RL:1136 issued to Church of St. Philip & St. James for non-draw raffle to be conducted May 2; May 3; May 4; May 5; and May 6, 2012 FEE: \$380.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Stettner moved for adjournment at 7:30 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:

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MICHELE D. BROUBALOW  
Clerk/Administrator

APPROVED:

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RANDY S. PIAZZA, SR.  
Council President