

**TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, October 18, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

**(Town Council Meeting to be held in person at PHA Community Bldg., 535 Fisher Ave., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865)**

**(subject to change pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d)-this agenda is tentative to the extent known at time of posting”**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - 7:07 pm

**2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT:** Read by VP Clark

**THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW. THIS MEETING OF **October 18, 2022** 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 Cnclman Piazza

**4. ROLL CALL** Wyant, Clark, Kennedy, Marino, Piazza

Also present: Attorney Wenner and Acting Municipal Clerk Loudenberg

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - TC Mtg. Mins – October 04, 2022

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Piazza		X	X			
Councilman Marino			X			
Councilman Kennedy			X			
Council VP Clark	X		X			
Council President Wyant			X			

**6. BILLS LIST –**

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Piazza	X		X			
Councilman Marino			X			
Councilman Kennedy			X			
Council VP Clark		X	X			
Council President Wyant			X			

**Discussion** – Councilman Piazza questioned check#87352 regarding upgrade – kiosk, where did funds come out of, capital? Operating? 2018 Capital – meter replacement? New Items – appropriation?

Matt Hall, BA noted he would verify with CFO Merlo and get back to Councilman Piazza.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**OLE TOWNE FALL FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 29, 2022 11AM - 6PM – SHAPPELL PARK**

Live Music, Miniature Train Rides, Fire Prevention & Safety Demo, Food & Craft Vendors, Free Family Activities, Fireworks – 7PM or as soon as dark.

HALLOWEEN PARADE – OCTOBER 30 – 3PM

TRICK OR TREAT – OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> - 5-8PM

**HISTORY TRAIL** – Saturday, November 5 – Roseberry-Gess House 540 Warren St. A Self-Guided Tour of Heritage Sites. Each stop along the trail offers something different and exciting for the whole family. Each site will open 10am-4pm on one of the two days as follows: (please see attachment).

**Train Ride – for more information and future dates visit:**

<https://877trainride.com/thomas.htm>

**8. Mayor’s Report / Administrative Officers**

**9. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Joe Meyner – 392 South Main Street**

Spoke to O2022-30 regarding Riverfront Red. Plan – 4. Project shall include a commercial rail interconnection with the adjacent Belvidere & Delaware River Railway, noting this will reduce the traffic congestion by 65%. Also spoke to O2022-29 the Municipal Bldg is currently at 120 Filmore Street – bought the bldg. from the Board of Education. Should build Parking Garage where Baker Chemical is and solve Parking problem.

**Commissioner James Kern – 44 Country Club Lane, Harmony Twsp.**

Spoke to R2022-224 – naming Matthew C. Hall as Acting Municipal Clerk and Registrar and congratulated him. Continued, glad to hear Mayor support a Parking Pass for anglers at discounted rate and his support for the Shad Tournament, adding event is something very good for Town of Phillipsburg and hope it continues.

**Mike Hinkle – 211 Red School Lane, Lopatcong Twp.**

Stated, been fishing the Delaware River since 9 yrs. old. Feels the \$150 price tag for Permit is too much. Continued, during Shad Tournament should be considered Town Special Event, free to park.

**Robyn Coe Donaldson**

Inquired about O2022-28 Municipal Lots and asked the difference between the Rectory Lot and the Church St Lot.

CP Wyant explained the Rectory lot is adjacent to SPSJ Church on South Main Street and the Church St Lot is between Elizabeth and Market Sts and called such because a church used to stand there until fire.

RC noted the .25/15 mins and \$1.00/hr using card for meter parking, is this all parking.

CP Wyant responded wherever there is a meter. He continued if you use your card it cannot give change, but charges \$1/hr.

RC asked about O2022-30 and the ongoing lawsuit and why here to be read. Noted #4 refers to rail and asked for clarification about Project only going forward if rail is available.

Attorney Wenner stated Section 5 is standard language meaning if any portion is found to be unacceptable, it does not negate the remainder of the Ordinance. He continued it is the intention of Council that the Project not go forward without rail needing to occur.

CP Wyant mentioned Kean Burenga in regard to rail going forward.

RC – asked how many trucks?

Joe Meyner stated he arrived at his numbers by computing a change by percentage.

Attorney Wenner stated 20 trips/day – noted Mr. Perrucci was in audience to speak to the Project as well.

RC wanted to know if a truck route had been approved.

