

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2016

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 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 read by Councilman Fey.

INVOCATION by Councilman Fey

MOMENT OF SILENCE for the victims of Orlando shooting

PLEDGE by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President: Tersigni

Council Members: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Ellis, Clerk Kleiner,
Attorney Wenner, Attorney Troxell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of meeting minutes
Were submitted for approval:

Council Meeting 06-06-16

Motion

Councilman Lutz moved for approval of minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Lutz, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Fey

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$	62,744.11
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		1,697.02
CAPITAL FUND		2,849.68
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		198,290.76
SEWER CAPITAL FUND		15,075.21
PLANNING BOARD TRUST FUND		1,019.000
SECTION 8		1,860.63
Total regular bills list June 21, 2016	\$	283,536.41
Section 8 Rent Payments June	\$	139,712.00
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF June 21, 2016		
CAPITAL FUND	\$	34,345.00
AGENCY FUND		156,698.89
Pre -Paid Bills List of June 21, 2016		
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$	191,043.89

Councilman Fey moved for approval of bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

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

NAYS: None

CERT TEAM COMPLETION CERTIFICATES:

Rich Hay, OEM Coordinator and Fire Chief spoke about the CERT team and the training that the volunteers received with support of William Hunt, County Director; instructors Mabel Cook and Jim Cook, John Lefler, John Maczko, Jim Sang, and Karen Trembler.

Mabel Cook and Rich Hay hand out certificates with the Mayor.

Catherine Lutz helped a victim during the explosion.

Thank you all for your support.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Ellis stated that he attended the vigil for the Orlando victims at Shappell Park.

Georgine Trinkle has a grant and we are going to pave some parking areas, trails, the small lot in Delaware River Park, and the area by Wynkoop's that was not capped properly. But, I feel that the Delaware River Park should go back to the forest area, there are problems with that since was dump and items are surfacing. I feel we need to get Union Station open to the public by the black bridge.

The Staff and I spoke about the Thomas the Train, and we feel that there needs to be an RFP – agreement they use the parking lots, police, their own concisions we don't get any money from them.

Mayor Ellis stated that Councilman Piazza started the trail markers.

Gnarly Brews got their permit to do the craft beer in the park, they are going to increase the price so the belly up to the bar people are deterred.

SoMa is doing the concert by the river.

The intersection is 70% completed but we have a problem with the County and they don't want to pay towards it. Library? Does anyone know about that, we can't discuss it right now?

Councilman Lutz is picking the buses we want, the school just wants to give us anything. Transparent – we have a draft of the organization structure, job descriptions, and promotional opportunities.

Chief Faulborn thanks for being here. Congratulations to Josh Davis, for the 29 abandoned properties.

I am getting a quote for solar power; we had the closing of the IR Tract. We can't have any foolish spending.

I went to a transportation forum and I was the only NJ, Robert Clark from the NJ Highway Federation spoke about the structure analysis of RT 22 and us doing repairs, and also the widening of Rt. 22.

Alison Pickel deserves a lot of credit she spoke about trails, bike paths, bridge replacements; Jarred Mass said he is willing to bring the bacon fest across the Delaware to Downtown.

I received a list from Mike Stires of how many properties he has to cut.. passes a paper around.

Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Donna Trimmer of 3 John Street, asked why they are taking away the parking on Bowhay Street, and that her mother needs handicap parking.

Council President Tersigni questioned don't you have a spot in front of the home

Councilman Piazza questioned you can still qualify

Council President Tersigni stated we will oblige you to qualify for a handicap parking spot.

Councilman Fey stated we can grant that

Donna Trimmer stated why it was changed

Council President Tersigni stated that citizens on Bowhay Avenue couldn't get out of his property because it's so narrow

Donna Trimmer stated that she parks far up

Council President Tersigni stated we can make sure that you get a handicap parking on the street

Donna Trimmer stated that she lives on the corner of John and Bowhay

ORDINANCES

O: 2016 -03 (TABLED) (First Reading).

Council was going to motion to take it off the table and Councilman Davis asked if it could remain tabled out of respect for Mr. Meyner, I had information regarding this for him.

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A motion was made by Councilman Piazza to table this Ordinance. Councilman Davis seconded the motion.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR SOA'S POLICE DEPARTMENT introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Tersigni

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Piazza

Mayor Ellis stated we are close to reaching an agreement and should be voted at the next meeting.

O: 2016 -16 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 67-17, SCHEDULE I, NO PARKING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Fey and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Davis moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis.

Discussion: Councilman Lutz questioned if the Town Engineer looked into it. Chief Faulborn answered yes.

ROLL CALL

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

O: 2016-17 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O: 2015-20 ADOPTED NOVEMBER 16, 2015 (Salary for the Business Administrator) PHILLIPSBURG.

was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Lutz 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 Fey.

