

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2026— 6:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER 6:00 pm** **By CP Kennedy**
2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT** **Read by CVP Clark**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **All**
4. **INVOCATION** **CVP Clark**
5. **ROLL CALL – Council Members Present – Kennedy, Clark, Fey, Saultz, Wanisko**

-Also in attendance: Mayor Piazza, Attorney Wenner, Acting Municipal Clerk Turner

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting Minutes June 23, 2026**
Executive Session Minutes June 23, 2026

ROLL CALL

Motion Carries 5-0

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey			X			
Councilman Saultz			X			
Councilman Wanisko		X	X			
Council VP Clark	X		X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

7. **BILLS LIST**

ROLL CALL

Motion Carries 5-0

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey			X			
Councilman Saultz			X			
Councilman Wanisko	X		X			
Council VP Clark		X	X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT –** I would like to begin by recognizing and thanking another member of the Branch family, Justyce Branch, and also Trevor Powell and the Branching Out Foundation for helping to organize and co-host the first basketball tournament at Walters Park this past Sunday. The tournament brought members of our community together for a positive day of competition, recreation, and fellowship. Events like this show what can be accomplished when residents take the initiative to create opportunities for our young people and bring energy into our public spaces. Thank you to Justyce, the other

organizers, participants, volunteers, and everyone who came out to support the tournament. We look forward to seeing this event continue and grow in the future. We have also received the results of the geotechnical testing related to the Summit Avenue sinkhole and have provided those findings to the professionals representing the affected families. This is an important step in making sure the information is reviewed by the appropriate experts as we continue working toward a clear and responsible path forward.

In addition, we have received updated attendance numbers from the Firth Youth Center's summer playground program. The program has been attended frequently by Phillipsburg residents, and the decision to use the new Bentley Field playground as one of the program locations has been very successful. Based on the current numbers, Bentley Field may soon surpass Walters Park as the program's most attended location.

We are also currently exploring the possibility of creating a new initiative focused on open space, outdoor recreation, and nature-based events. We are still determining what may be practical and possible, but we believe it is worth examining additional ways to help residents enjoy Phillipsburg's outdoor spaces and natural resources.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that Music in the Park will take place this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Movies in the Park will also begin on July 24. I hope to see many of you there.

Mayor Randy S. Piazza Jr.

9. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS –

Council President Kennedy stated that Resolution 2026-110 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ENDORSE A TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL AND EXECUTE A CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR SPARK CAR WASH, LLC has been “walked on” and will be part of the Consent Agenda.

- Bill Benz, Phillipsburg Downtown Business Association – O2026-16 – asked that Council delay passage of this Ordinance. The proposed department should include a sampling of business owners and there should be input from the Business Association. There is no measurement in the ordinance and controls are imperative.

10. ORDINANCES – 2nd Read and Public Hearing

O2026-18 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 105-17 – RATES OF COMPENSATION – CHAPTER 105 ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT” TO IMPOSE A TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR (\$25) PER HOUR ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, AS OPPOSED TO THE PRESENTLY PRESCRIBED TEN PERCENT (10%) FEE

Public Comments – None

Council Comments - None

ROLL CALL

Motion Carries 5-0

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey			X			
Councilman Saultz	X		X			
Councilman Wanisko		X	X			
Council VP Clark			X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

O2026-19 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-15 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON JULY 10, 2024, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT REFERRED TO IN SECTION 3(a)(viii) THEREIN

Public Comments – None
Council Comments - None

ROLL CALL

Motion Carries 5-0

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey			X			
Councilman Saultz		X	X			
Councilman Wanisko			X			
Council VP Clark	X		X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

O2026-20 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; REAPPROPRIATING \$343,101.34 IN EXCESS BOND AND NOTE PROCEEDS FROM VARIOUS BOND ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN, NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES, TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF

Public Comments – None
Council Comments – None

ROLL CALL

Motion Carries 5-0

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey		X	X			
Councilman Saultz			X			
Councilman Wanisko	X		X			
Council VP Clark			X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

O2026-21 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2026 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,425,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,303,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Public Comments – None
Council Comments - None

ROLL CALL**Motion Carries 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey			X			
Councilman Saultz			X			
Councilman Wanisko	X		X			
Council VP Clark		X	X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

O2026-22 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-10 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON MAY 28, 2025, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT REFERRED TO IN SECTION 3(a)(vii) THEREIN

Public Comments – None

Council Comments – None

ROLL CALL**Motion Carries 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey	X		X			
Councilman Saultz		X	X			
Councilman Wanisko			X			
Council VP Clark			X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

11. ORDINANCE – 1st Read- Introduction

****** 2nd Reading and public hearing will occur at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at which time any interested persons may speak for or against the ordinance ******

