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**TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, April 20, 2021 AGENDA**  
**via ZOOM**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Join Zoom Meeting  
Topic: Town Council Meeting - April 20, 2021  
Time: Apr 20, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:05 PM Council President McVey
2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT:** Read by VP Fulper

**THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW. THIS MEETING OF April 20, 2021 WAS INCLUDED IN A NOTICE SENT TO NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS THE REQUIRED NOTICES UNDER THE STATUTE. IN ADDITION, A COPY OF THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK**

3. **INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE** Led by VP Fulper  
Requested a moment of Silence for Officer Belcastro.

4. **ROLL CALL**  
Council President McVey, VP Fulper, Councilman Piazza, Councilwoman DeGerolamo and Councilman Wyant. Also present, Town Officials, CFO Merlo, BA Benjivenga and Attorney Wenner.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES -** March 02, 2021  
March 16, 2021

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Discussion regarding minutes – None

**ROLL CALL**

**March 2**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			X			
Councilman Piazza	X		X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			X			
Council Vice President Fulper		X	X			
Council President McVey			X			

**ROLL CALL**

**March 16**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant	X		X			
Councilman Piazza		X	X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			X			
Council Vice President Fulper			X			
Council President McVey			X			

**BILLS LIST -**      As of April 20, 2021

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			X		70104	
Councilman Piazza	X		X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			X			
Council Vice President Fulper		X	X			
Council President McVey			X			

Discussion

Councilman Wyant noted he would abstain from ck.70104, but yea to all others.

VP Fulper questioned Kanopy, Inc. as it seemed to be a Library expense, wondered why on Town’s bills list. Stating is this where it should be.

President McVey asked if BA could speak to this situation and wondered if bills list could be streamlined for the future.

BA Benjivenga deferred to CFO Merlo, but noted could better streamline bills list as Library and Land Use have bills approved by their respective Boards -we, TOP cut checks – not statutorily – boards approval.

VP Fulper – asks if the money has already been allocated? Want to be sure Kanopy hasn’t been cancelled-not happening.

President McVey – meet with CFO/BA/Auditor best idea going forward. Once accomplished please reach out so he may designate a Councilmember.

Further discussion - None

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President McVey - Thanked Public for understanding need to cancel the April 6 TC Mtg. to allow time to heal/mourn the loss of Officer Dominic Belcastro. Gave special thanks to CFO Merlo and BA Benjivenga and all employees who were a part of seeing bills from the 04.06.2021 meeting were paid timely.

He introduced Freeholder Commission Director Kern who announced the County Health Department would be administering Covid Vaccinations in Phillipsburg at ECLC on Wednesday, April 21. He continued by thanking the Council President/Mayor and all who helped put together the transportation and notification. Commish Kern stated he appreciated the time of those who volunteered to have a successful event.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**R: 2021 – 34**

**Tabled 01.19.2021 – pending Bond Ord/C.O.F**

**R2021-34**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$262,000.00 FOR ODOR CONTROL SYSTEM FOR DIGESTER TANKS**

**ROLL CALL Odor Control System for Digesters**

**Un-table**

**5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant	X		X			
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			X			
Council Vice President Fulper		X	X			
Council President McVey			X			

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed**

**5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant		X	X			
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			X			
Council Vice President Fulper	X		X			
Council President McVey			X			

Discussion - None

**8. MAYOR’S AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

None received from Mayor. Asked Council about committees they are on.

VP Fulper – noted Recreation and the abundance of upgrades the Parks are looking good. Commended Superintendent DJ Kophazy on his efforts and the bringing in of Revenue – 5k from the LV Adult Soccer League.

Councilman Piazza stated the beautification program for TOP will be Saturday, April 24, at 8:30 am with the kickoff at 9:00am. Thanked NORWESCAP and Mary Jo Harris for the coordination of the event.

CP McVey stated he and Cnclman Piazza had very positive conference call with Developer interested in presenting ideas to TOP. Not same developer as Stateliner United, but their initial interest has sparked additional developers interested in presenting ideas for Riverfront. Also, Entrepreneur in Town – expand current footprint. Proud of redevelopment committee, now we are getting the phone calls.

