

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 16, 2014

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Monday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 675 Corliss Avenue.

Councilman Lynn read the required Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

INVOCATION

By Councilman Lynn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

By the Assembly

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner

President: Tersigni

ABSENT: None

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Wyant, Acting Clerk  
Kleiner, Attorney Moscagiuri,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:

Council Mtg 12-02-2014

Discussion: None

Motion

Councilman Stettner moved for approval of minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey which carried by a 4-0-1 vote, Councilman Lynn abstaining.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following bills were submitted for approval:

SUMMARY

CURRENT FUND	\$ 975,253.15
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	4,455.00
CAPITAL FUND	1,935.11
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	20,550.56
SEWAGE CAPITAL FUND	30,229.45
SECTION 8	19.76
COMMERCE PARK REDEVELOPMENT	1,1995.00
<b>Total regular bill list December 16, 2014</b>	<b>\$1,034,488.03</b>
Section 8 Rent Payments	\$ 140,756.00
PRE-PAID BILL LIST AS OF November 17, 2014	
CURRENT FUND	\$ 3,077.86
SEWER UTILITY FUND	267.54

AGENCY FUND-PENSION PAYMENTS	136,522.90
<b>PRE-PAID BILL LIST</b>	<b>\$ 139,868.30</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>1,316,559.53</b>

Addition

Acting Clerk Kleiner requested Council to include \$1,497.20 payment to “CGP&H LLC” for grant writing assistance for the Fire Department.

Motion

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

Discussion

None

The motion for payment of bills carried by a 5-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Wyant wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah.

Nothing from Engineer Stan Schrek

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ORDINANCE

None

RESOLUTIONS

R: 2014-203

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2014-204

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

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2013-205

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR INTERFUND TRANSFERS was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2014-206

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR NEW TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR AG RODRIGUEZ was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2014-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CANCELLING GRANTS COMPLETED AND INACTIVE PROJECTS was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2014-208

RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING APPROPRIATIONS FROM 2014 CURRENT FUND BALANCE TO FUND BALANCE was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2014-209

A RESOLUTION TO JOIN (RENEW) THE FUND was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2014-210

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2014-211

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER, STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND was introduced by Councilman Piazza who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2014-212

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) 2014 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER YEAR END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN was introduced by Councilman Lynn who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

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R: 2014-213

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) FY 2015 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE was introduced by Councilman Fey who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

VOTE: YEAS: Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Tersigni

PUBLIC PETITIONS

(Public Comments)

Joe Meyner, South Main Street, does Mike Perrucci agree with paying the Prevailing wage, if so he will stop bothering about this project.

Mr. Meyner also asked about the fee for the dog park being \$10.00 / month to use it, but it is \$ 10/year.

Councilman Piazza stated that the price is in the printed pamphlets. Thank you. Mr. Meyner.

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Gary D'Almo, 525 Fisher Avenue, wishing everyone a safe holiday season. The PSD and Phillipsburg residents – have more turmoil with the intersection from the outlying districts, and this is going to be a tax burden on Phillipsburg.

Mr. Perrucci project think of the unseen burdens, I am on assistance myself, my father lives at 700 ½ Columbus avenue he has been selling his home under \$50,000.00 there is a row home next door to him that is vacant no one lives in it. They have a shared roof my dad keeps fixing and he is absent I owner, is there eminent domain? At first possession - law. He wants to sell when you share with and no one lives there, can the town help him out. Thank- you.

Counselor Moscagiuri stated that takes 20-30 years and we don't know if the bank owns it or if there are liens etc. or if it is found uninhabitable. We can talk after the meeting.

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OPEN TIME

Councilman Stettner stated Merry Christmas and we received an early gift no Mayor's report or Chiefs report.

Council Vice President Lynn stated Marry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council President Tersigni would like to reiterate what the Councilmen stated the Re-Org will be January 6 at 7:00 pm enjoy the holiday.

Councilman Piazza stated Merry Christmas please keep those less fortunate in your thoughts.



MOTIONS

Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1198 issued to Garnet Boosterettes for an On - Premise Raffle on:  
January 2, 7,17,21, 23, **2015** from 5:00 – 7:30 PM  
January 24, **2015** 11:00AM– 12:30 PM

Council President Tersigni stated that he must recognize his mother with founding the Boosterettes.

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

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

NAYS: None

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Approval for Raffle License No. RL: 1199 issued to Garnet Boosterettes for an On - Premise Raffle on:  
January 28,29, **2015** from 5:00-7:30 PM  
February 4, **2015** from 5:00 – 7:30 PM  
February 11,13, **2015** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Councilman Stettner moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

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Approval for Raffle License No. RL:1201 issued to Greenwich Township PTO for an Casino night on March 13, **2015** from 7:00 PM – 11:00PM Councilman Stettner moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

Approval for Raffle License No. RL:1202 issued to Greenwich Township PTO for an Off Premise 50/50 on March 13, 2015 from 7:00 PM – 11:00PM Councilman Stettner moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

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Approval for Raffle License No. RL:1203 issued to Steele Hill Youth Organization for an Off Premise 50/50 on January 31, 2015 at 2:00 PM Councilman Fey moved to adopt the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

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

NAYS: None

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING

R: 2014 -NONE

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Lynn moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey. The motion carried a 5-0 vote