

Apprvd. 06.15.2021

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 01, 2021 AMENDED AGENDA
via ZOOM
7:00 P.M.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 7:05 PM by Council President Fulper as CP McVey absent

2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT:**

THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW. THIS MEETING OF June 01, 2021 WAS INCLUDED IN A NOTICE SENT TO NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS THE REQUIRED NOTICES UNDER THE STATUTE. IN ADDITION, A COPY OF THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK by CM Piazza

3. **INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE** by Councilman Piazza

4. **ROLL CALL**

Council President McVey Absent – all other members present

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES -** NONE

6. BILLS LIST - Hold Statewide Ck # 82256 indefinitely

ROLL CALL

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

7. DISCUSSION:

Andrea Tempio- of CGI Communications – in Partnership with Nat’l League of Cities, US Conf. of Mayors and Nat’l Assoc. for counties. Provide free video content. Opportunity for community to take part in initiative, continuing with Warren County.

Jeff Milanaik of Bridge Development
Spoke of shift of distribution patterns toward Ecommerce rather than trucking needs. Even though change from 1.7 million to 1.283 will modify financial agreement, will honor original. Modify (2) bldgs. Change of third street bridge, (1) north bound lane recommended by NJDOT.

Attorney Wenner spoke to moving forward procedurally. Council inclined to accept the amended plan, conditional approval on the satisfaction of traffic. Bridge needs to do additional traffic study regarding impact flows on Rt. 22 corridor and amend financial agreement.

A motion was made by CVP Fulper to approve the GDP with amended conditions. CM Wyant seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

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

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thursday, June 3rd 4:00pm-** Virtual Phillipsburg Annual Awards & Healthcare Update
- **Friday, June 4th 12:00pm-** Brain Food: Lunch & Learn with Carnegie Agency & Phillipsburg Chamber
- **Saturday, June 05, 2021,** Town wide yard sale – no permit needed, it is rain or shine, 9 am – dusk.
- **Thursday, June 10th 11:45am-** Phillipsburg Cash Mob (meet at Shappell Park)
- **Friday, June 18, 2021 –** Shappell Park – Ole Town Festival
- **Saturday, June 19, 2021 –** Ole Town Festival – Walter Park

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. MAYOR’S AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Bill Spencer at the Senior Center for live meeting, planned for June 18, 2021.
Cnclmn Piazza – NPP and Norwescap last week, nice..focused on what’s being done Downtown.

11. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

David Morisette – 5 Fairview Heights
Amount received last year as the Pilot? What is the 50k payment?

Attorney Wenner – Last year money, have to check with CFO, graduated payment schedule.

VP Fulper responded – 50k litigation, Statewide comes in, will have to go unanswered until Statewide at meeting.

12. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING -

O-2021-15 (1st Read 05-18-2021-2nd Read 06-01-2021

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-12 REGARDING 2021 SALARIES FOR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

Discussion: NONE

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant	X		X			
Councilman Piazza		X	X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			X			

Council Vice President Fulper			X			
Council President McVey						X

13. ORDINANCES — FIRST READING

None

14. 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.*

ROLL CALL CONSENT

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

R: 2021-145

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ACTING ELECTRICAL SUB CODE OFFICIAL AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

R: 2021-146

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87(CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) Body Armor

R: 2021-147

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) Recycling Tonnage Grant

R: 2021-148

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) (2021 Distracted Driving Crackdown)

R: 2021-149

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) (Station House Adjustment)

R: 2021-150

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVER PAYMENT DUE TO TAX APPEALS

R: 2021-151

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL GROUP IN CONNECTION WITH THE GERIATRIC AND MEDICAL SERVICES TAX APPEAL

R: 2021-152

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING PURCHASES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT

R: 2021 - 153

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CGI COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY VIDEO PROGRAM

R: 2021-154

RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RESCINDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A BID FOR 955 GREEN STREET OFFERED BY SULY C. RODRIGUEZ AND ACCEPTING BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 SUBMITTED BY 3 J & R ASSOCIATES, LLC

15. NEW BUSINESS

Habitability Hearing on 124 Mercer Street – 159 Mercer Street
Renotice property owners.

Motion to carryover to June 15

ROLL CALL

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

Both carried to June 15, 2021

Cnclwoman DeG- Stated regarding Rental Registration, a CO can be revoked, but Rental Registration cannot. Should be able to revoke on point of non-compliance.

Attorney Wenner spoke to Memo sent by Angela Knowles regarding Cannibus Ordinance regulating adult use of marijuana.

DD – Disagree, know about this because of Colorado, odor from cultivation. Would rather Opt-Out and do it right, give Public opportunity to discuss.

Cnclman Wyant – Agaree with DG, neet to sit together and discuss. If Opt-Out then not pressed for time.

Cnclman Piazza – Support medicinal, but know that recreational will be coming, but should that ever happen can let Planning Board if ever comes to that, play their role, they can do their job and all the codes, rules, questions will be asked and answered. I support, and am for the plan before us.

VP Fulper – stated he feels should be put before Public, that he is a supporter. Noting that alcohol use is everywhere in society and recreation use of marijuana, those in Phillipsburg know the difference. Good idea to put before the voters.

Attorney Wenner asked does Planning Board meet in June? If Planning Board meets the end of July, assuming Quorum, Zoning Ordinance. Planning Board, they have 30 days to weigh in , preference on our end, just enough time if planning board meets, can opt out for now and can amend and opt-in. If do nothing it will be automatically permitted in the Industrial Zone.

VP Fulper noted wanted to let Council President McVey create Agenda for June 15 meeting.

Attorney Wenner stated he would create all versions and present prior to June 15 meeting to allow all to determine acceptable version to all. Noted he will do that.

16. PUBLIC PETITIONS

David Morrisette 5 Fairview Heights

Mary Jo Harris – cash mob – go in to store.

Curtis Vielstich – 19 word triple lane Lopatcong – opposed the Resolution. Attend the library board meeting – furlough, look into other comments, Council should support Library fully funding. 40-58 NJ Law, maintenance, 1/3 million tax. Partially funding library, email time line. Webhost – division PFPL pages.

VP Fulper – Access Zoom – when you call in you can use your phone number, I called in from the road. The accusation is over the top, that’s your opinion. Thank you.

BA Benjivenga addressed DD question by stating – Youth Groups do reimburse us for background checks.

17. DISCUSSION

18. COUNCIL OPEN TIME

DG – FMV do my Council chat 6/26 only available day, Historic Preservation, Topic of choice, let people choose..Q&A email topics.

Cnclman Wyant – spoke of Memorial Day Parade down South Main Street, honor our fallen brothers and sisters. Meeting at the bridge with Mayors, a wonderful day. So missed last year due to Covid, really nice turn out this year, on the street and in the Park.

Cnclman Piazza – reiterate what Cnclman Wyant said, fantastic, acknowledged Mayor, BA, Clerk’s Office, DPW, Fire Dept., Police Dept all fantastic. Mayor Panto/Easton joining us, nice experience. Phillipsburg Youth Soccer Club, good luck to team, his daughter participates.

Cnclman Wyant – PHS band did a great job, kudos, wonderful.

VP Fulper – commented, yesterday’s ceremony long time coming. All there having fun, smiling enjoying day, but also remembering the fallen – the Community coming together. Noted a lot of good happening in Phillipsburg, Bridge and industry in Phillipsburg.

19. MOTIONS

Application for active fire fighter - Thomas E. Kreider, Jr. for Jersey Hose Co. No. 2.

ROLL CALL

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

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

21. ADJOURNMENT

ROLL CALL

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

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