

**MEETING MINUTES**

**TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 05, 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** - 7:01 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 JULY 05, 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 Councilman Piazza

**4. ROLL CALL**  
Wyant, Clark, Piazza, Marino, Kennedy  
Also present were Attrny Moscaguri, Mayor Tersigni, AMC Loudenberry

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -** Town Council Meeting 06.07.2022 (moved to 7/19/22 mtg.)

**6. BILLS LIST –**

**ROLL CALL Passed 5-0**

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			

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Comcast Corporation is holding a Public Hearing at the July 5, 2022 TC Meeting – submitted an application for installation of fiber optic lines in Phillipsburg and surrounding communities.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**O2022-06 – TBLD March 1, 2022      **Awaiting Results of RT Environmental Report****

**O2022-06**

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-07 FINALLY ADOPTED ON MAY 7, 2019, AS FURTHER AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-05 FINALLY ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021, IN ORDER TO REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED THEREIN

BA Bengivenga spoke to the tabled O2022-06. Stated he and Engineer Tim O'Brien sent correspondence to RT Environmental. They responded they got results from the Corliss Bldg. and will finish their analysis and have it to us early next week. He continued would get it to CP Wyant for review before next meeting.

**9. Mayor's and Administrative Officers**

Mayor Tersigni delivered his report. Highlights

- Open Air Market – begins Sunday, July 10 – October 2 10AM-2PM
- Infrastructure improvements throughout TOP
- Addressed traffic at Free Bridge – calling on DRJTBC to implement plan traffic one direction going West
- Summer Playground Program – Shared Service Agreement- FYC

Addressed issue of resident, Thomas W. Fie, receiving a fee for vehicle being towed without having received a 24 hour notice. The charge was dismissed by Court and resident was seeking reimbursement.

**MOTION                      Passed 5-0**

VP Clark moved for reimbursement of fee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Piazza.

YEAS: Wyant, Clark, Kennedy, Marino, Piazza

NAYS: None

**10. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS**

NONE

**11. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

**O 2022-22**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 105 *POLICE DEPARTMENT*, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG TO A NEW SECTION 105-1.1, *APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY*, OF THE CODE

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

**Discussion - Public**

Councilman Marino – queried, just Administrative? No arrest power? That’s all.

Joe Meyner 392 South Main Street

Noted, emailed Attorney Wenner seeking clarification of Statute. Asked will this give Mayor overriding authority.

Attrny Moscuiguri stated, Mayor referred to as Appropriate Authority. If need for investigation within the Police Department. Police Chief in charge of day to day – monthly reports to be given to appropriate authority. Continued Mayor can conduct investigation with regard to Administrative issues within the Police Department.

**12. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**Passed 5-0**

**O2022-23**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY.

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

**Discussion - Council**

**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.*

**ROLL CALL CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**R2022-144**

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

**R2022-145**

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

**R2022-146**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF SEPTIC REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,256.50 TO RUSSELL REID

**R2022-147**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND NO. 015052548 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$784,847.40; SUBDIVISION BOND NO. 015202239 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,800.96; AND SUBDIVISION BOND NO. 015202240 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00

**R2022-148**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE WALTER PARK AND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARKS UPGRADE PROJECT

**ROLL CALL**

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

Cnclman Piazza queried reasoning for rescind of bid.

CP Wyant explained, completely off in price. Will break up in to (2) Projects. Need to work within our means.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

**15. PUBLIC PETITIONS**

**16. COUNCIL OPEN TIME**

**17. MOTIONS**

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

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

VP Clark moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM.