

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 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 ready by Councilman Stettner.

INVOCATION by Councilman Stettner

PLEDGE by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

ABSENT:

President: Piazza

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
were submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting-09-04-12

No discussion

Motion

Councilman Lynn moved for approval of minutes. The motion
was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

VOTE: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

ABSENT: Piazza

Approval of meeting minutes
were submitted for approval:

Work Session 09-11-12

No discussion

Motion

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

VOTE: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

ABSENT: Piazza

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 79,887.11
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	26,977.38
PLANNING BOARD TRUST	625.00
SECTION 8	155.96
CAPITAL FUND	1760.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	21,740.02
SECTION 8 PROGRAM	135,376.00

Pre-Paid Bill List as of SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

CURRENT FUND	\$59,125.73
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Plus needed to add to Bill List the League of Municipalities bills..

Hotel	\$1,955.00
Hotel for Assessor	255.00
League registration	500.00

Motion

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

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Piazza

OLD BUSINESS NONE

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor asked Stan Schrek to give an update on the current project.

Stan Schrek said that phase 4 and phase 5 of Main Street are in the final surface of paving, McKeen Street this week should be complete the first week of October.

Stan Schrek said this has been done with NJDOT trust fund grants, the deadline is October 16, 2012 hopefully we can get that grant and do Sawmill to Sitgreaves St. to the entrance of Atlantic States.

Stan Schrek said he will need a Resolution for the grant application about 30 days after.

Stan Schrek spoke about the application fee for the Lopatcong, wet land and flood hazard.

Councilman Lynn said to Stan Schrek you seem to get a lot of grant money.

Stan Schrek stated that he got closer with DOT I know what they are looking for and what they judge it by. We are starting to see the payback on the highlands.

Councilman Lynn said Thank you!

Mayor Wyant commended Stan Schrek on his efforts which we get every year, and it's great to be on the receiving end of the grants.

Stan Schrek said Thank you and it has been a long time since I got an ata boy from the Mayor.

Mayor Wyant introduced Officer Lou Delucca

Officer Delucca spoke about the dog park that he is working on. As an officer who has patrolled the area of Mercer St., near the black bridge it has been labeled as a “bad area” but it is not bad just secluded.

I approached the Mayor about making a dog park there I have had many residents ask about that on my foot patrol. The Mayor trusted me and gave me that mission.

We are using the small tennis courts as a small dog area, I need to fix the surface, put mulch down and fix a small area of fencing. Delaware River Park is a beautiful location. I have made contacts with many people who design parks, DRP has many trees, its scenic and has some fence installed already.

There is an area beyond the tennis courts that needs fencing that we can tie into the existing fencing about 600 feet which will cost about \$8,000.00. I did a fund raiser but that takes a lot of time I raised \$1,500.00 and I am planning another one. I applied for a grant, which I received thru PETCO for \$10,000.00. I want to put a few dog poop stations also, so people who walk their dogs can dispose safely. We want to move forward with the construction.

I have Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and I spoke with the NJYC to help clean up and do some things there.

Also help in pulling out some old grills; we need to post rules and regulations. I got some ideas from another dog park in East Jersey.

People will have to apply, prove their rabies, license, and sign a waiver of liability. It would be nice even people from different Towns can use, bring in from the outside area.

Maybe next summer do Veteran memorials of Phillipsburg residents from WW1 to now, to get more people into the park to use it.

Councilman Tersigni stated that I want to commend you on your diligent effort to put this together so quickly.

Councilman Fey stated that Officer Delucca did an outstanding job in such a short period of time and it took off. It all seems to start with the Community

Policing. When I look around and see what the Police have done so much as a group. You all do so much my hats off to everyone on the Police Force.

THANK YOU LOU!

Chief Faulborn spoke about his report. How there is a decrease in summons but an increase in municipal ordinance summons, which should level out at some point. Community Policing giving summons for quality of life charges. Such as open container of alcohol in the park, garbage, littering.

ACO has been working with Kisselbach on Rose St. with the cats, Trap, spay/neuter and adopt out program.

The Davis St., and Filmore neighbors, things have calmed down a bit, no helmets on some children, police in plain clothes patrolling in that area which has helped a lot.