**9. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Theresa Chapman 362 Brainards Rd., Harmony

Asked why Ordinances not attached to Agenda - ? Asked why Agenda not on website by Friday evening before meeting on the following Tuesday?

Deputy Clerk Loudenberry stated the Ordinances are available for the Public to view in the Clerk’s Office, noting that the Clerk’s Office would be happy to arrange an appointment to view any ordinances as the building is currently closed to the Public.

Cnclman Piazza stated this is only first reading, would be up for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and then is opportunity for Public to speak.

T. Chapman – asked if Agenda would be posted by the Friday before the Tuesday meeting?

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CP McVey noted her time was up and if she had further questions, he encouraged her to email him directly. He continued that the Agenda can be different regarding changes/amendments that Council President makes as needed prior to meeting.

D. Morrisette – 5 Fairview Hghts., Phillipsburg

Requested Council consider their Vote on Budget – and provide Library with more than the \$550,000 as it is not enough. Noted Library Director Krolak determined they need \$740,000 to function properly. Continued if go with Budget number force employees to furlough. Great online during Pandemic, employees would rather return to work – not sit out furlough.

Asked do not change the Zoning to industrial, bad idea – traffic, warehouse by Canal Path, think twice.

Alison Knabb – 474 James Street

Fully fund the Library – patrons can't browse – not safe enough to staff – want to go inside – peruse collection, please figure out way – need to be open 6 days/week as in the past.

Joe Meyner – 392 South Main Street

Noted attempted to retrieve Agenda from Website 3xs, unable to do so-pattern. Stateliner plan – apartment complex, 90 hotel rooms. RR – Traffic-noise – inadequate parking. Stated you cannot widen a 3 Lane bridge, plain ugly.

Reggie Regrut                      390 Heckman St.

Note IR Tract – warehouses, trucks – should not change Zoning to light industrial in the Riverfront/Downtown area. Downtown has potential to be like Lambertville – pause, not right now. Councilmember rather see residential-don't proceed changing to industrial right now.. Happy to hear CP McVey saying developers are calling us.

Mary Jo Harris 9 Oak Ridge Rd., Washington

District 5, light industrial – what area – Planning Board Meeting.

CP McVey – South of Mt. Ponasis.

Angela Knowles – District 5 – 2 lots intersects into District 3 – 1 lot. Part of Delaware River Park – merge into District 5.

Mary Jo asked if this would leave existing parking lot land locked.

A. Knowles – Part of District 3 – I believe intended to be merged with District 5. Merge 1 lot of 3 into 5 and 5 becomes industrial.

MJH – will property be land locked – rezoned light industrial or will there be another entrance/exit (consider it – passive recreation space and not be able to be used?)

R. Piazza – noted things are circulating creating mountain out of mole hill. No plans have been submitted/approved. There will be Public Meeting any Property changes and the Public would know ahead of Time. Noted heard from a Lopatcong resident who was against the asphalt plant

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and now that it is there is little to no effect on resident. Asked Mary Jo to call him directly as her time to speak was up.

Ed Bullock 344 Warren Street

President of Library Board of Trustees – Budget questioned if supporting the Library 1.4 million to TOP for Covid relief, wants the Library to get some of that money. If not designated, asked for serious consideration.

Bus Adm Benjivenga – American Rescue Plan – have yet to receive guidelines, May 12, but restricts – January 2020 – revenue losses – addresses broad band, infrastructure, sewer, water. Monies to be used 50% this year and 50% next year, not operating expenses.

EB – stated if you want Town to be best reflection of self – need to put money in to Library. Noted Sal Panto did not decapitate Library in Easton – hopes TOP is not being short sighted.

CP McVey noted made statements from a Redevelopment aspect – Library not redevelopment.

Cnclman Piazza – Noted Easton Library slipped to Board of Education by Sal Panto – not same situation.

Fred Stine – Delaware River 925 Canal St., Bristol, PA

Opinion that warehouse near waterfront is a worst case scenario – potential impact detrimental to wildlife, plants. Incumbent on decision makers, residents – think of effect of truck traffic. If traffic is 3-300 must consider worst case scenario in the realm of possibilities.

