

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
January 1, 2018

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 1, 2018 at 12:00 P.M. at the Phillipsburg Senior Center located at 310 Firth Street.

The required Open Public Meeting Act Statement was read by Attorney Wenner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE By the Assembly

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

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

Danielle L. DeGerolamo, Councilmember
Robert W. Fulper, Councilmember
Frank McVey, Councilmember

OATH OF OFFICE

Emeritus Mayor Gloria Decker administered the 'Oath of Office' to:

Danielle L. DeGerolamo

Emeritus Mayor Harry L. Wyant, Jr. administered the 'Oath of Office' to:

Robert W. Fulper

Clerk Kleiner administered the 'Oath of Office' to:

Frank McVey

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Davis, DeGerolamo, Fulper, Lutz, McVey

ABSENT: None

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Clerk Kleiner and Attorney Wenner

SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON-PRO-TEMPORE

Motion

Councilman Lutz nominated Attorney Wenner to serve as Chairperson-Pro-Tempore. The motion was seconded by Councilman Davis, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

Councilman McVey nominated Robert W. Fulper. The nomination was seconded by Councilman DeGerolamo.

There being no further nominations. The vote for the selection of Robert W. Fulper as Council President carried by a 5-0 vote.

OATH OF OFFICE

Attorney Wenner administered 'Oath of Office' to Robert W. Fulper, Council President.

Council President Fulper extended his gratitude to the residents regarding the election. Council President Fulper also acknowledged the following people here today showing support:

NJ State GOP Chairman – Douglas J. Steinhardt
Former NJ State GOP Chairman – Michael B. Lavery
NJ Congressman – Leonard Lance
NJ State Assemblyman (Appropriations Officer) - John DiMaio
NJ State Assemblymen (Assistant Republican Whip) Erik Peterson
Warren County Freeholder Deputy Director – Edward J. Smith
Former Phillipsburg Mayor- Harry L. Wyant Jr.
Former Phillipsburg Mayor- Gloria A. Decker

Former Phillipsburg Mayor – Paul Rummerfield
 Pohatcong Township Mayor – James R. Kern, III
 Lopatcong Township Mayor-Elect – James E. Mengucci
 Lopatcong Township Council President – Joseph Pryor
 Lopatcong Township Councilman – William Wright
 Former Phillipsburg Town Council President – Todd M. Tersigni
 Former Phillipsburg Town Councilman – Randy Piazza
 Former Phillipsburg Town Councilman – John A. Lynn
 Phillipsburg School Board President – Matthew J. Scerbo
 Phillipsburg School Board Member – Bernard Brotzman
 Phillipsburg School Board Member – William J. Spencer
 Phillipsburg School Board Member – Sandra Morrisette
 Former Phillipsburg School Board Member – Kevin DeGerolamo
 Former Phillipsburg School Board Member Richard E. Turdo, Sr.
 Lopatcong School Board Member – Bob McFarlane
 Former Phillipsburg Planning Board Member Daniel DeGerolamo
 Former Phillipsburg Police Officer – Joe Collura
 Former Phillipsburg Police Officer – Ken Decker
 Former Phillipsburg Police Officer – Frank Stettner
 Newly Retired Crossing Guard – Ann Marie Fleming

SELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Fulper nominated Danielle DeGerolamo for the position of Vice President. The nomination was seconded by Councilman McVey, which carried by a 5-0 vote.

The vote for the selection of Danielle DeGerolamo as Vice President carried by a 5-0 vote.

MAYORS TIME – Mayor was not at meeting – no report at this time

CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

Mayor submitted the following appointments to Council for their confirmation:

Wilentz – Bond Council
 Suppley, Clooney – Auditors
 Kevin Duddy – Sub Code Fire Official

Councilman Davis moved for confirmation of appointments to be tabled. The motion was seconded by Council Vice President DeGerolamo.