All officers present for National Night Out, health fair and block.

We just received the two new cars, no letters yet they will both get a lap top and one will get the plate reader should be in service in the next two weeks.

The ACO has helped many residents remove skunks from their yards and traps.

Mayor in regards to skunks the ACO will assist but he is not a wildlife certified ACO. So to be clear he will assist, he will NOT trap, or catch skunks, groundhogs. If a resident has one in a trap he will assist and release it back into the wild.

Thank you Chief

Any questions for the Chief?

No questions.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Tersigni I went to a solid waste IR landfill meeting which received DEP approval, there is currently 2022 plus another 10 acres the landfill will be open.

September 12, 2012, I had a Municipal Alliance meeting, more youths are participating in programs which is keeping the youth out of trouble.

Mayor Wyant stated the IR tract has construction debris only

Councilman Lynn mentioned the Halloween Parade October 28th at 3:00 PM.

Mayor Wyant stated that for any information contact the Warren County Chamber of Commerce Dawn.

Mr. Tom Bush, Columbus Ave., asked about O: 2012-017 Videotaping.

Rich Wenner stated that we doing that Ordinance at October meeting.

ORDINANCES (second reading)

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF
PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF
WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING SECTION A640, CABLE
TELEVISION FRANCHISE 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.

Discussion: None

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

RESOLUTION

R: 2012-145

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF 2012 TRUCK EQUIPPED WITH AERIAL LIFT AND SERVICE BODY was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni
 NAYSS: None
 ABSENT: Piazza

R: 2012-147

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING an APPLICATION for **"Strategic Planning for the Roseberry House"** TO THE 2012 HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT GRANT ROUND of the GARDEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND as administered by THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST was introduced Councilman Stettner and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner,

NAYSS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

ABSTAIN: Tersigni

R: 2012-148

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN SUPPORT OF RELAXATION OR EXCEPTION OF THE JOB TITLE DESCRIPTION OF ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL TREASURER ON BEHALF OF ROBERT J. MERLO was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYSS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

R: 2012-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING A-2681 AND OPPOSING A-2404/S-1651 was introduced by Councilman Stettner and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

Discussion:

Councilman Stettner suggested that the Council write to their Assemblymen with our feelings in regard to this.

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

 NAYSS: None

 ABSENT: Piazza

R: 2012-150

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO EXECUTE AN INTER-LOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA AND THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

 NAYSS: None

 ABSENT: Piazza

R: 2012-151

A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED was introduced by Councilman Lynn and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

 NAYSS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

R: 2012-152

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH JCP&L FOR THE PURPOSES OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYSS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

11. PUBLIC PETITIONS

Barry Bourquin, 85 Chambers Street, in the storm today I had a tree take out a power line. I want to have a violation notice rescinded from me for these trees that are not mine.

Rich Wenner, asked who gave violation notice

Mr. Bourquin said it was from the inspection office. Mr. Bourquin stated this all started in 2005 with Lehigh Valley Contractors, did paving work. Poured hot asphalt onto the trees roots.

Rich Wenner gave Mr. Bourquin a card to discuss this matter between them and the Town.

Tom Bush, Columbus Ave., questioned if we are on target for the closing of the IR Tract.

Rich Wenner stated so far set for end of October.

Tom Bush asked about the landfill closure

Rich Wenner stated still needs State approval

Tom Bush asked about Police Contract Alpha/ Phillipsburg

Rich Wenner stated it will be published

Tom Bush asked about house on Center Street

Rich Wenner stated he will look into it.

Tom Bush questioned if the budget was started yet

Councilman Fey stated we need information from the County to work on budget.

Tom Bush stated that you can get expenditures together, just a suggestion

12. OPEN TIME

None

13. MOTION

Approval for Raffle license No 1150 issued to the Grace Lutheran Church on September 29, 2012 for an on premise merchandise raffle was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for a motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner

VOTE: YAYS: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

 NAYSS: None

 ABSENT: Piazza

14. EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2012- NONE

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN
EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE
PURPOSE OF

15. ADJOURNMENT

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