O2026-23 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REVISING SEWER CONNECTION FEE

Council Comments - None

ROLL CALL**Motion Carries 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey			X			
Councilman Saultz		X	X			
Councilman Wanisko	X		X			
Council VP Clark			X			

Council President Kennedy			X			
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O2026-24 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 311 ENTITLED “FIRE PREVENTION” OF THE PHILLIPSBURG TOWN CODE TO CREATE ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 311 ENTITLED “FIRE OFFICIAL; DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; FEES”

Council Comments - None

ROLL CALL

Motion Carries 5-0

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey	X		X			
Councilman Saultz			X			
Councilman Wanisko		X	X			
Council VP Clark			X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

O2026-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE VIII, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, TO DELETE SECTION 66, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND SECTION 67, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, AND IN THEIR PLACE AND STEAD CREATE A NEW ARTICLE XVI, ENTITLED, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

-Attorney Wenner stated that the original Ordinance 2026-16 AN ORDINANCE OF 'THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE VIII, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, TO DELETE SECTION 66, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND SECTION 67, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, AND IN THEIR PLACE AND STEAD CREATE A NEW SECTION 66 ENTITLED, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT tabled on May 26, 2026 differs from the one being introduced tonight. He stated that the original ordinance must be untabled to be discussed.

Motion to untable Ordinance 2025-16

ROLL CALL

Motion Carries 4-1

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey		X	X			
Councilman Saultz				X		
Councilman Wanisko	X		X			
Council VP Clark			X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

Attorney Wenner stated the ordinance can be amended via the ordinance provided with the agenda.

Discussion – Councilman Saultz stated this is another example of the politics that crippled our town for decades. This ordinance puts control of the UEZ in Council’s hands. The UEZ would need to get advice and consent from Council on everything. This Council has targeted UEZ since the beginning by questioning expenses and targeting individuals receiving payments. This ordinance disrupts the UEZ 5 year plan through which it has received money to host events this year and will turn the UEZ into a political pawn. Councilman Saultz stated he will always vote for the people, not a party or a political agenda.

Council VP Clark stated this is not political. Currently there is no protocol for UEZ. It is not uncommon for towns to develop a UEZ department. This sets up transparency and accountability. Funds are not just for events. They are also for infrastructure. This is our chance to make UEZ more efficient and help small businesses in town.

Councilman Wanisko stated this ordinance will give Economic and Community Development a permanent home. Decisions will be documented, improvements can be discussed and we can have confidence in how those decisions will be made.

Councilman Fey stated he likes this ordinance because it provides checks and balances. It will allow Council to work alongside UEZ and help to shape it so it serves the town.

Motion to amend Ordinance 2026-16

ROLL CALL

Motion Carries 4-1

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey		X	X			
Councilman Saultz				X		
Councilman Wanisko	X		X			
Council VP Clark			X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2026-16 as amended

ROLL CALL

Motion Carries

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey			X			
Councilman Saultz				X		
Councilman Wanisko	X		X			
Council VP Clark		X	X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

12. RESOLUTIONS ** CONSENT AGENDA **

Matters listed on the Consent Agenda Resolutions 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.

R2026-101 EMERGENCY CONTRACT SPECTRASERVE – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

R2026-102 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF

REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) – DELAWARE HEIGHTS PARK I & II GRANT

R2026-103 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) -2023 Recycling Tonnage Grant

R2026-104 AUTHORIZING THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF ONE 2027 FORD EXPEDITION SSV 4 X4 FOR THE PHILLIPSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM CIOCCA FORD OF FLEMINGTON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$53,685.00

R2026-105 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING HANDICAP PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG

R2026-106 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR 2026-2027

R2026-107 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133

R2026-109 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) – DELAWARE RIVER PARK GRANT

ROLL CALL - Consent Agenda

Motion Carries 5-0

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey			X			
Councilman Saultz			X			
Councilman Wanisko	X		X			
Council VP Clark		X	X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

R2026-108 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG UEZ TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$136,000 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027.

Pulled from the consent agenda by Councilman Wanisko. Discussion – Councilman Wanisko stated this resolution is to both apply for UEZ funds and the expending of those funds. Due to that uncertainty he recommended striking the clause expending funds and vote on the resolution later. Mayor Piazza stated there is a July 31, 2026 deadline for the funding. Further discussion with input from Tara Gomez (audience) and Craig Brotons (audience) included amending the resolution to remove the expenditure section and only voting on the application section(s), that the resolution was a state provided template, the funds are for the next fiscal year, the proposed expenditures are required by the state but are not set in stone, the state wants to have a general idea of how the money will be spent.

