

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
May 05, 2015

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 05, 2015 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 Council Vice President Tersigni.

INVOCATION

by Council Vice President Tersigni

PLEDGE

by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Council President

Lynn

Council Members

Fey, Lynn, Piazza

Absent

Stettner

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Wyant, Clerk Kleiner,
Attorney Wenner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes
Were submitted for approval:

Council Mtg. 04-21-15
Special Wk. Sess. Mtg. 04-21-15

Motion

Councilman Piazza moved for approval of the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Tersigni, Lynn, Piazza, Fey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

APPROVAL OF BILLS

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$	1,125,164.19
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		9,265.00
CAPITAL FUND		3,875.46
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		53,964.68
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND		68,440.50
PLANNING BOARD TRUST FUND		12,646.00
SECTION 8		991.24
Total regular bills list MAY 05, 2015	\$	1,275,140.07
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF May 05, 2015		
CURRENT FUND	\$	3,888.00
AGENCY FUND	\$	1,388.34
TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST	\$	5,276.34

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS

\$ 1,280,416.41

Discussion: None

Motion

Councilman Piazza moved for approval of bills list. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner

SPEAKER: PROJECT IMPACT – Ann Ball

Ann Ball Speaks about herself a bit, I am a PEA member, math coach, gifted and talented program, and teacher of the year for the 2014-2015 school year. This room has a lot of memories for her. In 1991 she was a Special Education teacher, for All Saints, SP&SJ, elementary we met here is this very room. I also paid my one and only fine here is this room from a speeding ticket.

The group Project Impact is made of PEA, 560 teachers, paraprofessionals, WCEA, NEA Unions. We have the best services in Phillipsburg. We don't all live here but we are lucky to work here in Phillipsburg, and we want to give back to the community at large.

We have participated in a lot of different activities they include: Fall Festival, Veterans tribute, Catholic Charities, Turkey delivery, Toys for Tots, x mas tree and dinner deliveries, gifts to mercy hall, the soup kitchen at Wesley Methodist, and Blessed Hope churches, the good bank, we made greeting cards with the seniors at Heckman house, we have worked in the reading room with the community police. We took seniors to the drama club plays; we helped at teen night at the FYC. We held a frolic in the park; we have helped with the Memorial Day parade, Field of flags, spring cleanups, spring food drives, and Ole Town Festival. We don't live here but our hearts are here and giving back to the community. The PEA, Administration, and parents volunteering community relations started in September. George Chando raised \$8,000 with dress down days that will help with scholarships. It will help along with the pride grant and the NJEA. Giving of our time outside of our daily jobs, to ensure support outside

schools will help grow and strengthen the community. If you need help – take part in volunteering your time, then Project Impact is here for you. Think of us if you need support, help in this community, we meet each month make calls monthly. Volunteers are not paid not because their worthless but because their priceless.

With the help of members we can build community relations in Phillipsburg.

Councilman Piazza stated he wants to commend Project Impact they are priceless lot of time goes unsung, other organizations can use help and benefit both, I commend all of you.

Councilman Fey having four kids in the school system I know you all aside from Project Impact, Thank you for them, Special people that take interest, thank you all as a public official and as a parent. The senior center, the bell choir, these are the things people remember. Some new faces watch a movie or play card games. Goes a long way even sitting at the senior center and having interactions with them. Thank you all.

Council Vice President Tersigni I want to reiterate what Councilman Fey said Volunteering is special, civil leadership makes a community strong; maybe you can come and speak at the Rotary Club meeting, and possibly the Exchange Club of Warren County.

Ann Ball stated this idea of speaking was their idea and they all bailed on me

Council Vice President Tersigni I will give you my number. Thanks from the bottom of my heart

Council President Lynn Thanks, this information is valuable to us. Try to keep in touch with the community, volunteers are strength of the community and that makes a stronger community. We should add a link to our web site for Project Impact.

Ann Ball asked if anyone has ever heard of a cash mob – help the local business down town.

Council President Lynn stated THANK YOU

OLD BUSINESS NONE

MAYORS REPORT NONE

CHIEFS REPORT NONE

PROCLAMATION Council President Lynn and Council Vice President Tersigni ask Clerk Kleiner to come down to the podium. Council Vice President Tersigni reads the proclamation naming May 03 – May 09, 2015 Municipal Clerk’s Week. Thanks for the hard work and putting up with us five and Mr. Meyner.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Meyner, 392 South Main Street, Started to pose a question to Clerk Kleiner, Council President Lynn stated that Mr. Meyner needs to direct the questions to me or the Council not to Victoria.

Mr. Meyner questioned if it was in the minutes that the petition was given to Victoria. Council President Lynn stated it was.

Mr. Meyner stated that Ordinance 2015-10A he was glad to see that proper procedure was followed by tabling the Ordinance.

Mr. Meyner stated that he hopes that Council will precede keeping safe guards and bargain well with the IR property.