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

BILLS LIST SUMMARY

Current Fund	\$ 73,634.61
Capital Fund	32,987.00
Sewage Utility Fund	750.00
Sewage Capital Fund	940.00
Section 8	3,304.20
Regular Bills List of January 01, 2018	\$111,615.81
Section 8 Rent Payments January 01, 2018	\$138,912.00
<i>Tabled Bill prior meeting Brocious, Fisher & Zaiter</i>	<i>\$9,275.00</i>
<i>Remains tabled.</i>	
Grand Total of all Funds	\$250,527.81
Removal of CK# 71540	<u>- 11,156.00</u>
Grand Total of All Funds	239,371.81

ANNOUNCEMENT

HOLIDAY: Monday, January 15,
2018 in observance of MARTIN
LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY

All offices with the exception of the
Police Department will be closed

There will be **NO** garbage or
recycling on that day. Collection will
be on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY**
17, 2018

OLD BUSINESS – NONEPUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS - NONENEW BUSINESS

Councilman Davis made a motion to expedite the agenda and do a consent agenda.

Attorney Wenner explained how the consent agenda works to the new Councilmembers.

Council President Fulper seconded the motion to do a consent agenda. The motion carried a 5-0 vote.

ROLL CALL

Council	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
DeGerolamo			X			
Davis	X		X			
Lutz			X			
McVey			X			
Fulper		X	X			

RESOLUTIONS – done as consent agenda

R: 2018-01

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2018 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT

R: 2018-02

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2018 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT

R: 2018-03

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE SEWER UTILITY FUND FOR 2018 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT

R: 2018-04

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2018 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT

R: 2018-05

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR YEAR 2018

R: 2018-06

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR YEAR 2018

R: 2018-07

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS

R: 2018-08

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

R: 2018-09

A RESOLUTION APPROVING LIST FOR TOWING SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR YEAR 2018

R: 2018-10

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SEWER MEETING DATES FOR YEAR 2018

R: 2018-11

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TAX SEARCH AND ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

R: 2018-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A

“CHANGE FUND” FOR USE BY THE TAX COLLECTOR’S OFFICE, THE CLERK/VITAL STATISTICS OFFICE, SEWER UTILITY OFFICE, CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL OFFICE, MUNICIPAL COURT OFFICE MUNICIPAL POOL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

R: 2018-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REAUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

R: 2018-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REGARDING VACATION AND SICK PAY FOR ANN MARIE FLEMING

Councilman Davis made a motion to adopt the resolutions R2018-01 through 2018-14. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lutz.

ROLL CALL

Council	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
DeGerolamo			X			
Davis	X		X			
Lutz		X	X			
McVey			X			
Fulper			X			

OPEN TIME

Councilman McVey thanked everyone, the great crowd and support he has a very good feeling. Thank you for coming, we will be fiscally sound as per Assemblyman Peterson.

Councilman Lutz – nothing to say

Council Vice President DeGerolamo reiterated what Councilman McVey stated, thanked everyone for coming, and hope that the audience continues to come. Mr. Meyner – we are going to discuss some changes at the work session, we have lots of goals, thank you.

Councilman Davis – nothing to say

Council President Fulper we made a lot of promises that we intend to start a Landlord Tenant Task Force. It will be comprised of State, Local officials and residents.

We have some traffic issues, needing signs – for Autistic child, and speed bumps that may slow down common speeding areas.

I am going to appoint Blaine Fehley to the PEG channel; he will record each meeting and remain professional.

We would like to rename the lower portion of Anderson Street to Fleming Drive.

We have every intention on working together.

Congressman Lance congratulated the Council members that it has been an honor to serve in the House of Representatives. I was against the local taxation law that just passed but I will do anything I can to help your Town with that.

My wish for 2018 is a year of prosperity, Peace across the globe. Phillipsburg is a great Municipality. The Mayor whom I have cut a ribbon a few weeks ago, I hope to continue to work together and progress in 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Lutz moved for adjournment, Councilman Davis seconded the motion at 12:43 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

VICTORIA L. KLEINER
Registered Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

ROBERT W. FULPER
Council President