

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2014

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 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: Acting Clerk Kleiner,
Attorney Wenner

Absent: Mayor Wyant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of meeting minutes
Were submitted for approval:

Regular Meeting-09-16-14

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Discussion: none

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$	933,434.25
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS		808.24
CAPITAL FUND		24,498.50
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND		136,117.20
PLANNING BOARD TRUST		560,837.48
PLANNING BOARD TRUST FUND		5,212.50
AGENCY FUND		283.50
Total regular bills list SEPTEMBER 16, 2014		\$1,661,191.67
SECTION 8 Program Rent Payments		135,129.50
PRE- PAID BILL LIST AS OF September 16, 2014		
CURRENT FUND		\$1,674,892.00

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SECTION 8	1300.00
AGENCY FUND-PENSION PAYMENTS	150,250.34
TOTAL PRE PAID BILL LIST	\$ 1,826,442.34
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$ 3,622,763.51

Discussion: None

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

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MAYORS REPORT

No report Mayor absent

ENGINEERS REPORT Stan Schrek nothing at this time

CHIEFS REPORT - The Chief handed out his stat sheet for the Councilmen to read. The Chief spoke about the Fall Festival on October 25, 2014 in Walters Park.

The Chief wanted to recognize Officer, Chris Mecca, Officer Bobby Marino, Officer Mike Connaughton, and Officer Justin Kohler for their efforts with drunk

drivers. The MADD thanked them for doing such a good job. Council President Tersigni thanked officer Mecca

Councilman Fey questioned the Chief on what park, Walters or Shappell?

Chief stated Shappell Park

Thanks Chief

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS Councilman Fey asked if they would consider putting signs up, but there used to be speed bumps there at one time. The people that come from out of Town during the sporting events fly down Bieher Alley and someone is going to get hit. I witnessed this past weekend a few close calls with the children running in and out of the Alley.

ORDINANCES

O: 2014-19 (Second and Final Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 67-23, SCHEDULE VII, STOP INTERSECTIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO ADD STOP INTERSECTIONS AT ARLINGTON AVENUE, HILLSIDE ROAD AND RIDGE STREET WITHIN 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.

Discussion: Mr. Wenock, 203 Cedar Alley, questioned if this falls under the NJDOT? Engineer Stan Schrek stated that there are different circumstances for four way stops, home rule-guidance, and uniform traffic control. Council President

Tersigni thanked the Lefler's for bringing this safety issue to the Council's attention.

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

NAYS: None

O: 2014-20 (First Reading)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, BY THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,077,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,077,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Fey who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner for discussion.

Discussion - None

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

NAYS: None

O: 2014-21 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 422-11, USE OR POSSESSION OF LIQUOR, USE OF TOBACCO, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO PROHIBIT THE SMOKING OF TOBACCO IN ALL PARKS AND AT ALL RECREATION OR ATHLETIC FACILITIES OWNED OR LEASED BY THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Lynn who moved that the ordinance

be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza for discussion.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Tersigni

13. RESOLUTIONS

R: 2014-162

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING LIEN FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES was introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-163

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) DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-164

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PEG BANDWIDTH NJ, LLC TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FIBER

OPTIC CABLE WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH BIG PIXEL STUDIO FOR THE DESIGN OF THE TOWN'S WEBSITE was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion: Councilman Lynn invited the Council to give ideas, what you would like to add or change. The Improvement overall design, features of the web site, will expand web search, making it more available. They will be training the staff, and have smart phone, tablet usage, the agendas, minutes, and calendar and Town events. We will be better able to communicate and have the videos also. Councilman Stettner asked about linking other on it. Council President Tersigni asked about he Council meeting videos to be put on.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-166

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2014-2015 LIQUOR LICENSES WITHIN TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Council President Tersigni stated that they resolution shows a typo error of 14,000 and it should be changed to 1400.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-167

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVER PAYMENTS was
introduced by Councilman Stettner who moved for its adoption.
The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-168

A RESOLUTION RECINDING RESOLUTION 2014-148 was
introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption.
The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
DESIGNATING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL LEDGER was introduced by Councilman Stettner
who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by
Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-170

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) NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

Discussion: Engineer Stan Schrek stated this was an assistance grant for the community. Councilman Piazza asked for the trail system

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-171

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DOG PARK TRUST FUND REQUIRED BY THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, NJS 40A:5-29 was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

Discussion: Council President Tersigni thanked Officer Deluca for his hard work and it is great it is coming to fruition.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PETITIONS

(Public Comments) Joe Meyner, South Main Street, stated no one references the 2006 impact study, he questioned that financial notice stating it was not valid, not notarized or sealed. Please take another look at. Mr. DeAlmo, 525 Fisher

Avenue, is concerned about the schools, early childhood development and that the school should build within itself, that the new High School isn't needed. He also stated the Riverview Project and low income housing isn't needed.

Tim Wenock, 203 Cedar Alley, I have a question concerning the 2014-165 web site. Is it going to be updated daily? Councilman Lynn Stated it is under the Mayor's direction

MOTIONS

EXECUTIVE MEETING NONE

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None