**Sandra Morrisette – 5 Fairview Hghts.**

Asked Council to not move forward with the Warehouse, referred to litigation. Noted September 7, 2022 – NJ State Planning Commission – reported should not lump industrial and warehouse together. Continued, maybe some light industrial in area of flats, but not warehouse. Noted this warehouse being suggested for Howard Street is twice the average height; which is 32-35 ft. where this project is asking for 65ft. Continued, how can fire/emergency handle the elevation. Stated warehouses could harm local area with salt/oil run-off.

**Dan Seyler 22 North Main Street**

Referred to Parking Situation on North Main Street, where Brothers before Others has roped off the small municipal lot and posted sign Private Parking. Also asked why not included in the O2022-28; which addresses other Municipal Lots. Stated moved to TOP in 2008 and one reason was able to park in front of his home. Asked if he will have a place to park. Parking on Morris Street and someone backed into vehicle causing \$500-\$600 dollars damage passenger door.

Suggested the Boat Parking in Riverside Way be \$2/hr – thinks it more fair, rather than the \$10.00 for 4hours, then you are committed to the 4 hours. Stated be fair, facilitate progress in how benefits all. Asked if handicap parking addressed at Riverside?

**David Morrisette 5 Fairview Hghts.**

Spoke to truck traffic through residential onto Center Street or onto New Brunswick Avenue – adding additional truck traffic compounds the harm to the area. Noted large warehouses should be as close as possible to major routes- minimally 500-1000 ft. Continued sensitive receptors, protect natural resources such as the river for recreation.

**Mike Perrucci – Bethlehem, PA**

Addressed Council – spoke to the past Ingersol-Rand, Baker Chemical and Bethlehem Steel – noting 100yrs later cannot count on outside sources for

economic recovery. Noted Town of Phillipsburg has (1) of the highest unemployment rates in New Jersey. Stated this Project would bring good paying jobs, training Program, partnering with NORWESCAP, a positive. Howard Street Extension will be a positive, no left turn on McKeen, positive. One hundred to one hundred fifty jobs at 50-60k another positive. Continued he grew up here, stating we could be a Jim Thorpe, a Lambertsville. Added with gun range and old junk yard, there will not be residential. Give residents of Mercer and South Main Street opportunity for a good living and ability to walk to work.

**Elizabeth Ridley – Summit Avenue**

Asked Council to refrain from passing O2022-30. Stated Kings break faith upon commodity. Continued there are risks, no concrete plans have been seen regarding Warehouse Project, simply renderings. Referred to a Presentation from Mr. Colasuanno regarding Norton Campus; which had plans specific to the Project. Continued cold storage facilities require a lot of electricity, sometimes use ammonia; which can leak and is flammable. Adding a warehouse fire would be devastating. Asked Council to respect the Master Plan and the 2008 Redevelopment Plan. Regard the Delaware River as a natural resource to benefit all.

**Dan Boyce 1526 Warren Street, Alpha**

Referred to a photo in the newspaper Boy Scouts cleaned up Howard Street. Can't understand why others trying to force property owner to do what they want with his property. Added Mike Perrucci has good track record. Noted Colasuanno does not own the Property he gave the Presentation about.

**Nicole Timberman 112 N. Riverview Road**

O2022-28 Parking, asked Council completely support Shad Tournament and Ole Towne Festival and waive the fee as a Town sponsored event. Asked Council to allow anglers a pass and stated if you are a resident you should be able to purchase a Parking Pass and park anywhere in Town, noting it used to be that way. Adding why should residents be punished for out of towners. Asked if truck traffic survey had been done? Asked when Police Officers will be certified in weights and measures, in order to hand out violations.

**Phil Mugavero** – former Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councilman and resident  
Noted an advocate for residents, who are hard working and resilient. Continued everyone knows when IR left lost 2500-3000 jobs. Top is trying to come back and needs Warehouse Project to supply much needed jobs and boost economy of TOP. Added we are not in position to turn away a developer – working men and women need a chance to work, many do not have transportation. Want to support their families and work here in TOP.

**Josh Wanisko – 185 Lewis Street**

Noted everytime hear from proponents of warehouse – claims brings more jobs, but wants to know where is the proof. Asked Council not to act without evidence and give careful consideration.

**Rob DeBeer - Peron Group**

Plans have approval – Land Use, Traffic Study, Engineer, Fire Chief and committed to rail service – adding client is a rail service user. Continued left turn exit to 78/22. Claims employment 25-31/hour; which is a family sustainable wage. Noted committed to work with the Rail connection.

