

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
 Council Meeting Re-Organization
 January 01, 2020 – Noon
 525 Warren Street

1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT Read by Clerk Kleiner

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - by Assembly

3. INVOCATION - by Sister Michaelita

4. OATH OF OFFICE Mayor Todd M. Tersigni – by Assemblyman John DiMaio

 Swearing in of Councilman Randy S. Piazza Jr. by Freeholder James Kern, III

 Swearing in of Councilman Harry L. Wyant, Jr. by Mayor Tersigni

5. SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON-PRO-TEMPORE

Councilman Fulper nominated Attorney Wenner to serve as Chairperson-Pro-Tempore. The Motion was seconded by Councilman McVey

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			x			
Councilman Fulper	x		x			
Council Vice President McVey		x	x			
Council President Piazza			x			

6. SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

Councilman Fulper nominated Randy S. Piazza Jr. The nomination was seconded by Councilman McVey.

There being no further nominations. The vote for the selection of Randy S. Piazza Jr. as Council President carried by a 5-0 vote.

7. OATH OF OFFICE

Attorney Wenner administered 'Oath of Office' to Randy S. Piazza Jr., Council President.

8. SELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Piazza asked for nominations of Vice President

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

9. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS None

10. CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

A. Mayor’s selection is Richard Hay, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator, Gary Ricker – Deputy Fire Chief, Mable Cook, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, and Howard “Zeke” Pyatt – for Battalion Chief.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant	x		x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			x			
Councilman Fulper		x	x			
Council Vice President McVey			x			
Council President Piazza			x			

B. Mayor’s selection for Town, Labor, Tax Appeal, Redevelopment and Sewer is Rich Wenner, Esq. from the firm of Lavery, Selvaggi, Abromitis & Cohen.

ROLL CALL

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Councilman Wyant	x		x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo		x	x			
Councilman Fulper			x			
Council Vice President McVey			x			
Council President Piazza			x			

C. Mayor’s selection for Town Auditor is Nisivoccia & Company LLP, Auditor Heidi Wohlleb

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant	x		x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo		x	x			
Councilman Fulper			x			
Council Vice President McVey			x			
Council President Piazza			x			

D. Mayor’s Selection for Sewer Conflict Attorney is Sandy Galacio, Esq.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant	x		x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			x			
Councilman Fulper		x	x			
Council Vice President McVey			x			
Council President Piazza			x			

E. Mayor’s selection for Bond Council the firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, Lisa Gorab, Esq.

ROLL CALL

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Councilman Wyant	x		x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			x			
Councilman Fulper			x			
Council Vice President McVey		x	x			
Council President Piazza			x			

F. Mayor’s selection for Sewer Engineer – Remington and Vernick – Dennis Yoder.

ROLL CALL

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Councilman Wyant			x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo		x	x			
Councilman Fulper	x		x			
Council Vice President McVey			x			
Council President Piazza			x			

G. Mayor’s selection for Sub Code Fire Official – Kevin Duddy

ROLL CALL

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Councilman Wyant	x		x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			x			
Councilman Fulper		x	x			
Council President McVey			x			
Council President Piazza			x			

H. Mayors selection for the Municipal Judge – Gerard J. Shamey, Esq.

Discussion: CW DeGerolamo questioned who vetted the Judge? Mayor Tersigni, stated he did and Freeholder James Kern III.

ROLL CALL

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Councilman Wyant	x		x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo					x	
Councilman Fulper			x			
Council Vice President McVey		x	x			
Council President Piazza			x			

I. Mayor’s selection for Municipal Prosecutor is – Steven Siegel, Esq.

Discussion: CW DeGerolamo same question, who vetted the Prosecutor? Mayor Tersigni stated he did and Freeholder James Kern III, he came highly recommended.

