

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2014

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 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 Lynn.

INVOCATION

by Councilman Lynn

PLEDGE

by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Council President

Tersigni

Council Members:

Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Piazza

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Wyant, Acting Clerk
Kleiner, Attorney Wenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
Were submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting-03-04-14

Work Meeting – 03-11-14

Executive Meeting-03-04-11

No discussion

Motion

Councilman Fey moved for approval of minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 39,512.62
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	1,922.54
CAPITAL FUND	315.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	263,532.56
PLANNING BOARD TRUS FUND	11,937.11
SECTION 8	225.99
Total regular bills list March 04, 2014	\$318,045.82
Section 8 Rent Payments	\$129,973.50

PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF MARCH 4, 2014

STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	2,191.76
AGENCY FUND PENSION PAYMENTS	275,027.00

TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST **277,218.76**

Acting Clerk Kleiner asked the Council to add Richard Grubb and Associates for an overdue bill to get added for \$14,000.00 which was a certification of funds, (R: 2013-083)

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS **\$ 739.238.08**

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Stettner, Tersigni, Fey, Lynn, Piazza

 NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Piperata met at the site on March 17th with Stan and some Council members and went over to the building. I suggested that he contact Dave Zimmerman has extreme knowledge of the buildings. Mr. Piperata met with Mr. Zimmerman today. Mr. Zimmerman mentioned another building to him that is a large metal building – a steel building that houses a water stripper. That will have to be removed; I'll contact aqua water and see if we could sell it to them. It may be more advantageous for him and has electric already. I need to go up myself and take a look at it; it may be a better place for him.

I will need an executive session regarding contractual matters please add this to the agenda.

Chiefs Report

The Mayor stated to the Chief as he handed out his report that there was no need to go line by line.

The Chief stated that he wanted to thank the DPW for working with them during the snow emergencies.

The Police Department is planning an Open House in April the 3rd or 4th Saturday in April, so the public can come and go through the department and see the services we provide.

January 2015 we are thinking of doing a Winter Festival, Georgine Trinkle of NORWESCAP and I we met with Easton, we are in the preliminary stages.

Mayor Wyant commended the Department on the work they have done with the snow emergencies a great job with the CAN system reverse 911, after the second or third time they know what it was all about. I have declared more snow emergencies this year than my entire tenure. The officer knocked on doors so there was no undue stress to two people. The DPW did a great job also.

Thanks Chief.

ENGINEERS REPORT none at this time

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ORDINANCES

O: 2014-07 (Second and Final Reading)

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-03 IN ORDER TO CORRECT CERTAIN SALARY STEPS

IMPROVEMENTS was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Fey 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 Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

O: 2014-08 (Second and Final Reading)

SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RAW WATER INFLUENT PUMP AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN, BY, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AND APPROPRIATING \$38,635 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF IMPROVEMENTS was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Piazza and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Piazza moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

O: 2014-09 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 360 ENTITLED "PLANNING BOARD" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 360-13 THROUGH 360-16 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND TO ENACT A NEW CHAPTER 360 DISSOLVING THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND MERGING ITS FUNCTIONS INTO THE PLANNING BOARD TO CREATE A LAND USE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-25(c)(1) was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Piazza who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

Councilman Lynn asked if this was outside of financial benefits Councilman Piazza what happens with the Board Attorney, Board of Adjustments - one will go?

Councilman Fey, said that Stan Schrek professional opinion if we grew this would enable us to hold criteria as being grandfathered in.

Councilman Piazza said the planning board issued variances Council President Tersigni stated by consolidating we will be saving tax payers money

Councilman Stettner stated that both boards – DEP, EPA, easier dealing one board

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

O: 2014-10 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Fey who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza .

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2014-50

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A LOAN FROM THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PROGRAM AND SPECIFYING REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN APPLICATION IMPROVEMENTS was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

R: 2014-51

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR RENEWAL OF TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR AKAB, INC. was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

R: 2014-52

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Councilman Stettner asked this just temporary will we adopt right
Mayor Wyant stated yes

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

R: 2014-53

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

R: 2014-54

A RESOLUTION AWARDED PURCHASES UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

R: 2014 - 55

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR REFUND OF TAX REFUND DUE TO TAX APPEALS was introduced by Councilman Pizza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

R: 2014-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ALL IMAGE ASPHALT
AND W. DOWD EXCAVATING, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE
OF REMOVING SNOW FROM THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
IN CONJUNCTION WITH A STATE DECLARED SNOW
EMERGENCY was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved
for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Mr. Meyner of South Main Street, I met with Mr. DeBeers, we spoke about the students, and he said it was all guess work; I am going to petition you to renegotiate this contract. I spoke with a real estate agent regarding the numbers of students/ bedrooms.

I was told that first ten, three bedroom homes more than half had children. This will cause an extreme cost on the school district

Second conditions 02-04-14, the bonds to help the builders and service charges will be tax burden on the Town, Please take this seriously. Thank you.

Bill Timmond 230/433 South Main Street, I handed out a list of my questions (see attached) Road infrastructure, municipal services, snow plows, and the properties in disrepair will they get help.

I want to ask about the car show and the road being closed and tractor trailers having to go Mercer Street it is narrow and I think you should reconsider the route.

Thanks Mr. Timmond

Blaine Fehley - Phillipsburg, October 16 to date the PG channel,
Councilman Lynn stated the program was installed today and is working properly,
I have to get the IP address and size of videos will post videos
Blaine Fehley questioned who will be posting the videos
Councilman Lynn stated the public access committee. One computer and one
address.
Blaine Fehley is there going to be a committee meeting – who's on the committee
Councilman Lynn said he was on the committee, Council President Tersigni, The
Mayor, Staci Horn there is someone I can't think of it right now.
Blaine Fehley asked who the outside people..
Councilman Lynn stated Stacie Horn Councilman Piazza stated Pam Backus

Thank you.

Councilman Lynn stated he will send text pages in the next 10 days to make sure it
is working.

OPENTIME

Mayor Wyant stated we will have to re-establish the committee, Councilman Lynn
said he would reach out to them.

MOTIONS

R: 2014 - 57

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF contractual matters Alpha/Phillipsburg shared services and lease agreement Cobble Beach.

VOTE: YEAS: Piazza, Fey, Tersigni, Lynn, Stettner

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

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