**10. ORDINANCES – 1<sup>ST</sup> Reading**

**O2022-28**

**Passed as Amended 3-2**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 67, *VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC*, SECTION 28, *PARKING LOTS*, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG**

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Piazza				X		
Councilman Marino				X		
Councilman Kennedy		X	X			
Council Vice Clark	X		X			
Council President Wyant			X			

**Discussion – Council**

Cnclmn Marino stated voting no, adding permits should be \$10/year. Noted fix parking problem on South Main Street. Noted \$1/hr or \$8/day to park a great distance away too much. Had Petition with 40 signatures. Wants read into record “Prices are too high.” Adding we want to bring business in to TOP and if we want to keep our young people, need to rethink. First year \$20 and thereafter \$10 like Bethlehem.

Cnclmn Piazza noted always paid parking in TOP – not new, but feels Ordinance still needs work and mor consideration for our anglers and the Shad Tournament. Suggested a sportsman pass – prorated by months no fishing from November to February. More incomplete – could work on lower rate. Adding perhaps a Business / Resident pass.

Cnclmn Kennedy stated in favor of Shad Tournament being seen as a Town Event and given waiver on Mayor’s suggestion supports anglers.

CP Wyant asked if KK wanted to make it a change?

KK responded Shad Tournament should be totally exempt.

CP Wyant asked if Mayor's suggestion of \$150/year permit for anglers be considered?

Attorney Wenner noted the Shad Tournament is not a Town sponsored Event.

CP Wyant noted we don't sponsor it, but

Attorney Wenner stated deem it

Cnclman Piazza stated if cultural/heritage Event and Sportsman pass \$100/year as changes.

Cnclman Kennedy moved to make Shad Tournament a recognized Event however noted to waive the fee. Councilman Piazza seconded the Motion.

Attorney Wenner noted – Amendment – designate Shad Tournament a Town Sponsored Event and waive the fee, the 3 days of Shad Tournament free to participants of the Shad Tournament.

CP Wyant noted to be drafted into Ordinance.

AYES: Wyant, Clark, Kennedy, Piazza

NAYS: Marino

Motion carries as amended.

Cnclman Piazza spoke to yearly sportsman pass of \$100/year and asked if kayaks, canoes on car would count as sportsman?

Attorney Wenner noted Motion proposed to provide utilization of Riverside Way Lot for Sportsmen at \$100/year.

Cnclman Marino asked if applied to Seniors?

Attorney Wenner noted the intention is for trailers – more special if want to do that kayak on a car the Riverside Way Lot structure won't be workable.

VP Clark concurred with Attorney Wenner regarding kayak – regular rate – sportsman using trailer – way to give back. Keep to fisherman.

KK agreed with VP.

Cnclman Piazza withdrew his motion.

VP Clark motioned – Sportsman – need to agree on price.

KK noted \$100.

RP stated needs more work.

Attrny Wenner stated should be trailer spaces only – designated spaces.

RP stated – too incomplete.

VP Clark motioned sportsman , only vehicle with trailer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy.

AYES: Wyant, Clark, Kennedy

NAYS: Marino, Piazza

Ordinance as Amended

Motion to Adopt as Amended

KK – 1<sup>st</sup>

VP - 2<sup>nd</sup>

VP Clark noted support larger initiative. Highest unemployment – parking generates new revenue – back to infrastructure back to our people, helps all our residents. Bi-partisan effort – lots of out of staters causing wear and tear on our lots – should benefit, 42k new revenue and with old system 5k. Quoted President Johnson, make mistakes, but lack of action not one of them.

**O2022-29**

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND FROM THE  
PHILLIPSBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 4-1**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Piazza	X		X			
Councilman Marino			X			
Councilman Kennedy		X	X			
Council Vice Clark			X			
Council President Wyant				X		

**Discussion – Council**

Cnclman Marino – stuck in quandry, no choice but to purchase.



**O2022-30**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Passed 3-1-1**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Piazza		X	X			
Councilman Marino	X		X			
Councilman Kennedy			X			
Council Vice Clark				X		
Council President Wyant					X	

**Discussion – Council**

Cnclman Kennedy spoke to Ordinance, noting when introduced at last TC mtg. he abstained due to O2021-14; which had been passed by a previous Town Council and asked for that portion to be removed from this ordinance. Added original proposal was 500k square feet and he was dead set against. Continued this Project is 360k square feet and with Rail Service; which cuts down on truck traffic. Could be stuck with bigger warehouse, nd rail service being addressed was his main concern. Also, don't want to lose cold storage and good jobs.