ROLL CALL Approve R2026-108 as written**Motion Carries 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey			X			
Councilman Saultz			X			
Councilman Wanisko			X			
Council VP Clark			X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

R2026-110 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ENDORSE A TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL AND EXECUTE A CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR SPARK CAR WASH, LLC

Pulled from the consent agenda by Councilman Saultz – Discussion – Councilman asked what the intended improvements are and how they will affect the sewer system. The Sewer Authority Attorney was not present. Councilman Saultz recommended the resolution be tabled until questions can be answered.

ROLL CALL Motion to Table R2026-110**Motion Carries 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey		X	X			
Councilman Saultz	X		X			
Councilman Wanisko			X			
Council VP Clark			X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

13. **OLD BUSINESS** – Council Vice President Clark stated he is glad the sinkhole reports are back. Mayor Piazza stated he met with homeowners today and they all hope this is nearing the finish line.

14. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

15. **MOTIONS** – Firefighter Applications – Garcia, McKinnis, Hess, Beaton

ROLL CALL**Motion Carries 5-0**

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey			X			
Councilman Saultz	X		X			
Councilman Wanisko			X			
Council VP Clark		X	X			

Council President Kennedy			X			
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16. PUBLIC PETITIONS –

-resident – lives in the duplex connected to 109 Chambers St. She requested an update on 109 Chambers St. Code Enforcement Official Mike Burke addressed Council. After the 30 days provided to the property owner to make the required repairs/clean up passed, he, the Fire Chief, the Construction Official, an inspector, and DPW visited the property. No repairs or clean up had been done. Mr. Burke and Fire Chief opened the front door to view the interior. The Fire Chief stated it looked the same as in 2023 with no visible removal of items. The interior will have to be cleaned out by a third party since DPW does not enter buildings. Once emptied, the building will be inspected but it is their opinion that the building will have to be demolished. Exterior clean up work by DPW is scheduled for next week. Attorney Wenner stated that the property owner will be sent notice for a continuation of the habitability hearing to determine structural integrity on August 11, 2026.

-The property owner of 333 Hudson St requested a waiver of the street opening moratorium. He is having gas service installed at his house. He asked that he not be required to get infrared sealing on the patch due to the cost. Engineer Tim O'Brien (audience) stated that a 3' x 3' hole will have to be cut into the road. While the infrared seal adds to the cost it provides a long term seal. Councilman Saultz noted that a recent homeowner had the infrared seal waived with DPW scheduled to maintain the seal annually.

Motion to approve street opening waiver for 333 Hudson St with infrared seal required.

ROLL CALL

Motion Carries 5-0

Councilmembers	First	Second	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Fey			X			
Councilman Saultz	X		X			
Councilman Wanisko			X			
Council VP Clark		X	X			
Council President Kennedy			X			

-Lauren Inscho, resident – the curbing in front of her house on Colby Place has been painted yellow. It has never been painted before. She was told by DPW it was to allow enough room for garbage trucks to pass. But garbage trucks, fire trucks, ambulances have come through without problems for years. Several houses have been remodeled into multifamily dwellings which impacts the parking. Due to the limited parking, she asked if signs could be erected for no parking on garbage day. Councilman Saultz and Mayor Piazza were concerned that single family homes had been remodeled into multifamily dwellings, possibly without the proper permits. Mayor Piazza stated that nothing had come before the Land Use Board recently.

-Bill Timmons, resident – stated that a Festival has been advertised for mid-September with a parade across the bridge. Is there an update on when the bridge will reopen? Council President Kennedy stated he spoke with NJDOT a few days ago and their work is progressing. Mayor Piazza stated he was told August 11 for reopening it.

-Lisa DeGerolamo, resident – asked about progress on the Coke building on Marshall St, if the Corliss Ave building was for sale, if the town is actively seeking developers for the Union Square property, if someone cuts down a tree do they have to replace it, and when will the parking plan for Jersey St go into effect.

-Stuart Ridley, resident – Council deals with time sensitive issues and must know about them in advance. Documents should be provided with time for their review and for Council to ask questions. It sounds like a deliberate attempt to prevent discussion, and usually about UEZ items.

-Jennifer, resident – There have been other UEZ time sensitive issues before. For ordinance second readings on August 11, can comments or questions be emailed prior to the meeting? Attorney Wenner replied yes. She asked when the sinkhole report will be released to the public. Mayor Piazza stated the report is already on the town website. Regarding parking on Colby Place, Jennifer stated that there are signs on Raymond St that restrict parking on garbage days.

- Ann Davis, resident – asked for the status of the UEZ audit. Mayor Piazza stated it has not been sent by the State. She asked when tax bills will be sent out and how will the August 1st due date be handled. Mayor Piazza stated the tax rate has not been received yet and the tax bills cannot be calculated and sent until it is. The due date will be extended.