Cnclman Piazza – Noted when the townhouses were suggested, the Public was anticipating only negatives, said Sewer system would be overwhelmed and collapse adding we will plan thru traffic studies and environmental impact – responsible planning. Noting any changes will come before Public and they can address – all will have voice.

FS – Liked analogy of Lambertville/Phillipsburg.

VP Fulper – Behalf of constituent, Janice Hosbach, 150 Mercer Street

He read her statement as she had computer issues.

Improvements – Redevelopment Riverfront, 2005 Perrucci Townhouses would generate tax revenue.

Concerned about Sewage and then Economy crashed and that was no longer an option. Look to Easton – property values have increased, result – new businesses – owner occupied. No warehouses so close to waterfront – discourages homes/businesses-less appealing. 3 ingress/egress-traffic McKeen/Stockton. Noted the new warehouses in Lopatcong/Phillipsburg are next to interchange of Rt22 – Howard St. has no such interchange-traffic/congestion – no new businesses. Asked this be put in to record.

RP – egresses – is an issue – separate right of way, might be needed.

**10. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING -**

**O: 2021-11 (First Reading 03.16.2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 04.20.2021)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY  
**O2021-11**  
OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 67-21, SCHEDULE V,  
ONE WAY STREETS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG IN ORDER TO  
CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN TWO-WAY STREET

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant		X	X			
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			X			
Council Vice President Fulper	X		X			
Council President McVey			X			

**Discussion**

Public

D. Morisette – 5 Fairview Hghts – satisfied  
CP McVey stated behind old Hess Station

**Discussion**

Council – None

**O: 2021-02 (First Reading 02.02.2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 04.20.2021)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN PHILLIPSBURG, WARREN COUNTY, NEW  
JERSEY AMENDING AND MODIFYING CHAPTER 535, STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			X			
Councilman Piazza	X		X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			X			
Council Vice President Fulper		X	X			
Council President McVey			X			

Discussion  
Public – None  
Council - None

**11. ORDINANCES — FIRST READING**

**O: 2021-12 (First Reading 04.06.2021)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REGARDING 2021 SALARIES FOR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

**O2021-12  
ROLL CALL**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			X			
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo	X		X			
Council Vice President Fulper			X			
Council President McVey		X	X			

**Discussion – None**

**O:2021-13**

CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant	X		X			
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo		X	X			
Council Vice President Fulper			X			
Council President McVey			X			

**Discussion - None**

**O: 2021-14**

**Passed 3-2**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE DISTRICT 5 (RIVERSIDE INDUSTRIAL) AMENDMENT - RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN



**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant				X		
Councilman Piazza		X	X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo				X		
Council Vice President Fulper	X		X			
Council President McVey			X			

**Discussion**

Cnclwmn DeG – received very late – a lot of new info, we/Town Council not privy to until after 5pm – haven’t seen concept. Heard rumor 500k warehouse, could not confirm. As Redevelopment Authority – understand warehouse attractive along RR-started spawn of cities and schools, continued this is really not along river. State do not want to see Phillipsburg become another Robbinsville-residents park in (3) separate Towns. Town sued Amazon – people could not get through their own Town. 178 Bridge Point Project great – not downtown. Hard to say yes when not informed. Influx of trucks downtown will decimate – lose historic Bldg. – truck this weekend could not get across bridge. Continued, does this for a living, billion dollar buildings, 4 stories or higher, but warehouse not in downtown. Tired of Easton getting great projects and TOP gets junk projects. Opinion, warehouse doesn’t belong along river, what belongs there is millennial park – beautiful concept. Single family market place to be people moving out of major city through 2025. Economics part 2 – warehouses were 2 years ago. Did survey 70% came to TOP for affordable housing.

VP Fulper noted not discussing Plan tonight. Simply amended plan for use – any project would have to go to Planning Board first. Disagree warehouse is yesterday – Nike moving to Bethlehem – 250 jobs. Planning Board first – haven’t seen concept. Mary Jo Harris – don’t want to see landlocked-separate egress. Sat on Planning Board – preferred residential Peron Construction residents didn’t want that at the time either. He stated would vote yes/support.

Cnclman Wyant stated not conducive to our Master Plan. No way ever think Council would allow a warehouse – Howard St./downtown area of our Town. Does not rise to our Master Plan.

