

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 24, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DAVE JOHNSON PRESIDING. MR. JOHNSON OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

THE MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The 2002 Annual Report for the New Philadelphia City Health District.
2. Zoning & Annexation Committee meeting minutes of March 17, 2003.
3. Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 19, 2003.
4. Auditor's Financial Statement for February 2003.
5. Auditor's Monthly Statement of 2003 revenue for the General Fund.
6. Ambulance Committee meeting minutes of March 10, 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT . . . . . MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from March 11 through March 24, 2003. Thanked Council President Dave Johnson for reading a proclamation for Tom Daniels, Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Expressed his concern for our troops and their families during this time of war, and also for Municipal Court Clerk Lisa Zimmerman, who passed away today unexpectedly. Reported that he met with Service Director Gary Espenschied, General Services Superintendent Fred Neff, and Assistant Park Superintendent Kelly Herron regarding new sidewalks at Tuscora Park. Reported that he attended a Tobacco Free Coalition breakfast at Dutch Valley to attempt to eliminate smoking. Reported that he attended a drug class, which is mandatory for all city employees.

SERVICE DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that he attended an OSHA Safety Seminar last week. Reported that bid openings for materials to be used in 2003 will be held on Wednesday. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported that Twila Bernard has provided contracts for work to be done at her property. Reported that a letter has been sent to the resident at 319 Park Ave. N.W. in regards to the skate ramps that are causing some problems there. Reported on work to be done at a 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE property, and he had assistance in removing trash from a property on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW.

SAFETY DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GREG POPHAM

Informed Council that the new fire truck is due to arrive in 2-3 weeks. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Popham to review the “no turn on red” signs at the traffic light at Fair Ave. and Fourth St. N.W. and determine why the signs are needed. Mr. Popham will look at this area.

AUDITOR . . . . . MS. BETH GUNDY . . . . . ABSENT . . . . . NO REPORT

TREASURER . . . . . MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that the monthly work is done through February 2003.

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. MIKE JOHNSON . . . . . NO REPORT

Mr. Houston asked if it has been determined how much money is owed for a liquor license at the Airport. Mr. Johnson said the restaurant’s attorney was notified that he needs to furnish certain information, and it is hoped that the situation will be resolved without any more money being paid out.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE . . . . . MS. PAULINE WYRIE

Reported that they are working on this year’s Art on the Square and the TGIF lunch-time music entertainment.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION . . . . . MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet April 9, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the Police Station Conference Room.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS . . . . . MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet April 1, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

AIRPORT COMMISSION . . . . .MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting March 11, 2003. Reports on fuel sales and hangar rent fees were given. Reported that the runway lighting is nearly complete.

PARK BOARD . . . . . MR. ART CICCONE

Will meet March 26, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Park.

HEALTH BOARD. . . . .MS. SANDRA COX . . . . . NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. . . . . MS. SANDRA COX . . . . . NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIM LOCKER . . . . . NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. SAM HITCHCOCK

Reported that the Ambulance Committee met again tonight to discuss the current ordinance. The Committee voted to increase the rates to be compatible with Dover. An ordinance will be prepared and brought before Council. Mr. Johnson assigned several issues brought up by Police Chief Jeff Urban.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. . . . .MR. JOEL DAY . . . . . NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE . . . . .MR.GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting March 17 to discuss a request by P.A.L. Mission to change zoning at 331 Third St. for the purpose of a group home. The Committee recommended that the matter be given to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review. Also discussed was a request to change zoning on Fair Ave. for a tearoom. More information is needed before any decisions are made.

CONTACT COMMITTEE. . . . .MR. ART CICCONETTI

Reported that the Bi-Centennial Committee will meet March 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Buckeye Career Center.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. ROB MAURER . . . . . NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, said that the sign turning from East High Avenue onto Delaware Drive needs to be straightened. She asked if the building on 1<sup>st</sup> Drive where work is being done is to be occupied soon. Pauline Wyrle said the building is under renovation, and plans are on hold at this time. Mr. Espenschied will look at the sign.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 7-2003            An ordinance to accept the application by Mark G. and Brenda I. Luikart for the annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and to establish Residential zoning of the same. (4th Reading)
  
- 10-2003            An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact a pay raise to New Philadelphia Auditor, Treasurer, and Law Director in the amount of 3% increase for the calendar year 2003, 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2004, and 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2005, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)  
Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 5 yeas, 2 nays (Cox & Day), ordinance passed.
  
- 11-2003            An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with the Joint County Public Defender’s office for the provision of legal representation for indigents charged with violations of New Philadelphia City ordinances in the Municipal Court where such offenses carry a possible loss of liberty, establishing compensation, and terms thereof, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
  
- 18-2003            An ordinance to authorize additional payment to the Mayor for health insurance cost, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

5-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Max Ball for his years of service with the City of New Philadelphia through the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02 P.M.

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

APPROVED April 14, 2003

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