Karen Grube 553 Congress Street, Valley View, also questioned the Ordinance 2015-10A stated that they never received notice as she has previously, when Bernie Fey was president, were here today to see what the plan is, it is a historical neighborhood, we took care of the grant, lots of residents are concerned of the traffic and noise, rumors fly. We want notification, we want to be included, valley view community.

Council President Lynn stated that the notice comes from the planning board when the site plan is reviewed and everyone within the 200 feet of the project gets a notification. This project hasn't gotten that far yet. You can find out the facts here.

Mrs. Grube I am here to be a liaison, I love this neighborhood

Councilman Fey I grew up there and was a paper boy at 12 years old. This is just a concept plan, the historic value of Valley view, the park type atmosphere is all part of the concept. They do have that in mind the Morris Canal and Trail systems, should bring job and revenue to the Town. No offense to Sarah but you can't always believe what you read in the paper.

Mrs. Grube stated that we have a lot of speeders

Council President Lynn stated that he will try to set up and meet with OPUS group Council Vice President Tersigni stated to Mrs. Grube thanks for coming in I vow to you, that the Mayor and Council will be transparent, this is the best thing that we have had in Phillipsburg in 100 years. The IR Company at its peak had 7000 workers; we vow to you that you're not in the type of situation; we are answering questions, Mrs. Lefler also nothing to hide.

Councilman Piazza stated that it was a review a concept plan

Engineer Stan Schrek stated that the Planning board meets the 4th Thursday of the month and that there is no application yet.

Attorney Wenner stated that OPUS is not the redeveloper yet, and that they are putting together a plan, and redevelopment agreement. They had to do property

acquisition, Site plan, planning board, and have a public portion of a hearing, a resolution authorizing and approval of the site plan, redeveloper of the land and zoning. Council has done a great job being transparent and has been made available.

Council President Lynn stated that it is so early in the process, these things have not been shared before, we wanted to bring it out in the open we are working on this.

Mrs. Grube the land price was discussed and that made me nervous.

Council President Lynn stated that OPUS is so passionate and wants to inform the community. Maybe we can with meet with the residence of Valley View and talk about the concerns we can make that work.

Council Vice President Tersigni has your phone number; Dan Gural will listen to what is said. Glad you came it is a good positive step. Thank you

ORDINANCES

O: 2015-10A (Second Reading) **TABLED**

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED PHILLIPSBURG COMMERCE PARK REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FORMER INGERSOLL RAND PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 3201, LOTS 7.01, 7.02, 7.03, 7.04, 7.05, 7.06, 7.07, 7.08, 7.09, 7.10, 7.11, 7.12 AND 7.13, BLOCK 3301, LOTS 1, 2, 4, 4.01, 5 AND 6
 Council Vice President Tersigni made a motion to table this ordinance 2015-10A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Fey			x			
Piazza		x	x			
Stettner						x
Tersigni	x		x			
Lynn			x			

O: 2015 – 12 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 67-18.1, SCHEDULE IIA, LOADING ZONES, 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 Fey moved that the ordinance be adopted according to law. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

ROLL CALL

Councilmen	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Fey	x		x			
Piazza		x	x			
Stettner						x
Tersigni			x			
Lynn			x			

 O: 2015-13

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$742,865 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$705,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced for a second reading by Councilman Tersigni and there being no errors corrections or objections, Councilman Tersigni 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
Fey		X	x			
Piazza			x			
Stettner						x
Tersigni	X		x			
Lynn			x			

RESOLUTIONS None

NEW BUSINESS Council Vice President Tersigni last week spoke to a few senior citizens and found out that Service Electric gives discounts to seniors in other communities. TV, Cable, Telephone maintain a standard of living, they paid their dues and Service Electric to give it back 4.5 times inflation rates. We have a 10 year contract and settled in one meeting. I am going to ask that Attorney Wenner make adjustment for seniors on fixed income in the community. I would like to thank the Mayor for working on that process.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

Joe Meyner, 392 South Main Street, There are no garbage cans down at the park, I would like you to put cans in Delaware River Park and my yearly appeal is to unlock the toilets. There is one picnic table and a new jungle gym; if a mother has their children to the park they can't use the toilet. The homeless will use the toilet. I want to Thank Mr. Lynn for showing at the school budget hearing.

OPEN TIME

Council Vice President Tersigni stated that you should come out Saturday at ten o'clock for the habitat for humanity at 182 Mercer Street, I want to thank them and appreciate all that you do.

Council President Lynn stated that the recycling business issues haven't been addressed. I've see it is illegal, the Dish company dropping off TV dishes, it is a mess on Lewis Street.

Attorney Wenner stated we have to follow the code, violations, through inspections office.

Councilman Fey is concerned about them draining chemicals.

MOTIONS NONE

EXECUTIVE MEETING None

R: 2015-

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Tersigni moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Stettner