- Joan Pierce, resident – asked what Council's agenda is regarding UEZ. UEZ is doing a good job. Council needs to take the blinders off and see what's best for the town, not be so focused on where the money is going.

- Karen Weisel, resident – There are properties throughout town that are disgusting with weeds and long grass. Single family homes have been turned into 2 and 3 units. Code Enforcement needs to be done.

- Michelle Jansen, resident – The school bus stop locations have been established without a formal documented safety assessment. Bus stops should be based on objective safety standards, not convenience, politics or long standing practice. Many families have issues with bus stop locations that are only addressed after complaints or close calls. There are safer properties for a bus stop than at 1075 Logan Street, which is dangerous as it is on a hill. The Police are aware of multiple accidents and speeding in this area. The Police Department and the School District each said the other is responsible for a safety assessment. She asked Council to work with the Police and the School District to establish an ordinance for a formal documented process to evaluate bus stop safety. Council Vice President asked what the process is for this. Attorney Wenner stated the town has some involvement in the safety analysis along with the School District, but doesn't have a say in their placement.

- Chief McDonald, Phillipsburg Police Department – stated that a patrol detail was sent out to the Logan Street bus stop area for 30 days last year and no safety issues were found. Last Monday the police and the School District did a tour of bus stops and determined this is the safest spot in this area due to line of sight. He is not aware of any safety issues or accidents in this area. He added that the School District determines bus stop locations with input from the Police Department.

- Randy Piazza, Sr., resident – Concerns about the UEZ are one thing, but these concerns have become an obsession. Other concerns about the town are just as, or more important.

- Bill Benz, Phillipsburg Downtown Business Association – Look at the recent ordinance for the development on Main Street and how it will impact the town economically. These types of ideas will project us into the 2030's. The town should not wait for developers to come to them.

- Mike Burke, Phillipsburg Code Enforcement Officer – He has an issue he tried to settle through emails sent to Council. A private email discussing events at a previous council meeting was sent to the other party who posted it online. He has an order of protection against that person. In another email he requested that Council attend a meeting with the Union representative to discuss these matters. He does not feel he is being protected or represented as a town employee. No Council member attended and the email was not answered. A person who publicly attacked him and who is the defendant in a criminal matter involving him was allowed to speak at a meeting publicly disparaging him as a town employee. The only reaction from Council was the suggestion to sit down and work it out. Mr. Burke has an order of protection against this person who is under investigation for stalking him. His reputation's been attacked, his job threatened, his family mentioned publicly, his work questioned but he has continued to come to work and do his job. Mr. Burke objected to leaving the podium when his time expired, stating that the other person was told "Take all the time you need" when speaking at a previous meeting. Mr. Burke was escorted from the podium.

-Dan Boyce, resident – Council didn't want to pass the resolution to fund the UEZ. Businesses depend on foot traffic. UEZ brings people and foot traffic into town which puts them in the shops which attracts other businesses. Multi family rooming homes would have been controlled under rent control. Two of the Council members have been on Council for 5 years and haven't done one thing for this town.

17. COUNCIL OPEN TIME –

-Councilman Saultz – Phillipsburg has struggled to climb back. When he moved here in 2007 he saw the potential of the location, the resources, and the history. There are so many lifelong residents whose parents and grandparents lived here. We need to build upon that resource of community. Businesses are hurting. Residents, Council, and the Administration need to work together, take a more positive approach and turn the town around. Councilman Saultz asked residents to be responsible, keep their properties clean, and help their neighbors.

-Councilman Wanisko – stated he is happy with what the Town is doing with UEZ. This will make a strong department with structure and accountability. UEZ ordinances and resolutions are coming up more frequently without time to think about them. A lack of planning on another's part does not create an emergency on my part.

- Councilman Fey – with high summer temperatures, Councilman Fey asked residents to be neighborly, check on their neighbors, especially those without air conditioning and if you have air conditioning, invite them over.

- Council VP Clark – is proud of the work they're doing with UEZ. The town will know exactly where money is going. He thanked the union workers working on the Orphan Bridge in this heat. The Firth Youth Center Summer Playground Program is very well attended and provides more opportunities for our youth to get involved. Council VP Clark thanked the Police Department for working so diligently to keep us safe.

- Council President Kennedy – announced that Liz Wyant had resigned. She worked on many successful events for Phillipsburg. He thanked her for all the events she handled and is sorry to see her go. Council President Kennedy stated that progress is being made on the Ripken Field and it could be completed this fall.

18. ADJOURNMENT – 7:37 PM

Council VP Clark moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Wanisko.

Ayes:5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0 Motion carries.

Susan Turner, Acting Municipal Clerk