

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2012

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. 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

Clerk/Administrator Broubalow and
Attorney Wenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were
submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting – February 21, 2012
Budget Meeting – February 28, 2012

Motion

Councilman Fey moved for approval
of minutes. The motion was seconded
by Councilman Tersigni, which

carried by a 5-0 vote with exception of President Piazza abstaining on February 28 minutes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment approval:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	118,392.35
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	445.00
SECTION 8	839.00
CAPITAL FUND	180,777.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	5,120.00

Pre-Paid Bill List as of March 6, 2012

CURRENT FUND	3,722.30
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Motion

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

OLD BUSINESS

Access Committee

Councilman Lynn reported on meeting held last week. He reported that the current equipment is 8 years old and there is a question as to the integrity of the equipment.

Councilman Lynn noted that the School District took the January 3 meeting video for test purposes. When they tried to download meeting, he continued it was discovered that the equipment has failed and that is the

reason the screen is black. Further, he noted they addressed various options i.e. web streaming on Town website; recording and making DVD copies for those interested. In addition, he continued the School District has offered to conduct a telephone survey of approximately 10% of the Town's population to question interest and preferred method.

Councilman Lynn noted approximate cost for equipment would be \$10,000. He noted school representatives are preparing proposal for installation of stationary webcam.

2012 Budget

President Piazza stated next budget discussion would be held as part of Work Session on Tuesday, March 13.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Discussion

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

R:2012-44

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASE UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT 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

R:2012-45

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASE UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT 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

R:2012-46

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 Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R:2012-47

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER 6 IN REGARDS TO MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 3 was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R:2012-48

A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER DELAWARE QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion

Councilman Lynn questioned Item 1.

Attorney noted there is a 20,000 gpd allocation discrepancy between Township of Lopatcong and Township of Pohatcong, which discrepancy was commented on by NJDEP. He stated the resolution is reflecting that the Town of Phillipsburg will not weigh in on this issue.

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

NAYS: None

R:2012-49

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RACHEL EDINGER AS A CONSULTANT TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE TAX COLLECTION OFFICE was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion

Councilman Tersigni thanked Rachel. He stated she is qualified in every way to perform these duties and currently, she serves as Tax Collector in Lopatcong as well as, another municipality. In addition, he noted she will fit in well until the new Chief Financial Officer obtains his Tax Collector certification.

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

NAYS: None

R:2012-50

A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE / INSTALLATION OF PRE-ENGINEERED

BUILDING was introduced by Councilman Fey and seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

Discussion

Councilman Stettner questioned whether building includes a door as required by storm water regulations.

Attorney questioned whether Council wished to award conditionally.

Councilman Fey noted the contractor with higher amount should be contacted to question whether or not door was included.

After discussion, Councilman Fey moved that resolution be tabled. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

R:2012-51

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES PROJECT 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

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Thomas Bush, Columbus Avenue, questioned sick leave granted to employees per year.

Clerk/Administrator replied 15 days.

Mr. Bush questioned whether days accumulate or do they lose those days if not used.

Clerk/Administrator replied accumulated.

Mr. Bush addressed the financial impact when employees retire.

Clerk/Administrator advised employees are paid for 55% of accumulated sick time.

Mr. Bush questioned Council whether they personally feel this is fair.

Blaine Fehley, 237 Bowhay Alley, addressed Access Committee and \$4,000 estimate.

Councilman Lynn noted when equipment was purchased approximately 8 years ago; the cost was approximately \$4,000.

Mr. Fehley questioned whether equipment can be used today.

Councilman Lynn replied no.

Councilman Lynn stated estimated cost for replace / repair of existing equipment is \$10,000. Personally, he continued he would not want to add \$10,000 to the budget.

Mr. Fehley noted Phillipsburg received \$47,000 franchise payment from Service Electric therefore; no problem in purchasing equipment.

Mr. Fehley addressed Access User Agreement forms and questioned why they do not exist.

Councilman Lynn replied he did not know.

Mr. Fehley questioned rules for him to come to the Access Committee.

Councilman Lynn referred to 'Public Access Rules and Policies'.

Mr. Fehley questioned reason he has been denied access to this channel and referred to comment that it would fall within OPRA.

Attorney replied it was stated that if he was sanctioned by the Town that the recording might be considered the official recording of the Town therefore; might be subject to OPRA laws.

Mr. Fehley complained that Council bios have not been updated. He noted each member should include their duties in their bio.

President Piazza replied his bio is updated as well as, Councilmen Fey and Stettner.

Mr. Fehley noted Mr. Lynn is not listed and Mr. DeGerolamo is still listed.

Mr. Fehley noted their email addresses are not included.

Mr. Fehley questioned manner in which survey for Access Committee would be conducted.

Councilman Lynn replied telephone.

Mr. Fehley referred to petition submitted with 450 signatures.

Councilman Lynn replied he would review information.

OPEN TIME

Councilman Tersigni stated over the past weekend, he attended the NJ State Wrestling Tournament. He noted Brandon Hull will be honored at the March 20 meeting. Further, he noted Phillipsburg has not had a champion for the past 16 years.

MOTION

Councilman Stettner moved for approval of Raffle License No. RL:1136 issued to Warren Hospital Auxiliary for on-premise raffle to be conducted March 29, 2012 FEE: \$20.00. The motion was seconded by

Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption, which was carried by a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

SUBMITTED BY:

MICHELE D. BROUBALOW
Clerk/Administrator

APPROVED

RANDY S. PIAZZA, SR.
Council President