ROLL CALL

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Councilman Wyant	x		x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			x			
Councilman Fulper		x	x			
Council Vice President McVey			x			
Council President Piazza			x			

J. Mayor’s selection for Public Defender is Jennifer Toth, Esq., of the firm of Winegar, Wilhelm, Glenn & Roemersma

ROLL CALL

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Councilman Wyant			x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			x			
Councilman Fulper		x	x			
Council Vice President McVey	x		x			
Council President Piazza			x			

11. RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA * *Matters listed on the Consent Agenda Resolution are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council and one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an item to be removed for consideration*

R: 2020-01

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT

R: 2020-02

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT

R: 2020-03

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE SEWER UTILITY FUND FOR 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT

R: 2020-04

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADOPTION OF A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR DEBT SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BUDGET ACT

R: 2020-05

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR YEAR 2020

R: 2020-06

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR YEAR 2020

R: 2020-07

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS

R: 2020-08

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: 2020 -10

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TAX SEARCH AND ASESMENT SEARCH OFFICERS

R: 2020- 11

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REAUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020

R: 2020-12

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: 2020-13

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS CERTIFYING OFFICER AND CERTIFYING SUPERVISOR WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

R: 2020-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

R: 2020-15

A RESOLUTION APPROVING LIST FOR TOWING SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR YEAR 2020

ROLL CALL – CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo	x		x			
Councilman Fulper			x			
Council Vice President McVey		x	x			
Council President Piazza			x			

PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

R: 2020-09

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SEWER MEETING DATES FOR YEAR 2020

CW DeGerolamo questioned the change in the meeting time and dates. Clerk Kleiner responded due to Mayor Tersigni promised the people more sewer meetings, and the time was changed because it didn't seem that everyone was able to make it at that time.

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Councilman Wyant			x			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo	x		x			
Councilman Fulper			x			
Council Vice President McVey		x	x			
Council President Piazza			x			

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tersigni takes to the podium – see attached

13. NEW BUSINESS None

14. PUBLIC PETITION None
(Public Comments)

15. ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED BY:

VICTORIA L. KLEINER
Registered Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

RANDY S. PIAZZA, JR.
Council President

CUE COLUMN

NOTES

First of all I want to thank each and everyone of you for coming here today at our reorganization meeting 1/1/2020. Pam bonded and so lucky to be your mayor of this great town of Chessey we all love and cherish. It has been a long 10 year journey to get here, but we did it together. Know my mother & father would be so proud and are smiling down from heaven. I was elected on Nov 3rd my oldest brother John said "this is what mom always wanted to see". She is here. Know in spirit.

① I would like to congratulate Council President Ronald P. Poyza, Jr. and his family. Glad the honor to serve with his father for 8 years.

Looking forward to working together with Councilwoman Danielle, VP Thomas and Councilman Robert J. J. I know we will work

② I would like to congratulate former Mayor & Councilman Harry Zuyant Jr and his family. Glad the honor to serve in his shoes for 10 years and now he will serve in mind. I couldn't ask for a better advisor than Harry. I will be a hands on mayor transparent and accountable for my decisions

SUMMARY
 together for a better quality of life & betterment of Chessey.

CUE COLUMN

NOTE

There will not be any blame of previous administration on anyone in the past. We will all start today and give our town back to the people

① We need to clean up our town with cooperation of our DPW. We need to change our perception

② We will work together of our town by working together.

We need to enforce codes and ordinances with cooperation of our inspection department. We must have property owners and landlords be made accountable for their actions without any excuses.

③ Eliminate unfixable properties and make clean spaces for redevelopment not only in the downtown but other areas of town. Our investors need us to build but keep a close eye on these projects.

④ Be a business friendly who have a record of. For example Budget Development the largest Commercial Real Estate Duely in the USA. When I ran for

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Improve
 the quality
 of life for
 all residents
 and business
 alike.

Council in 2009. This was my
 platform and look where it led
 today along with others who are
 present in this room. This will
 bring jobs and a better quality
 of life for Phillips and our
 surrounding neighbors.

Before long soon in we
 will able to get the police
 out of Cross. Our police deserve
 the best. I want to thank
 Ayres they're the Chief of Police
 and Anderson report. We get
 this done by working together.

- I have had meetings with
 CFO Merlo on budgeting. Engene,
 Stan talk about our roads
 and storm drains.

Don Owensby about our sewer
 plant problems.

- You will see my passion
 for all our residents to improve
 the quality of life and better
 security for all our residents
 and business alike. Rome
 wasn't built in a day, my
 grandfather John Cope always
 said. I know in my heart
 the goals can be obtained.

I would like to say God
 Bless you all and God Bless
 the United States of America
 Thank you

SUMMARY