Cnclman Piazza thanked Cnclman Kennedy for the extra work done on his part to get put onto Agenda Noting good morphed from Original proposal, adding it is a different Project with a lot of positives coming into being in Town of Phillipsburg.

**11. 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.*

**R2022-215**

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING HANDICAP PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

**R: 2022-216**

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

**R2022- 217**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF JERSEY AND SITGREAVES STREETS FOR THE OLE TOWNE FALL FESTIVAL BEING HELD IN SHAPPELL PARK ON OCTOBER 29, 2022

**R2022-218**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AT OLE TOWNE FALL FESTIVAL AT WALTER'S PARK

**R2022-219**

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) State of New Jersey BPU Clean Energy Vehicle Tourism Grant program - \$150,000.00

**R2022-220**

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) 2022 Roads Restoration program - \$437,204.97

**R2022-221**

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANYCOUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) 2022 Roads Restoration program – Lyndale Street - \$37,300.00

**R2022-222**

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)

**R2022-224**

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW C. HALL AS ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK AND REGISTRAR FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

**R2022-225**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING LORRAINE LOUDENBERRY AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR

**R2022-226**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 TO Camille Bates

**ROLL CALL CONSENT AGENDA**

**Passed 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Piazza			X			
Councilman Marino			X			
Councilman Kennedy	X		X			
Council Vice Clark		X	X			
Council President Wyant			X			

**R2022-223 Pulled from Consent Agenda by RP**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION AND TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE RIVERFRONT HERITAGE TRAIL PHASE 1 PROJECT

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Piazza	X		X			
Councilman Marino			X			
Councilman Kennedy			X			
Council Vice Clark		X	X			
Council President Wyant			X			

**Discussion**

Councilman Piazza pulled R2022-223 and asked if Grant Application was reimbursable.

Engineer Tim O’Brien responded it is a NJDOT Grant – reimbursable, provides a guarantee.

Cnclman Piazza asked if requirements needed to be met and if legal fees, private consult, inspections covered?

TOB noted construction cost – choose from 12 designers. Just the design covered, not legal, not administrative

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

### **OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – (3) applicants**

Dominic Vangeli  
Becky Williams-Ellis  
Ed Saultz

VP Clark nominated Dominic Vangeli. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

AYES: Wyant, Clark, Kennedy, Marino, Piazza  
NAYS: None

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Cnclman Piazza noted a Resolution – Lease Agreement – Brothers before Others, 501c3 use of Parking Spaces. Prepared lease agreement, desirous of use – set forth above. Applied for Permits NJSA, TC, Warren county to enter into lease attached hereto.

Councillman Piazza moved to accept. Motion seconded by Councilman Marino

CP Wyant stated, item not on Agenda and not on Website prior to meeting would give those in attendance a chance to speak to the subject.

Dan Seyler – 22 North Main Street

Handed in a Petition regarding this matter. Noted he will lose Parking and others in need. Being displaced to Morris Street, doesn't like the idea of late arrival home and walking 400 ft to his front door. Very inconvenient – collected signatures this afternoon. Continued seven residences affected – collected 5 from residents. Asked if the Lease required all (7) spaces. Asked if it could be tabled.

Attorney Wenner noted lease does call for all (7) spaces.



VP Clark moved to table. Motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy.

AYES: Wyant, Clark, Kennedy, Marino, Piazza

NAYS: None

### **13. PUBLIC PETITIONS**

#### **Dan Seyler – 22 North Main Street**

Asked if he could see copy of Lease Agreement?

CP Wyant stated would give to Mr. Seyler after the Meeting.

#### **David Morrisette – 5 Fairview Hghts.**

Stated CP should recuse himself from voting on O2022-30, siting Cox Planning Board Manuel – if affiliated organization within 200’ of Applicant, disqualifying indirect. Should not vote on Application. Added wanted read into record – does not oppose Mr. Perrucci per se, when Mr. Morrisette served on Land Use Board – asked when made votes a personal Agenda if vote displeases developer. Noted he voted yes to Opus & Bridge Point on old IR property. Adding always some negatives, but positives there far outweighed. Encouraged Council members to vote their consciences and wait for lawsuit to be settled.

#### **Matt Scerbo – 1073 Pearl Street**

Stated Open Space Committee has had no meetings. Continued, thought objective of committee was to oversee spending of Open Space tax money collected. Noted, (3) people have been removed and yet no meetings have happened this year. Feels need for transparency.