Cnclman Piazza – remind we already have multiple warehouses, park 35 ft. Municipal Waste. Grew up 50ft when there were more warehouses. Area overgrown, needs to be developed. Note people walking up from river, places to do whatever unseen, not good. Needs to be developed – lighting, people going to work-less criminal element. Currently, too secluded, overgrown. When houses were there, no sewer/water – they were removed and rightly so. Industrial, cleaner more modern warehouse asset, scrap yard there currently, canisters blowing up – actually happened. Yes, area is for this.

RF – Thoroughfare at that time, 6 criteria developer must have to meet. Tonight voting on Zoning change, that is all.

CP McVey – noted his role to lead Council – diverse thoughts/ideas. Tonight nothing more that revised Redevelopment. Added, had an apt. in Robbinsville. This is a mixed use, light industrial. Lambertville only 3,882 population. Town of Phillipsburg once was 19,255 – when industry jobs were available-this Town built on industry. Would like to see Town grow again to 20k-populate empty houses, renew

empty businesses. Added, we can do both residential/industrial. Tract of land – 31 acres-can’t tell developer what to do with his land. Can’t see river from this land. Industrial is what we are.

**R: 2021 – 86**

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			X			
Councilman Piazza		X	X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo	X		X			
Council Vice President Fulper			X			
Council President McVey			X			

**Discussion - None**

**R: 2021-87**

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2021 CURRENT FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20.

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant	X		X			
Councilman Piazza		X	X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			X			
Council Vice President Fulper			X			
Council President McVey			X			

**Discussion - None**

**R: 2021-88**

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2021 SEWER UTILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20.

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant	X		X			
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo		X	X			

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Council Vice President Fulper			X			
Council President McVey			X			

**Discussion - None**

**R: 2021-89**

RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021 BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR THREE YEARS

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant	X		X			
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo		X	X			
Council Vice President Fulper			X			
Council President McVey			X			

**R: 2021-90** Council President McVey – read title/introduction Budget Notice  
A RESOLUTION ENTITLED MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

**MOTION TO CUT MAYOR/COUNCIL SALARIES – REALLOCATED TO LIBRARY**

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			X			
Councilman Piazza		X	X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			X			
Council Vice President Fulper			X			
Council President McVey	X		X			

**Discussion**

**DD** – Asked if Council can move amounts around?

CP McVey questioned CFO Merlo/BA Benjivenga?

BA deferred to CFO Merlo who stated can make changes prior to voting.

DD – noted recommended moving not on Agenda yet, otherwise good.

RF – yes tonight – would like to find funds to fully fund – doesn’t want jobs lost – read letter from Union – 20% cut cannot allocate any of 1.4, just intro – find dollars.

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CP McVey – suggested Mayor/Council allow salaries back to 2020 levels. Asked easier now or easier prior to intro. Along with RF mentioned would like to help Library, knows the Police are down 3 and DPW is down 3. Adding Inspections teams are down, asked Council if needed further discussion.  
RP – flat now – will this drop levels.

CP McVey – separate discussion 8k. Adding it is the least we can do-show our commitment. Mission for TOP, small stipend. Mayor on board last year, sure he is on board this time. Adding, we found 25k for Library and doing our part as leaders.

CFO Merlo noted the difference 2020-2021 - \$5,180.00 only Mayor/Council.

McVey – 10% across board – with Sewer 8k.

VP Fulper stated would donate entire salary if helps keep jobs.

CFO – can still make changes at Public Hearing – depending what they are – may have to readvertise.

CP McVey asked Council for their different opinions/thoughts.

RP – Inspections?

McVey – look to where Community is heading – had 700 vacant/abandoned properties – now filling up.

DD – Library, other 65k too.

