

# MEETING MINUTES

## **TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, January 18, 2022 via ZOOM 7:00 P.M.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 7:01 PM

2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT:** by Councilman Piazza

**THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW. THIS MEETING OF **January 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** by Councilman Piazza

**4. ROLL CALL - Councilmembers -VP Clark, Kennedy, Marino, Piazza**

**Roll Call Present:** Council President Wyant

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - TC Special Meeting December 31, 2021**

Approved by Councilman Piazza as he was the only Councilmember at last year’s meeting who was present at that Zoom Meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**6. BILLS LIST -**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Discussion**

Council President Wyant needed to Abstain from #7014.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Tersigni stated there will be a Free Covid 19 Rapid Antigen and PCR Testing Clinic sponsored by the Phillipsburg Municipal Office of the Mayor and St Joseph’s Pharmacy. The Clinic is to be held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 11AM – 1PM at the Phillipsburg Free Public Library located at 200 Broubalow Way, Phillipsburg. Certain conditions may apply – check Website/Facebook for details.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

Tim O'Brien – Van Cleef Engineering – Truck Traffic Study introduced at Work Session Presentation- Jan. 11, 2022 – follow-up questions

Noted there is an amended Truck Study; which is ready to be submitted. This speaks to the State regulations requiring Rt. 122 connector to Rt 22. Remove Center/Roseberry – McKeen/Abbott. Will include Roseberry/Center back in if State denies.

Councilman Piazza questioned condemnation without a land agreement. Noted Mayor Tersigni placed \$2 million dollar price tag on a piece of Property worth 100k. Stated Mayor Tersigni not negotiating with Stateliner United in good faith.

CP Wyant stated would not debate the issue.

Cnclman Piazza noted Roberts Rules – the right to debate.

**9. MAYOR'S AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mayor Tersigni gave report noting 2021 highlights.

**Attachments:**

Mayor's Report January 18, 2022

Letter re: USW, LLC (from Stateliner United)/ Union Square Redevelopment

**10. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Joe Meyner – 392 South Main Street

Spoke to O2022-03 Sewer Increase, but greatly needed.

Emil Brisson – 94 Bullman St.

Spoke to R2022-38 – Mayor's Appointments to Library Governing Board. Asked Aimee Meissner still be considered, as per Statute allows for out of State member to serve. She has contributed and continues to be a good member.

Mayor Tersigni stated his appointments/terms to Library Governing Board as follows:

Ralph Jiorle            2025

James Miczulski      2024

Dara Rossi            2023

Mayor Tersigni continued, he was advised Aimee lives out of State, therefore excluded.

EB – noted State statute allows as long as (4) members live in the Municipalty, adding Ms. Meisner should remain.

Dan Boyce – 1526 Warren

Spoke about condition of PHA units – black mold. Added Town gains nothing by Shared Service Agreement with PHA.

Robert Bengavenga, BA noted Mayor negotiated a Shared Service Agreement where by TOP will charge a 3% Premium above cost for Gasoline, rock salt and other commodities.

Robyn Coe Donaldson

Asked about Sewer rate increase regarding multi-use buildings. Noting that Ordinance 2022-03 states Residential or Commercial, what about combo?

BA – currently billed – classification is either residential or commercial

Robert Fulper – 942 Mill Street

Stated, Mayor’s comments regarding Stateliner United, not true.

CP Wyant – noted stick to Agenda items, wait for Public Comments instead.

Joan Pierce

Spoke to Kiosk in Riverside Way Lot. Feels no enforcement – ticketing in the Municipal Lots for those who do not have a parking permit.

CP Wyant stated the kiosk is only for the Riverside Lot – and advised we will be addressing enforcement.

JP – added the Stockton Street Lot – no one there has a Permit. Asked about the Church goes parking on Sunday morning without Permits. Continued regarding the Sewer Utility rate increase and asked why burden on Town residents, asking about outlying districts.

BA – Noted settlement of lawsuits does not enable the Town to put the increases on the outlying districts right now.

JP – asked if Property Taxes going up too. Spoke to salary range increases, should hold off.

CP Wyant noted does not have Budget yet, no way to know.

BA – noted these are Salary Ranges not increases, continued must be adopted annually as /code.

JP – noticed increase in ACO’s salary range and stated she is never available when you call.

## **11. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING -**

**O:2022-01**

**Amending and Supplementing Town of Phillipsburg Code Section 5-70, Authorizing Payment of Bills Between Council Meetings**

## **12. ORDINANCES — FIRST READING**

**O2022-02**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY RANGE FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG**

**O2022-03**

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 123 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED "SEWER UTILITY"

**O2022-04**

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

**O2022-05**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 67-23, SCHEDULE VII, STOP INTERSECTIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO ADD STOP INTERSECTIONS AT HUDSON STREET AND SCHULTZ AVENUE (BOTH DIRECTIONS) AND AT IRWIN STREET AT SCHULTZ AVENUE WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

**13. 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: 2022-25**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE FOR YEAR 2022

**R: 2022-26**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF FIRST QUARTER 2022 COUNTY TAX AND OPEN SPACE TAX, DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2022

**R: 2022-27**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF ADDED ASSESSMENTS 2020 AND 2021 COUNTY TAX DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2022

**R: 2022-28**

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING HANDICAP PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

**R:2022-29**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2022

**R2022-30**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A BID AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH USA GENERAL CONTRACTORS CORP AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING EPDM ROOF MEMBRANE AT FIRE STATION 94-1

**R2022-31**

AGREEMENT FOR INTER-LOCAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND THE PHILLIPSBURG HOUSING AUTHORITY

**R2022-32**

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR INTERFUND TRANSFERS

**R2022-33**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYOUT OF ACCRUED SICK, VACATION AND COMPENSATORY LEAVE FOR SENIOR MECHANIC THOMAS DUGEY

**R2022-34**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYOUT OF ACCRUED SICK, VACATION AND COMPENSATORY LEAVE FOR PATROLMAN ROBERT MARINO

**R2022-35**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYOUT OF ACCRUED SICK, VACATION AND COMPENSATORY LEAVE FOR LAURA VAUGHN

**R2022-36**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING A CLASS III MEMBER TO THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG PLANNING BOARD

**R2022-37**

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ROBERT BENGIVENGA, JR., BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, TO ACT AS APPOINTING AUTHORITY AND LIAISON FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR CIVIL SERVICE

**R2022-38**

A RESOLUTION CONSIDERING APPOINTMENTS FOR LIBRARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PHILLIPSBURG FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**R2022-39**

A RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO BE PAID TO PHILLIPSBURG EMERGENCY SQUAD FOR INSURANCE PAYMENT MADE TO TOP

**ROLL CALL CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

**15. PUBLIC PETITIONS**

**16. DISCUSSION**

**17. COUNCIL OPEN TIME**

**18. MOTIONS**

**19. EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

R: 2022- 40

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING Property Disposition. No Action Will Be Taken

**20. ADJOURNMENT**