CP Wyant noted that he is not a member of Open Space Committee asked for any answers. Noted some Projects had gone out to bid.

Matt Hall, BA noted some Projects did go out to bid, but were way over budget.

MS addressed Attorney Wenner, who noted he would look into the matter.

#### **Jim Flynn – Firth Street**

Wished to allocate his (3) minutes to allow the Morrisettes to continue to speak.

#### **Mike Perrucci – Bethlehem, PA**

Noted he respected Morrisette even if did not agree. Added solution to Union Square traffic, go to Bridge Commission and have pay tolls coming into NJ, noting stores open at 7-8am. Continued focus on Union Square – could be developed and be a tremendous asset. Suggested reach out to Warren County Commissioner Kern – enclose the open gun range with Open Space tax to Warren County. Noted TOP should focus on same page development, must go through Lehigh Valley. Adding TOP is a potential Lambertville.

Sandra Morrisette – 5 Fairview Hghts.

Referred to Master Plan, noted a warehouse on the Riverfront not in accord with Master Plan. Asked to consider long term future of TOP pinned on the back of RR working with TOP could take 3-5 years and what if end result is no rail. Then truck traffic worse problem. Added Mr. Perrucci had excellent ideas – enclose the gun range, but wondered where idea was 15 years ago.

**Commissioner Kern**

Thanked the Governing Body regarding it's consideration of the Shad Tournament. Also spoke to WCCC satellite program in TOP including robotics lab – the innovation – Dr. Austin and right here in TOP. Spoke to Partnering with Firth Youth Center for sports Programs and other Programs, big positive. Thanked Council.

Nicole Timberman 112 N. Riverview Rd.

Thanked Council regarding consideration of Shad Tournament. Asked if there would be Work Session regarding Parking Ordinance?

CP Wyant noted there would not be a Work Session.

NT continued time is of the essence. Stated when there was a Parking Authority could collect funds, not an ordinance.

CP Wyant stated working off of previous Ordinance.

Cnclman Piazza noted in May.

NT noted sportsman had been addressed, hoping residents, those living in Town could be rewarded rather than punished for living in TOP. Felt another WS needed.

Joe Meyner – 392 South Main Street

Spoke to Delaware River Park – bathroom needs to be fixed. Adding Park would be used if facility available.

Mike Hinkle – Red School Lane

Thanked Council for listening – passionate about TOP. Stated Union Square traffic a mess, enclose the Gun Range, but not a place for tractor trailers. Walkways needed over RR property.

Dan Boyce – 1526 Warren Street

Stated traffic from Howard Street extension – to Center Street – better to extend down to Treatment Plant, all trucks could leave Town. Feels parking should be realistic and charge .50/hr like Hellertown/Quakertown. Added \$1/hr a lot of money – lumberyard to McKeen Street 255 meters \$46,500/yr lost revenue because not enforced.

**Closed to Public**

**14. COUNCIL OPEN TIME**

Cnclman Marino stated received information from Trenton; which runs Green Acres – Riverside Way is an unfunded park lane. Continued Town can do whatever with that information. Spoke to Robyns Rehabilitation on North Main Street, the business will be moving to PA because it is easier to make a living – space is easier to attain, lesser price.

Cnclman Piazza spoke to robotics lab at the WCCC satellite campus on Marshall Street. Very impressive Program, did not realize students rebuilding – military drones – exercises in teaching what will be needed in the future economy. A drone certification program, qualified instructors right here in TOP. Noted Vicki Branch-Mendes spearheading an Anti-Bullying Program, October 26 at 6PM. You can sponsor or donate. Continued parking a little too high for our Residents. Added there has always been paid parking in TOP, but don't want to add to monthly expenses.

Cnclman Kennedy noted October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Thanked the Pork Roll Palooza committee for a fun Event, even though in the dunk tank. Stated PHS football team is 7-0 and about to face East Brunswick. Happy Halloween.

VP Clark thanked Council regarding R2022-219 Clean Energy, adding one of earliest initiatives EV Charging Station. Thanked the Mayor for the support to pursue TOP being viewed as a destination. Noted Commissioner Kern supporting Shad Tourn/anglers in TOP and the need to work together to achieve balance between Business and Environmental concerns. Wished all a Happy Halloween.

CP Wyant stated it is very exciting to have a charging station or (2) in TOP. The hope is people come to charge their EV and they spend the hour it takes to shop downtown, or get a meal, enjoy Shappell Park. A very positive, clean energy plus for our Town.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

VP Clark moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:26 PM