

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2013

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 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 Tersigni.

INVOCATION by Councilman Tersigni

PLEDGE by the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Piazza, Tersigni, Lynn, Fey, Stettner

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Wyant, Acting Clerk Kleiner, Attorney Wenner

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

Regular Meeting-09-03-13
Executive Session 09-03-13

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Tersigni, Piazza, Stettner
NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$93,747.90
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	40,066.40
CAPITAL FUND	4,700.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	177,341.40
PAYROLL AGENCY FUND	322.50
Grand Total REGULAR BILLS LIST	\$316,177.20
<u>SECTION 8 PROGRAMS</u>	\$129,194.31

PRE-PAID BILL LIST September 03, 2013 \$ 0

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$455,371.51

Motion

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

VOTE: YEAS: Piazza, Lynn, Tersigni, Fey, Stettner
NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS NONE

MAYORS REPORT

The Ice House water tower was going to come down and as they started there was a last minute glitch where there was a white insulating material – that was thought to be asbestos so they had to stop the project and RT Environmental took a sample and sent it to be analyzed. It was not asbestos so, we will resume tomorrow morning and it will be resolved. The property was cleared and presentable, not sure what the plans are at this time the main structures is stabilized and all the others will be removed.

CHIEFS REPORT

The Chief read his monthly report 459 summonses were issues, 46 crash investigations, 55 Domestic, 9 temporary restraining orders, and 5 driving while intoxicated. 36 paroles, 67 warrants 568 cases were assigned. The community policing work was 165 hours zone 1 no issues, zone 2 speeding and people hanging out. Zone 3 juveniles, zone 4 speeding and increased patrols during school hours.

Thanks Chief

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Stan Schrek stated that the Ingersoll Rand redevelopment plan and the Riverfront plan need to get finished and adopted by ordinance and get the first reading in by October 1, 2013.

As far as Sitgreaves street we had the pre constructing meeting and will start in October. Phase six (6) and seven (7) Main Street was sent to DOT (department of transportation).

Thanks Stan

Council President Fey asked about the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and what was going on with the building?

Stan stated that he has three (3) companies looking and one is in Clinton.

Thanks Stan

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

ORDINANCE

O: 2013-17 (first reading)

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES AND OUTFALL RELOCATION BY THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$390,000 THEREFOR FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND was introduced for a first reading by Councilman Tersigni who moved that the ordinance be properly advertised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2013-153

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

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-154

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS was introduced by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-155

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) was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION
FOR A PURPOSE NOT FORESEEN AT THE TIME OF
THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET was introduced by
Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion
was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2013-157

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A
CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH
APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSES OF
PROVIDING A REASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL
PROPERTY FOR TAX EQUALIZATION PURPOSES
WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced
by Councilman Tersigni who moved for its adoption. The
motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PETITIONS

(Public comments)

Eric Able 73 Market Street, having problems getting a hold of the ACO for a cat problem with his elderly neighbor, he has spoken to her in regards to her 13 cats. One was stuck in the window well and there are skunks also.

Council President Fey questioned the neighbor feeding these animals we have an Ordinance against that.

Mayor Wyant asked Eric Able to speak after the meeting to him or the Chief and they will get things taken care of.

OPEN TIME

Councilmen Piazza had a flier from the Historical society stating that there is an Open House at the Roseberry House Homestead with the newly restored kitchen. October 12 and 13th from 11 am to 3 pm. This building is a beautiful asset to Phillipsburg.

Councilmen Tersigni would like to reiterate what Councilmen Piazza said about the Historical Society and Thanks also to the late Scott Curzi. We made a lot of progress and turned liabilities into assets.

Council President Fey spoke about how the Town took bids on Bond Anticipation Notes (BANS); Team Capital was awarded the best interest rate.

I would also like to congratulate Jeannine Wargo on her new baby girl.

MOTIONS

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1171 issued to the Exchange Club of Warren County for an off - Premise Raffle on November 25, 2013 at 8:00 PM. Councilman Lynn moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Tersigni

EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2013-158

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING...contractual and litigation regarding Commerce Park, no action to be taken.

Councilman Tersigni moved for motion. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

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