

R: 2015-73

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
SUPPORTING THE TRANSPARENT TAX ACT OF 2015**

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. A-4235 supplementing Chapter 4 of title 54, R.S. 54:4-65 and designated the “Transparent Tax Act of 2015” is being considered for adoption by the New Jersey State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would permit the local jurisdiction to print separate tax bills to each taxpayer, one showing the amount of property taxes due and payable for municipal tax purposes, the other shall state the amount of property taxes due and payable for county purposes, school purposes, fire district purposes, and for the purposes of any other special district on behalf of which the municipality collects property taxes; and

WHEREAS, both bills shall include a brief tabulation showing the distribution of the total amount to be raised by taxes; and

WHEREAS, A-4235 would require the municipal tax collector to send notice of the pro rata share, if any, of the property tax appeal refunds paid by the municipality during the tax year to the county, school districts, and fire districts for inclusion in their annual budgets; and

WHEREAS, in the following tax year in which the refunds were paid, the municipal tax collector is then required to deduct the applicable pro rata share of the property tax refund from the amounts to be paid to the county, and each school and fire district; and

WHEREAS, these amendments, if adopted, will assist the general public to understand the tax bill, the structure of the taxes, and the level of support for each agency, and will further provide a more equitable structure to share the obligation of paying approved tax appeals as the title states, creates transparency in the tax supporting local assessments.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Phillipsburg, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, hereby supports Assembly Bill A-4235 amending Title 54:4-65 and urges the Legislature to approve and pass the bill for the reasons expressed herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the New Jersey State Assembly, the members of the New Jersey Senate, and the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey, and all Warren County municipalities.

CERTIFICATION

I, Victoria L. Kleiner, Acting Municipal Clerk for the Town of Phillipsburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Council at their April 17, 2015 meeting.

Victoria L. Kleiner
Acting Municipal Clerk