ROLL CALL

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

O: 2016 -18 (First Reading)

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CODE SECTION 100-16 was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Lutz who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

ROLL CALL

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

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2016-105

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT (PPE FIRE DEPT \$358.00) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2016-106

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT (PPE FIRE DEPT 44.04) R: 2016-106

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT (PPE FIRE DEPT 44.04) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2016-107

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT (PPE FIRE DEPT 103.44)) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2016-108

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

R: 2016-109

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AT OLE TOWN FESTIVAL) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2016 – 110

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF WARREN) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Piazza, Tersigni

R: 2016-111

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2014-2015 LIQUOR LICENSES WITHIN TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG (Xander Holding-12:39 Ruling)) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

Discussion: Councilman Davis questioned if the date was correct. Clerk Kleiner responded yes it is.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2016 – 112

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2016-2017 LIQUOR LICENSES WITHIN TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG (Fuzzy' s Brass Rail II-12:39 Ruling)) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2016-113

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2016-2017 LIQUOR LICENSES WITHIN TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2016-114

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR RENEWAL OF ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni
NAYS: None

R: 2016-115

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF STREETS AND A MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis.

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni
NAYS: None

R: 2016-116

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIR TO DRAFT PRODUCTIONS, LLC. T/A GNARLY BREWS TAP ROOM & BOTTLE SHOP) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni
NAYS: None

R: 2016-117

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIR TO SPLINTERS FROM THE PINE, T/A SOMA DOWNTOWN GRILL) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz, Piazza, Tersigni
NAYS: None

R: 2016-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR UNUSED DAYS TO JEFF DELLATORE OF THE PHILLIPSBURG DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORK) was introduced by Councilman

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2016-119

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HECKMAN STREET PHASE 1) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2016-120

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR TOWN WIDE ROAD ASSESSMENT AND CAPITAL PLAN) was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2016-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF LEASE WITH PHILLIPSBURG AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.) was introduced by Councilman Lutz who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Davis, Fey, Lutz,

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Piazza, Tersigni

R: 2016-122

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MELISSA ELIAS, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, TO ACT AS APPOINTING AUTHORITY AND LIAISON FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR CIVIL

SERVICE R: 2016-106) was introduced by Councilman Lutz who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Davis stated there was an upcoming vacancy on the housing authority and he would like to authorize a resolution to appoint Bianca Flowers Scerbo. Councilman Davis made a motion to appoint Bianca Flowers Scerbo to the housing authority. Councilman Fey seconded the motion. Councilman Davis stated she will be a great asset to the Phillipsburg Housing Authority.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Ellis stated that he ordered new signs with Councils blessing – Welcome to Historic Pursell Hill, they are about \$500.00 and they will be put at Green & Lock Street, Thomas and Center St.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Amanda, 499 Center Street, we are having an event in Shappell Park on July 2nd, 2016. My father passed away on March 27, 2016 from heroin overdose. This presentation is to educate the community.

Council President Tersigni stated there is a need for awareness, people are either dead or still on it.

Amanda stated July 2, 2016 we wanted to know what we needed, facilities use? Mayor Ellis stated it's approved as far as I am concerned.

Keith Reinhardt, Rt.31 Clinton, when I was high on heroin I robbed the Burger King and then the Exxon, I am the program supervisor now for Teen Challenge program. I help place teens in a rehab program, regardless of insurance coverages. You won't be turned away.

Council President Tersigni Thank you for your courage.

Frank Greenagel, applying for a grant, 2009 grants, County and State never before have we come to Council for a penny. The Trust Fund is going to repoint and add a heating element for year round use. Thank you for renewing the lease.

Mayor Ellis stated that JCPL – will help with funding for the Historic Preservation support request for JCPL match.

Council President Tersigni stated I commend Mayor Ellis and \$25,000 to help the historic society and that will keep the reserves intact.

Councilman Piazza stated back in 2009, Scott Curzi started with the homestead and it has come a long way, we have a lot of assets and we can't let go the liabilities of wealth of assets the historic society did a great job bringing it back

Mayor Ellis – Randy tell us about the trail posts

Councilman Piazza stated 8 ft. posts need to be cut down some

Mayor Ellis stated and painted Brown, like the park service –

Councilman Piazza stated 6 ft. posts

Mayor Ellis stated call before you dig.

Council President Tersigni stated thanks Randy.

OPENTIME

Councilman Fey stated Congrats to Bianca Flowers Scerbo

Council President Tersigni stated her husband is here Matt Scerbo

Councilman Davis no new updates

Council President Tersigni stated he was at the vigil for the victims I commend Deb Kiefer who showed support.

On Father's Day we honored Father James we wish him well going to Belvidere.

Ingersoll Rand Closed and I have more respect for Mayor Ellis who brought the former Mayor Wyant in and all politics set aside showed the most amounts of class and it was a great day, biggest event in Phillipsburg and your kind words about the previous administration showed a lot of class.

MOTIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Fey moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza. Motion was carried with 5– 0 vote.