HW – Library

RF - Library

**ROLL CALL Adopted R2021-90 as Amended**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			X			
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo		X	X			
Council Vice President Fulper	X		X			
Council President McVey			X			

**12.**

**RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA** *\*Matters listed on the Consent Agenda Resolution are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council and one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests an item to be removed for consideration.*

**R: 2021-91**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**R: 2021 - 92**

RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE BODY WORN CAMERAS AND MVRs

**R: 2021-93**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF SECOND QUARTER 2021 COUNTY TAX AND OPEN SPACE TAX, DUE MAY 15, 2021

**R: 2021-94**

RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP TO BEN SHAFFER RECREATION

**R: 2021-95**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT UV BULBS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – BANK 2

**R: 2021-96**

RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF FACILITIES BY THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND THE PHILLIPSBURG YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

**R: 2021- 97**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ISSUE A REFUND FOR AN OVERPAYMENT FOR POLICE THIRD PARTY OVERTIME TO ODYSSIA

**R: 2021- 98**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ISSUE A REFUND FOR A SEWER OVERPAYMENT

**R: 2021-99**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT AND DEMOLITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE ICE HOUSE, BLOCK 2806, LOT 1

**R: 2021-100**

RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEED OF EASEMENT

**R: 2021-102**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS (RVE) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF DIGESTER BUILDING BOILER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

**R: 2021-103**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVER PAYMENT DUE TO TAX APPEALS

**R: 2021-104**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG COUNTY OF WARREN STATE OF NEW JERSEY RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2021-46 AS IT WAS ADOPTED IN ERROR

**R: 2021-105**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FINDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR PURPOSES OF N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 AND N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1

**R: 2021-106**

RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE WILL SERVE REQUEST OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA FOR BLOCK 98, LOT 1

**R: 2021-107**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF MANHOLE COVERS AND CATCH BASINS FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,180.00

**R: 2021-108**

RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO BE PAID TO DAVID NEWELL FOR EXPENSES INCURRED TO REMEDIATE SEWAGE BACK-UP AT 186 WASHINGTON STREET

**R: 2021-109**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY YOUTH CORPS OF PHILLIPSBURG

**R: 2021-110**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REGARDING THE WARREN STREET PHASE 2 2021 NJDOT TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND GRANT

**ROLL CALL**

**Consent Agenda**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			X			
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo	X		X			
Council Vice President Fulper		X	X			
Council President McVey			X			

**Pulled from Consent Agenda**

**R: 2021-101**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

**ROLL CALL**

**Failed to Pass 3-1-1**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			X			
Councilman Piazza				X		
Councilwoman DeGerolamo					X	
Council Vice President Fulper				X		
Council President McVey				X		

**Discussion**

VP Fulper – pull 101

CP McVey – pull 102

VP Fulper – 2021-101 PHA – brought to his attention, out of line comments were made. No apology was forthcoming. Therefore email to T. McGuire – voting no.

CP McVey – tried to reach out to T. McGuire – no response – written concern over remarks. Can't do shared service.

Cnclman Wyant asked if Council would table – did not get a second.

**R: 2021-102 (Cert of Funds not available)      Moved to Table      Passed 5-0**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS (RVE) FOR ENGINEERING

SERVICES RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF DIGESTER BUILDING BOILER  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN

**Discussion**

**R2021-102                      Moved to Table**

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant			X			
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo			X			
Council Vice President Fulper		X	X			
Council President McVey	X		X			

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

Habitability Hearing on 159 Mercer Street - not heard – moved to next Mtg. 05.04.2021.  
Council President noted he initiated the hearing, but after conferring with Counselor Wenner wanted to insure proper Notice. Hoping to hear something from ownership.

**14. PUBLIC PETITIONS**

D. Morisette 5 Fairview Hghts.

Thanked Council cutting salaries to give Library. Thanked RF for push, asked pass reso denounce attack on Capitol bldg. Questioned Perrucci-partner in Peron Construction, asked if any Councilmember/Town represented by Perrucci,Steinhardt, Florio and Cappelli.

Attorney Wenner noted Councilmembers need not respond to Mr. Morisette as this is not a Q&A it is Public Petition. Continued F,P,S and C has represented Town in JIF, represented as assigned by our Insurance carrier.

Joe Meyner 392 SMS

Bldg. parallel sewers needed – sewer pipes 100 years old. Hopefully infrastructure money will help. Against Union Square – land between – block view/parking wasteland. Improve Delaware River Park first. If you agree write in the name Joe Meyner – will not win, but counted.

VP Fulper gently reminded Mr. Meyner can't Politic – proper decorum.

