

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON MARCH 3, 2003 AT 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL GEORGE HOUSTON PRESIDING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MR. ART CICCONETTI  
MS. SANDRA COX  
MR. JOEL DAY  
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK  
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON  
MR. JIM LOCKER

COUNCILMAN ROB MAURER WAS ABSENT.

Mr. Houston explained that the purpose of this meeting is to take action on Ordinance 13-2003, approving the factfinder's report between the City of New Philadelphia and New Philadelphia Fire Fighters.

Mayor Brodzinski said that Council must take action within seven days of the report or it will pass automatically. The IAFF have already voted, but it is not known whether they accepted or rejected the report. He asked Council to pass the ordinance as an emergency to show the city's support for the finding.

Nick Codrea, the city's counsel for negotiations, summarized each item of the factfinding report. Mr. Day asked the total additional cost of the contract. Mr. Codrea said \$27,000 for 2003, \$25,000 for 2004, and \$23,500 for 2005; however, he pointed out that is just basic cost, minus any overtime the department may incur.

Mr. Day said he opposes the ordinance because the city is currently working on the budget, and he fears that cuts will have to be made and possibly employees will have to be laid off. Mayor Brodzinski and Mr. Codrea pointed out that if this fails, it will go to binding arbitration, and may end up being more costly to the City.

Ordinance 13-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to approve the Factfinder Robert G. Stein's Factfinding Report and recommendation for a successor collective bargaining agreement in Case Number 02-MED 10 1053, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Mr. Locker made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.

Mr. Locker made a motion to vote on passage, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED March 10, 2003

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_