

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2012

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 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

Mayor Wyant, Clerk/Administrator
Broubalow and Attorney Wenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were
submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting – April 3, 2012

Discussion

Attorney stated that Councilman
Tersigni would be permitted to vote

on minutes since he only missed the first 10 minutes of the meeting.

Motion

Councilman Fey moved for approval of meeting 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:

April 3, 2012

Motion

Councilman Fey moved the approval of minute contents. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for payment approval:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	107,567.41
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	728.90
PLANNING BOARD TRUST FUND	1,140.00
CAPITAL FUND	41,568.89
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	25,290.72

Section 8 Rent Payments for 2012

SECTION 8 PROGRAM	139,923.00
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Pre-Paid Bill List as of April 17, 2012

CURRENT FUND	721,050.00
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SECTION 8	1,000.00
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SEWER UTILITY FUND	2,288.52
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Motion

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

Discussion

Councilman Lynn addressed 'Aqua New Jersey, Inc.' in the amount of \$31,623.72.

Clerk/Administrator replied fees for fire sprinkler, hydrants and water usage.

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Councilman Stettner noted as the Town moves forward with Ingersoll tract, they will need assistance from Dave Maski in regards to Highlands.

Mr. Maski noted Highlands has granted authorization to move forward with that portion of the grant.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Thomas Bush, Columbus Avenue, addressed Resolution R:2012-70, which identifies loans by an account number and questioned whether there is identification by name available.

Attorney replied he did provide a list to him earlier.

Mr. Bush questioned whether they are the same as on the list.

Attorney replied yes; these accounts are in the same order as the list.

Mr. Bush questioned members on committee when loans were issued.

Mayor replied he was a member for most of the loans as was Mark Portnoy. He stated he is not sure which member of Council served when loans were issued.

Mr. Bush questioned criteria.

ORDINANCES (Second Reading)

O:2012-06

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4.45.14) 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 Fey.

Discussion

Thomas Bush, Columbus Avenue, requested explanation.

Clerk/Administrator advised budget is within 2% CAP but this ordinance permits the Town to utilize "CAP" bank in future budgets.

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

NAYS: None

O:2012-07

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$599,766 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$565,125 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was introduced for second reading by Councilman Lynn and there being no errors, corrections or objection, Councilman Lynn moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion

President Piazza opened public hearing.

There were no comments from the public and/or Councilmembers.

President Piazza closed public hearing.

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

NAYS: None

O:2012-08

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,800,000 FOR CAPITAL PURCHASE FROM SEWER UTILITY 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

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Tersigni referred to a recent Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting that he and President Piazza attended. He noted recycling was addressed at this meeting and noted it is believed that in Phillipsburg, people visiting public places and parks are throwing their garbage all into one container. Therefore; he referred to stickers to be placed reminding people to recycle.

Councilman Tersigni stated he would be attending a seminar on Thursday, April 19 at Warren County Vocational Technical School on recycling.

Councilman Fey stated in Walters Park, there are separate containers for garbage and recycling and suggested that as grant funds become available that more containers could be purchased for the other parks.

Mayor indicated the new cans would be green whereas, the other cans were blue.

RESOLUTIONS

R:2012-70

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN LOANS RELATIVE TO THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIC REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FOR PURPOSES OF AUDITOR COMPLIANCE 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

R:2012-71

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:2012-72

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING HANDICAP PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R:2012-73

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

Discussion

Councilman Lynn questioned appropriation of funds since projects were not awarded until 2012.

Clerk/Administrator replied 2011 Road Improvement Program.

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

NAYS: None

R:2012-74

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 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

PUBLIC PETITIONS

No Public Petitions

OPEN TIME

Councilman Tersigni stated he recently served as the ‘Master of Ceremonies’ at the Exchange Club of Warren County Easter Egg Hunt, which was attended by 350 children. He expressed a thank you to those who volunteered...Bob and Becky Christian; Phil and Dottie Kays; Eileen Kerrigan; Pat Kober; and, Stan Garrison.

President Piazza stated last evening; he attended the Corks N Forks event sponsored by Rotary Club.

MOTION

Councilman Tersigni moved for approval of an Application for Active Duty for Jamie A. Buckholtz – Phillipsburg Fire Co. No. 1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Tersigni moved for adjournment at 7:20 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY:

MICHELE D. BROUBALOW
Clerk/Administrator

APPROVED:

RANDY S. PIAZZA, SR.
Council President