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# TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG Council Meeting Minutes December 18, 2012

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 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 Fey.

<u>INVOCATION</u> by Councilman Fey

MOMENT OF SILENCE for victims of Sandy Hook

elementary school students

<u>PLEDGE</u> by the Assembly

**ROLL CALL** 

<u>PRESENT:</u> Councilmembers: Fey, Lynn, Stettner, Tersigni

President: Piazza

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Wyant, Acting Clerk

Kleiner, Attorney Wenner

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of meeting minutes were submitted for approval:

**Regular Meeting 12-04-12** 

No discussion

#### Motion

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

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

NAYS: None

<u>SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICER</u> - Mayor Wyant swore in officer David Cupon was sworn into the Phillipsburg Police Department. In attendance, were the Chief Faulborn, Capt. Stettner, Sgt. Franceschino, Officer's Amey, Sosnovik, Hulse, and Swick.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wyant stated that Stan Schrek will be late tonight so we will move on with the Chief Faulborn's report.

The Chief stated that there they are still doing the community policing, that they is still a cat issue in Town, some speeding issues and no new illegal dumping near Zappa Plastics and that the officers are meeting more residents. Any questions?

Councilman Tersigni stated that it seems that crime has dropped from last year. Is there any possibility that we can get the packets on Friday evening?

Chief Faulborn stated that yes the crimes have dropped since last year, and we are taking care of the packet issue.

Mayor Wyant said that there was some dumping on Howard Street, and also some near the new Welcome to Phillipsburg sign that the Youth Corp. put up. Keep an eye on the people dumping things that can't go in to the bins we don't want it to look unsightly.

Chief Faulborn stated that he will have the guys watch the area. He is also hoping that in January to have more people from probation to paint the police department. We had a great turn out at the fall festival the PBA/Chamber special thanks to Mayor Wyant and the hay wagon, Councilman Tersigni for being a judge, Thanks to Home Depot, Housing Authority, and the Pro Shop.

Chief Faulborn introduces Sgt.. Franceschino and Georgine Trickle. Georgine Trickle stated that Sgt.. Franceschino should be specially recognized they were expecting 250 people and they had 1,000 people. It really showcased the Town, and how well everyone worked together. It is a proactive way to fight against crime, building a community with community

service projects. Even Leonard Lance came to the fall festival.

Mayor Wyant stated he didn't see any photos of the hay wagon.

Georgine Trickle said that if you go on face book under NORWESCAP you can see plenty.

Mayor Wyant stated that besides having a flat tire it was a fun and great event to pull the community together.

Council President Piazza asked for a ball park figure on how many people showed at the event.

Councilman Lynn said he had lots of comments of how great police presence was.

Georgine Trickle said that this was the second event at Shapell Park and that they want to hold the National Night Out there on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. To include the Councilmembers, all the fire department, squad, have the Mayor in a dunk tank.

Councilman Stettner stated that our meeting should start at 5:00 PM to allow

us time to go to the event.

Councilman Lynn questioned if the Dog Parade is still going to happen?

Councilman Fey mentioned that with the tragedy over the weekend it was good to see that the impact of the police as friendly the kids will adapt to them in a family friendly way. I want to commend you on the work being

done.

Councilman Tersigni stated thanks for working together as I assisted Mayor Wyant on the wagon, I reiterated that the Police are the good guys they are

here to help you and I was stressing that.

Georgine Trickle thanks for your support.

Mayor Wyant, thanks Sgt. and Georgine

Councilman Stettner said Oh Chief, by the way I have heard from a lot of the alpha residents and they have constant good feedback, they thought that the police would be too busy to be in Alpha but they are seeing them and

are thrilled with the service

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Discussion

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ORDINANCES

**NONE** 

**PUBLIC PETITIONS** 

### 12. OPEN TIME

Councilman Stettner one thing came to mind on the recent question LV chamber presentation at Hankers Hollow, there was a great power point presentation on things we should know in packaging the property to a development. I am going to see if I have it and see that everyone gets a copy.

Councilman Lynn I want to thank Mayor Wyant and Rich Wenner for all their hard work on the IR property and this shall make a great impact on the Town of Phillipsburg.

Rich Wenner, Stan Schrek was an instrumental part of their leadership also.

Councilman Tersigni would like to reiterate what John stated thanking the Mayor and Rich Wenner for the expertise and engineering expertise, it is a great day for Phillipsburg and it took a year to get it done.

Council President Piazza stated that Councilman Fey said an appropriate invocation with such a sad tragedy our hearts go out to the families this is going to be a rough Christmas and we will keep them in our thoughts and prayers

# **RESOLUTIONS**

R: 2012-185

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NJDOT GRANT SUBMISSION AND CONTRACT EXECUTION was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-186

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF A WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 was introduced by Councilman Fey and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-187

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSUSGT.ANT was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

Discussion: Councilman Lynn asked if this is new or a renewal?

Mayor Wyant responded renewal

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

R: 2012-188

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER was introduced by Councilman Stettner and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-189

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH R. T. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. FOR SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-190

RESOLUTION FOR THE ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TAXES PAST DUE AND OWING was introduced by Councilman Fey and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner.

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

R: 2012-191

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TAXES PAST DUE AND OWING was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-192

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A TAX REFUND was introduced by Councilman Fey and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

NAYS: None

R: 2012-193

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE TAX SALE LIST... This was amended to be removed from the agenda. Was introduced by Councilman Fey and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tersigni.

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

# **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

#### **SUMMARY**

Pre-Paid Bill List as of December 18, 2012	0
SECTION 8 PROGRAM	137,777.00
SEWAGE UTILITY FUND	37,106.33
CAPITAL FUND	34,419.24
DOG TRUST FUND	3,115.32
PLANNING BOARD TRUST FUND	1,313.75
STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS	8,393.13
CURRENT FUND	\$ 137,914.27

Mayor Wyant asked to add bills from escrow account for the work done on purchase of the Ingersoll Rand Property to the bills list for payment, an additional 204,000.00.

## **Motion**

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

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

### **MOTION**

Application for Active Duty –Kyle L. Lineman – Jersey Hose Company No. 2. Was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lynn. And Thank You.

Application for Active Duty – Matthew Asewicz – Reliance Hose Company No. 1 The motion was introduced by Councilman Tersigni and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stettner. And Thank You.

## 14. EXECUTIVE MEETING NONE

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

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