

WORK SESSION MINUTES  
April 12, 2016

The Work Session of the Town Council of the Town of Phillipsburg was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 675 Corliss Avenue.

Councilman Davis read the required Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

ROLL CALL

Council Members: Fey, Lutz, Davis, Piazza

Council President: Tersigni

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Ellis, Clerk Kleiner,  
Attorney Moscagiuri

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Meyner, 392 South Main Street, I have no public comments.

Council President Tersigni questioned if Mr. Timmann had any comments. Mr. Timmann stated no

EMILY EDWARDS – Account Executive for Bethlehem Steel – I am a 2012 graduate of Philipsburg High School, I work at Bethlehem Steel FC, we have a soccer team. I would like to do a Phillipsburg day there for the youth soccer. Since I have played here in Phillipsburg the soccer has exploded and it hasn't been that long since I have played. I would love to bring this locally.

Councilman Davis questioned if Ms. Edwards has spoken to Coach Thompson

Ms. Edwards stated that yes we have had some ideas going around

Councilman Lutz questioned if she was looking from something from Council?

Ms. Edwards stated that I would like community support in four months we have thrown together a soccer team; all the games are played at Lehigh

which is 20 minutes and close to home. Ms. Edwards stated AAA affiliate some paid players form Bethlehem Steel.

Council President Tersigni stated that it is a great idea.

Mayor Ellis stated lets me explain some of the things you spoke about today in my office the Phillipsburg day, with professional soccer team, similar to the Red Bull in Harrisburg. Bringing it here to Maloney stadium professional soccer match there as a fundraiser, Easton/Phillipsburg soccer or PA team vs a NJ team. My wife wouldn't let our son play tackle football this year, so soccer is a big thing. What do you think it would take to arrange a Phillipsburg Day?

Ms. Edwards stated that she told her supervisor it's going to be through me. I would appreciate community support.

Councilman Piazza stated it would promote the Town and teams

Ms. Edwards stated pregame – or half time recognition for the local youth teams

Council President Tersigni asked do you believe a professional team to play in Maloney Stadium is the first since my cousin Jim brought in Kenny Rogers.

Ms. Edwards stated most likely not this season but I would push for next season, it was hard getting the team together in four months.

Council President Tersigni stated would the kids be able to meet the players

Ms. Edwards stated autographs, games, prizes, and give a ways.

Mayor Ellis at Goodman Stadium

Ms. Edwards stated that there was 3,600 fans in 40 degree weather with 30 mile an hour winds.

Councilman Piazza questioned if they had a corporate sponsor

Ms. Edwards stated Lehigh Valley Health Network; someone else works with the Corporate Partnerships

Councilman Lutz stated I can't believe Coke/Pepsi didn't pick you up

Mayor Ellis stated that Bill Thompson is big into the soccer tournaments and got it to come to the Ole Town Fest. He is very passionate and we have to keep the dialog going it was a big draw for the Town.

Councilman Davis stated maybe we should get the approval from the Football coaches

Councilman Piazza stated he will talk to his wife about sponsorship

Councilman Lutz asked if they went to Provident Bank

Mayor Ellis stated that McWane Ductile sponsors the "Mighty Ducks" I give you a lot of credit – Councilman Davis is concerned about the younger people not wanting to stay and work in Phillipsburg, and you have positive energy and are still here. I think that Joe Meyner should be the announcer.

Ms. Edwards stated I'll see what I can do.

Joe Meyner stated woman's game got him hooked last year.

Mayor Ellis stated kudos to you Ms. Edwards.

Thank you.

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Council President Tersigni stated that the clothing bin ordinance needs to be changed and I am in support of that. Kudos to Councilman Lutz on some of the bins being used for profit. I commend you for that, as the Mayor and I spoke we have been thinking that \$1,000 in escrow like a land lord tenant situation is charged against the bin. Then if it goes lower due to a clean-up then we would need to have the account replenished. That's what I am proposing. These conditions can't be made then they must be removed, if not cleaned up they must pay a fine \$200.00 a day. It is a quality of life issue – I am tired of calling the Mayor on a Saturday and Sunday to have something cleaned up.

Mayor Ellis stated that it is out of control

Council President Tersigni stated yes

Councilman Lutz stated some clean up every 30 days now, it is a big headache they should be gone as far as I am concerned. Overnight bins get dripped. Ahearts and the Armory there has been a couch there three days. It is an element of the people who don't care more you see them the more gets dropped if not at the bin they go to Howard Street.

Mayor Ellis stated let Councilman Lutz tell you about where he goes

Councilman Lutz stated that they take the rags to the ports and sell them

Mayor Ellis stated so no child is getting a pair of jeans

Councilman Lutz stated it is senseless and embarrassing especially by Norton's and our welcome to Phillipsburg Sign I think they should come get the bin and remove it.

Mayor Ellis stated Officer Stettner please share your thoughts on this, zones or so many square feet per lot... in the line of view of a major thoroughfare. No problem getting rid of stays we will have to leverage for cameras and help from the PD for surveillance if camera on file we can see the entire lot, we get a plate number.

Have you researched how much they are installed?

Capt. Stettner stated \$ 1500.00; there are different layers to this situation. Every year those dumpsters pay for \$5,000 of our LEAD program some are at Ahearts. It is a six grade program funded for the school kids like DARE. We have the money for pay for a camera for the LEAD. We could look at this in different ways, zones, Norton's at night; we could limit the amount of

bins. Council President Tersigni stated video surveillance? Councilman Lutz stated down to the inceptor at the old age home? Capt. Stettner stated he can pull it right up on his phone

Mayor Ellis stated if it was recorded then we could catch the people dumping at Ahearts that living room furniture

Capt. Stettner stated we would need a bigger server our server holds only seven (7) days' worth, we can upgrade the hard drive to 14 days and have a stiff penalty

Mayor Ellis stated Ahearts should be responsible for that, it is on their property.

Capt. Stettner stated public lots and there is a rumor they are leaving

Councilman Piazza stated people who pick up in the box truck, tell me about that Councilman Lutz

Councilman Lutz stated they pick up every 30 days

Councilman Piazza stated but not by Norton's?

Council President Tersigni stated it is mostly PA people

Capt. Stettner stated it is just the public

Councilman Lutz stated even if you put a fake camera and signs

Capt. Stettner stated the 22 corridor is busy

Council President Tersigni both agrees with cameras and expands our surveillance

Capt. Stettner stated the Armory is close to the Town garage that is easy it can see the dumpsters all the cars that come up and down Heckman Street

Mr. Timmann stated I have 10 cameras on my building, and the police have used them before

Mayor Ellis stated maybe we need to limit the number of bins

Council President Tersigni stated there is no cost benefit, higher fees and cameras

Mayor Ellis stated we can relocate and the Police Department did it. We can limit and rezone, we can put cameras and have no for profit

Councilman Lutz questioned if they supply a nonprofit certification

Mr. Timmann stated I think laminated signs that state you're being photographed are a deterrent. On Reese Court there are a lot of toys

Councilman Lutz stated there should be a certificate of Non Profit

Council President Tersigni stated eliminate two or three areas, increase the fine to minimum \$500.00

Mayor Ellis stated zoning fines, cameras we could confiscate and sell

Council President Tersigni stated the fee for the year not \$25.00 for three years

Councilman Piazza we need to raise the bar in this Town and I believe this is a part of it.

Councilman Davis stated maybe we could have a grandfather clause for the churches and catholic charities

Attorney Moscagiuri stated some have a good purpose some don't

Capt. Stettner stated it is not their intent of the bin owners it is "our people" doing this

Council President Tersigni I have seen old tires

Capt. Stettner stated Howard Street gets a lot of dumping

Council President Tersigni stated that 2013-2014 the garbage on Howard Street and Steve Powell cleaned it all up by Ray Craft, or he was going to get a fine

Councilman Lutz stated the place is bad, Cherry Alley, Jefferson; a little path has TV's down it I reported to the DPW

Mayor Ellis stated Chief and Capt. Stettner has a system for cameras, please check the maintenance and installation of cameras, we all know about the shots fired in Pursell Hill – it really shook me we have got to stay ahead and we are behind with this.

Capt. Stettner stated that the Town has been collecting TV's for three years and they are still ending up on Howard Street.

Councilman Lutz stated we collect TV's and they are taking the wires out, I don't know why we can't pick up and put into the DPW yard.

We should get the Textile Recovery System into a Council Meeting

Councilman Piazza questioned who

Councilman Lutz stated we need a policy of our own so it can be gone by the next day.

Mayor Ellis I think the land owner should be responsible and it would be gone in one minute... they won't want to take responsibility

Councilman Piazza stated the zoning Ordinance should have each group

Joe Meyner stated two areas with Multi bins, and you can bid for spots

Council President Tersigni stated constantly there are things left, no one uses

Mayor Ellis stated he likes that high bid gets the location

Capt. Stettner stated there are so many – maybe a zone

Councilman Davis stated escrow not as effective, 6 bins up / 6 bins down bid or have a flat fee and change the ordinance that has to do with private property and make it the responsibility of the property owner

Council President Tersigni stated zone areas we can do at the next meeting

Councilman Lutz stated Sitgreaves and the Armory

Councilman Davis questioned if the planning board should do this

Mayor Ellis stated he would speak to Kevin Duddy

Council President Tersigni stated Council Piazza we need to propose Councilman Davis, escrow, zoning areas, fees, two or three areas, camera area, change the ordinance April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting

Capt. Stettner stated that Kevin Duddy is away for a week and the wireless cameras bounce off points- O'Donnell, Andover Kent there is a line of site, here and housing is easy. Norton's is hard and we don't want it there.

Mayor Ellis we need zoning – yellow – blue

Councilman Piazza questioned how many locations

Mayor Ellis stated with the bed bug issues things snowball

Capt. Stettner quarantine and take necessary enforcement

Councilman Lutz stated ask to regulate

Mayor Ellis stated to the Attorney to see if we can get this done by the 19<sup>th</sup> of April

Bill Timmann stated Bed bug costs what about a 30 ft. box

Councilman Lutz that will cause more people to dump

Mayor Ellis stated and the cost

Joe Meyner stated I didn't know TV's sets were fair game; there is no information being distributed on South Main Street.

Council President Tersigni stated that one or two days a year they do the paper shredding.

Councilman Lutz stated I pick up 15 warren reports that people don't want that end up in the street and throw them into my recycle bin

Capt. Stettner there is no absolute solution

Councilman Davis questioned doing an annual mailer

Mayor Ellis stated cameras Capt. Stettner the police department can prepare to decide the locations

Capt. Stettner must NRTC calls over time, McKeen to the Black bridge the study was done. We know where we need to put cameras

Council President Tersigni stated 2010 I took it upon myself Hudson Street and Filmore

Capt. Stettner the problem is the line of site

Mayor Ellis stated we are finishing up the Capital Budget numbers and we will know what we have to work with

Capt. Stettner I will figure out the cost, and Hudson, Filmore and the line of site, we couldn't monitor

## ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Lutz made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. 5- 0 vote.