T. Chapman            362 Brainards Rd.

Questioned if there were a personal connection with Perrucci representing Councilmember personally should the public be made aware? Also noted surprised RF doesn't know – concept plan



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contains proposal for warehouse. TC permitted uses, change Zone allows 1.1 sq. Ft. chng., Strykers Rd. 511k sq. ft. Phillipsburg Mall all too large.

RP – noted most warehouses 800k is median size, from his own point of reference.

T. Chapman – pt. of reference 110 sq. ft. – thanked Council.

RF – concerns – not in attendance Jan 2021. There during Comm discussions. If it means more jobs and bring us out of Poverty rate. Tired of people from other Towns telling us how to live.

Reggie Regrut

Stated, be kind to DD/HW proud voted No-any other proposals Perrucci, just to satisfy Perrucci's warehouse. Phillipsburg has already satisfied warehouse with IR Tract. Lambertville/New Hope – 1 street Towns-dining entertainment – vision with Riverfront. Reach out to legislators – ask yourself is warehouse downtown the best TOP can do?

John Betz - No

#### **15. DISCUSSION**

CP McVey – will be having Council discussions line up in coming weeks.

#### **16. COUNCIL OPEN TIME**

HW – Noted can't believe Reggie and I agree. Added he was represented by Steinhardt several years ago.

DD – State 2 things – never repped – no legal problems. 1<sup>st</sup> Covid shot – severe reaction, but encouraged all to take advantage of making appointments and getting Covid shot.

RP – Apologize faces

RF – earlier – No PHA shared services. What was acceptable in past, no longer. No matter who they are, why should I as elected official-all appointments to every board, thought out carefully.

DD – heartfelt plea, politics.

RF - Ran to make Phillipsburg better for people of TOP – not individuals-not why elected. Not only told how to vote, but never put Politics above people of TOP. Phillipsburg is one Community-divided by rhetoric, Phillipsburg I know is one color. Please consider how actions affect others. Adding we all make mistakes -acknowledge try to make better. Encourage ditch personal Agendas work together.

CP McVey – stated VP Fulper was talking about his personal plights while on Council, accused of bid rigging, DYFS investigated. Did not give jobs to friends nor pad boards. Stayed home from AC League first year, stayed home. Assured residents Council is listening to all ideas, Recreation, Residential and Industrial. Fighting racism. Thanked residents for understanding cancellation of April 6 TC Mtg. to allow time to grieve and lay Officer Belcastro to rest.

Asked Council if wished to pull of any Motion? None – voted on as blocks.

17. MOTIONS

**Special Events**

Bi-State Shad LLC – Phillipsburg Boat Launch - Eric Fistler April 21-26

LV Hispanic Soccer League – Johnny Mancheno- Event Dates May 02,2021 – Oct. 24, 2021

Lehigh Valley Walk for Recovery – Jordan Scott/Battle Borne May 1, 2021 Walter’s Park

River of Life Church – Pastor Bill Slack – Shappell Park August 29, 2021 (Worship Service followed by Community Picnic)

**Motion**

Councilwoman DeGeralamo moved to accept the motion. It was seconded by Councilman Wyant. **Passed 5-0**

**Town of Phillipsburg Fire Department**

Chloe L. Honan has applied for active fire duty with the Phillipsburg Fire Department, Lincoln Engine Co. No. 2

Leif R. Pruitt has applied for active fire duty with the Phillipsburg Fire Department, Lincoln Engine Co. No. 2

Juan E. Garcia has applied for active fire duty with the Phillipsburg Fire Department – Warren Chemical Co. No. 1

**Motion**

Councilwoman DeGerolamo moved to accept the motion. It was seconded by Councilman Wyant. **Passed 5-0**

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 2021-111 Town Council Meeting 04.20.2021

R: 2021-64 **Possible action to be taken**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND AFSCME COUNCIL NO. 73

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**CONTRACTUAL MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED Action may be taken**

All State Technologies – Pool  
Ingerman Litigation

Attorney Wenner stated Council discussed (3) subjects in Executive Session and asked they entertain a Motion to rescind the award to All State Technologies for the Pool.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant	X		X			
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilwoman DeGerolamo		X	X			
Council Vice President Fulper			X			
Council President McVey			X			

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Piazza moved to adjourn. All ayes – 10:30 pm

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