

**TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday December 20, 2021 7:00 PM**

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For questions contact Lorraine Loudenberg at 908.454.5500 x 348

1. CALL TO ORDER - 7:06 PM

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT: Read by Cnclman Piazza

THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW. THIS MEETING OF December 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 Cnclman Piazza

4. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

6. BILLS LIST -

ROLL CALL

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

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Village at Shappell Park – December 18th & 19th – successful first time Event
 Recreaton Advisory Committee members - Ann Davis and Bobbie Bedo thanked:
 NJYC – M. Muckle and Youth Corp delivered the trees
 NORWESCAP- purchased trees from local Christmas Tree Farm
 PPD – Lt. J. Franceschino along with youth volunteers made tree stands
 Eighteen trees in all decorated. First Place – Bedo/Haley, RunnerUp-Steele Hill Youth Org

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. MAYOR’S AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

NONE

10. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Phil Mugavero – 599 Corliss Avenue

Spoke to O2021-27 Riverfront Redevelopment – Howard Street. Stated as former Mayor, Councilman – knows the difficulty of attracting and retaining Tax Ratables. Supports Project, feels will bring 300 good paying jobs, averaging 50-60k. Added Phillipsburg residents deserve this type of living standard, the Economic growth/job opportunities could be catalyst jump start the local economy. Thanked Council allowing to address them.

Aaron Coleman – 3 Fairview Hghts.

Spoke to O2021-27 Riverfront Red – Howard St. Concerned with Warehouse not being right fit for the area. Truck traffic main concern. Warehouses don’t bring large number of jobs. Need to listen

to residents and downtown business owners who do not want the warehouse erected so near residential and South Main Street. Added has concerns with Consistency report from Planning Board and the fact that Planning Board meeting is going on the same time as this TC meeting.

Rebecca Ellis – 627 Hillcrest Blvd.

Addressed Attorney Wenner concerning the fact both the Planning Board Meeting and the Town Council Meetings were being conducted simultaneously?

Attrny Wenner stated not improper-Town Council is separate from Planning Board. Continued there is no Public hearing on a Consistency Review.

Councilman Piazza noted he personally has attended (2) Zoom Meetings simultaneously.

RE – Noted feels infringes on ability to participate fully in each meeting.

11. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING Cnclman Piazza amended Agenda to move O2021-27 to after #13 consent Agenda and before new business #14

O2021-27

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

12. ORDINANCES — FIRST READING

None

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.*

R2021-302

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2021-69
IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE COMPENSATION GIVEN TO LIEUTENANT RALPH REPPERT
UPON RETIREMENT

R2021-303

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2021-130 IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE
COMPENSATION GIVEN TO LIEUTENANT VINE UPON RETIREMENT

R2021-304

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO REPLACE 60 FEET OF SANITARY SEWER ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS

R2021-305

RESOLUTION AMENDING R2021-291 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REGARDING VACATION AND SICK PAY FOR VICTORIA L. KLEINER

R: 2021-306

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

R2021-307

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RIVERSIDE WAY PUMP STATION

R2021-309

RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION

R2021-312

RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION

R2021-313

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AND PHOEBUS FUND, LLC

R2021-314

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING LIEN FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES

ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Lutz			X			
Council Vice President Fulper						X

R2021-308

Removed from Consent Agenda – improperly worded

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPOSED STUDY AREA, BLOCK 911 LOT 7 AND 8 (61, 75 & 83 S. MAIN STREET) QUALIFIES AS AN AREA IN NEED OF NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A ET SEQ.

R2021-310

RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION 2119-44-005-009 Wolf Pack Ventures, Inc. to Rocksky LLC

R2021-310

ROLL CALL

Passed 3-1-1

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

R2021-311

RESOLUTION TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING APPROPRIATIONS FROM 2021 CURRENT FUND BALANCE TO FUND BALANCE - read by Cnclman Piazza in its entirety as it was mislabeled on Agenda

ROLL CALL

Passed 4-0-1

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

R2021-313

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R2021-313
ROLL CALL

Motion to Table Passes 3-2

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

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. PUBLIC PETITIONS

16. DISCUSSION

17. COUNCIL OPEN TIME

18. MOTIONS

Application received from Jayden M. Gilbert for active fire duty as a Junior Firefighter with the Phillipsburg Fire Department.

Application received from Zachary W. Vine for active fire duty as a Junior Firefighter with the Phillipsburg Fire Department.

ROLL CALL

Council Members	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant						
Councilman Piazza						
Councilwoman DeGerolamo						
Councilman Lutz						
Council Vice President Fulper						

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION -

R: 2021-

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING MATTERS WHICH ARE

ROLL CALL

Council Members	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Wyant						
Councilman Piazza						
Councilwoman DeGerolamo						
Council Vice President Fulper						
Council President						

20. ADJOURNMENT

