

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
January 01, 2016

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its Reorganization Meeting on Sunday, January 1, 2016 at 12:00 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 Tersigni.

MOMENT OF SILENCE for Mr. Wynkoop

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE By the Assembly

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

Clerk Kleiner presented 'Certificates of Election' to:--

Stephen R. Ellis, Mayor  
Joshua D. Davis, Councilmember  
Mark Lutz, Councilmember

OATH OF OFFICE

Father Barbella of St P & St J administered the 'Oath of Office' to:

Stephen R. Ellis, Mayor  
Clerk Kleiner administered the 'Oath of Office' to:  
Joshua D. Davis, Councilmember  
Attorney Ferguson administered the 'Oath of Office' to  
Mark Lutz, Councilmember

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni

ABSENT: None

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Ellis, Clerk Kleiner and Attorney Wenner

SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON-PRO-TEMPOREMotion

Councilman Tersigni nominated Clerk Kleiner to serve as Chairperson-Pro-Tempore. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Chairperson-Pro-Tempore called for nominations for the position of Council President.

Councilman Fey nominated Todd M. Tersigni. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

The vote for the selection of Todd M. Tersigni as Council President carried a three to two vote:

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz				x		
Piazza		x	x			
Tersigni			x			
Fey	x		x			
Davis				x		

OATH OF OFFICE

Attorney Wenner administered 'Oath of Office' to Todd M. Tersigni, Council President.

## SELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Tersigni nominated Bernie Fey for the position of Vice President. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Piazza, which carried by a 3-2 vote.

The vote for the selection of Bernie Fey as Vice President carried by a 3-2 vote.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS none

MAYORS TIME Mayor Ellis stated he thanks everyone for the support and he plans on being transparent and run the Town efficiently. Happy New Year.

## CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

Mayor submitted the following appointments to Council for their confirmation:

A. Mayor's selection Christopher Troxell, Prosecutor Councilman Lutz made a motion to appoint Mr. Troxell as prosecutor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz	x		x			
Piazza		x	x			
Tersigni			x			
Fey			x			
Davis			x			

B. Mayor's selection for Municipal Counsel is Arlene Quinones Perez, DeCotiis Law Firm

Mayor Ellis asked that this be tabled for this meeting. A motion to table the appointment of Municipal Counsel was made by Councilman Davis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

**ROLL CALL vote to table**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz			x			
Piazza			x			
Tersigni			x			
Fey		x	x			
Davis	x		x			

C. Mayor's selection for Special Counsel to the Mayor is Scott Ferguson: Councilman Lutz made a motion to appoint Special Counsel. Councilman Davis seconded the motion the motion carried a three to two vote.

Discussion: Council Vice President Fey questioned the as needed basis  
Council President Tersigni stated special counsel for Mayor Ellis

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz	x		x			
Piazza				x		
Tersigni			x			
Fey				x		
Davis		x	x			

D. Mayor's selection Richard Hay, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator, Councilman Lutz motioned to appoint Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz	x		x			
Piazza			x			
Tersigni			x			
Fey		x	x			
Davis			x			

E. Mayor's selection Mabel Cook, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator  
Councilman Lutz motioned to appoint Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.  
The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz	x		x			
Piazza			x			
Tersigni			x			
Fey		x	x			
Davis						

F. Mayor's selection Stan Schrek, Van Cleef Engineering Associates, Municipal Engineer  
Councilman Lutz motioned to appoint Municipal Engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz	x		x			
Piazza			x			
Tersigni			x			
Fey		x	x			
Davis			x			

G. Mayor's selection for Land Use Board - T. Kent Corcoran. Councilman Fey motioned to appoint to land use board. Councilman Davis seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz			x			
Piazza			x			
Tersigni			x			
Fey	x		x			
Davis		x	x			

H. Mayor's selection for Land Use Board – Jennifer McBride Councilman Lutz motioned to appoint to land use board. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried a three to two vote.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz	x		x			
Piazza				x		
Tersigni			x			
Fey				x		
Davis		x	x			

I. Mayor's selection for Sub Code Fire Official – Kevin Duddy Councilman Lutz motioned to appoint to Sub Code Fire Official. Councilman Fey seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz	x		x			
Piazza			x			
Tersigni			x			
Fey		x	x			
Davis			x			

J. Mayor's selection for Sewer Attorney is Bill Mandry- Councilman Fey motioned to **table** the appointment of Sewer Attorney. Councilman Piazza seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz			x			
Piazza		x	x			
Tersigni			x			
Fey	x		x			
Davis			x			

K. Mayor's selection for Municipal Auditor, Tom Ferry, Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, PA. Councilman Lutz motioned to appoint to Municipal Auditors. Councilman Davis seconded the motion; the motion carried a three to two vote.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lutz	x		x			
Piazza				x		
Tersigni			x			
Fey				x		
Davis		x	x			

**ORDINANCES** None

**RESOLUTIONS**

R: 2016-01

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2016 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-02

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2016 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

R: 2016-03

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE SEWER UTILITY FUND FOR 2016 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-04

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2016 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-05

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR YEAR 2016 was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-06

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR YEAR 2016 was introduced



by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-07

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN ATTORNEY AND/OR SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO EXECUTE STIPULATIONS, CORRECT ASSESSMENTS IN TAX COURT, FILE ADDED, OMITTED, OMITTED/ADDED ASSESSMENTS, ROLL-BACK TAX COMPLAINTS AND TAX APPEALS was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-09

A RESOLUTION APPROVING LIST FOR TOWING SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR YEAR 2016 was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-10

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SEWER MEETING DATES FOR YEAR 2016 was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-11

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TAX SEARCH AND ASESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REAUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

R: 2016-13

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-14

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS CERTIFYING OFFICER AND CERTIFYING SUPERVISOR WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Lutz who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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R: 2016-15

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

R: 2016-16

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

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~~R: 2016-17 (TABLED EARLIER IN MEETING)~~

~~A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY~~

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NEW BUSINESS None

### PUBLIC PETITIONS

No Public Petitions

### OPEN TIME

Council Vice President Fey welcome aboard the New Mayor and I also welcome Councilman Lutz and Councilman Davis I know we can get things done and I look forward to working with you.

Councilman Piazza Welcomed the New Mayor Ellis, it will be hard to get used to but I also welcome the new Councilmembers

Councilman Lutz – Thanked everyone for coming out we have a full house thanks for all the support

Councilman Davis I appreciate the support and look forward to working together, I know we had some disagreements today, but that means everyone is thinking.

Council President Tersigni it is an honor to serve under Mayor Ellis, Congratulations to Councilman Lutz and Councilman Davis will be a great addition to Council, and we can move forward in 2016.

### ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Lutz moved for adjournment at 12:35 p.m. Councilman Fey seconded the motion.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Victoria L. Kleiner, RMC

APPROVED:

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Todd M. Tersigni  
Council President