

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 27TH, 2015 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MS. SANDY COX  
MR. DAN LANZER  
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER  
MR. ROB MAURER  
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS  
MS. WINNIE WALKER  
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

- MR. ZUCAL MADE A MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION 21-2015 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA  
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION.  
ROLL CALL 4 YEAS 3 NAYS (MS. COX, MRS. RAMOS, AND MS. WALKER)  
MOTION PASSED  
RESOLUTION 21-2015 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
- MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED  
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION.  
ROLL CALL 7 YEAS  
MOTION PASSED
- MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES  
FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 20TH, 2015;  
FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 21ST, 2015;  
FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 23RD, 2015 AND  
FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13TH, 2015  
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION.  
ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS  
THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

**CORRESPONDENCE** . . . . . CLERK, PATRICIA A. MCKAY

1. Mayor's Report to Council for July 27th, 2015
2. An email to the President of Council, Sam Hitchcock dated July 24th, 2015 for all Council Members from Thomas Nightengale with regard to the New Firehouse.
3. Tuscora Park Board Meeting Minutes from Monday June 17th, 2015
4. June 2015 Month End Summary New Philadelphia Fire Department dated July 17th, 2015
5. Salary Committee Meeting Minutes from Monday July 6th, 2015
6. A notice to Council from the  
Ohio Division of Liquor Control,  
Dated July 13th 2015,  
To Garland N P LLC  
DBA Schoenbrunn Catering  
Executive Conference Center  
143-49 MCDONALD S DR SW  
New Philadelphia, OH 44663  
Type TRFO  
Permit Classes D1 D2 D3 D3A  
From F & L REALTY INVESTMENTS LTD  
MCDONALDS MARLITE  
Executive Conference Center  
143-49 MCDONALD S DR SW  
New Philadelphia, OH 44663  
And asking that objections be made no later August 13h, 2015
7. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from Monday July 13th, 2015

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTS ....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON  
Mayor Johnson reported on the following:

Report On Time Frame For Demolition of Kmart.

Met with representative today  
Thursday, they are suppose to bring in the equipment  
Starting next week should be the actual deconstruction.

West High and Fourth Street with work to begin in about two weeks.

We have had problems with all the hard rain we have been having and flooding.  
We have been working on this for over a month.  
We have checked all different angles.  
We had come up with plans to cut the road.  
Put in new catch basins or direct catch basins  
at this point it looks like we might have a blockage.

ARM (American Road Machinery) took Class on Brine and Beet Juice for de-icing.

The Mayor reported that he, Ms. Gilland, Mr. Zucal and Mr. Grewell  
Went to an Open-House, American Road Machinery in Canton, Ohio.  
We took a class while we were there on Brine and Beet Juice (a de-icer)  
(We are looking into a program to use that).  
It is a preemptive and also works as well as salt in some situations.  
It is a lot less money. We are looking for another huge hike in salt.  
We are looking to save money and in keeping the roads safer for everyone.

We are proceeding after talking with the Law Director of the Demolition on Two Properties in the City.  
Attended class on Interest Based Bargaining:

We learned and discussed Interest Based Bargaining and we will see how that comes in the future.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

Service Director reported the following:

- Our paving contractor the Newton Asphalt Company out of Strasburg has been paving in the City. There is a lot of new asphalt down on Mill Avenue and the area around Buehlers, around the New Town Mall and have paved a portion of South Broadway and a portion of Goshen Avenue. That was all in our plans.  
We are milling every street that we pave for positive drainage. We are getting down to the base asphalt and we feel it is doing a better job.
- One of the key areas that you can see today that was finished is on Front Avenue SE.  
(South Broadway to Fourth Street)  
A lot of communities is what they are doing today  
In this era of saving money with the cost of asphalt which is a petroleum product  
We did the full area from the curb to curb to Second Street  
On Second Street to Fourth Street we did just the travel lanes. And then used the new asphalt sealer along the edges.  
The Mayor and I were out there daily.  
The contractor thinks it is a great idea  
We are saving money  
The parking lane is not getting as torn up in the winter as the travel lane  
Milling down to that full depth we have a better base. We think this will eliminate our pot holes in the future.
- We have the media's attention on the West School Project with the Bus Turn Lane  
The Mayor and I were out there today and talked to the contractor

Mr. Zucal encouraged everyone to take a look at that. It was a great project and a wonderful partnership with the schools. What a safety issue that has always been. We were lucky We have had a student hit by a car but several near misses over the years. This will allow all that traffic to be off the right away, into the area of the school what used to be the front yard we are very proud about that.

➤ We are looking at some demolitions; our building permits are up this year.

New Philadelphia is a great place to live and work and a lot of positive things going on.

AUDITOR .....MS. BETH GUNDY

Ms. Gundy did not have a formal report.

President of Council Sam Hitchcock mentioned that Council was aware of the recent training in the Income Tax Department. The past regular meeting Mr. Hitchcock placed the revision of Ordinance 191 into the Salary Committee “Do you have any information as to what that training was?”

Ms. Gundy suggested Joel Day our Income Tax Administrator explain it directly to Council because he was there. “I don’t know if we have to get with the Law Director before hand or when we might want to schedule that I think we want to do that in August or September.”

President of Council Sam Hitchcock suggested Ms. Gundy get with him to see what would be better.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

- Mr. Popham reported today in the Police Department the Mayor swore-in a new Police officer, Andrew Boyd.  
This young man comes to us from the Summa Health Care System in Akron.  
He was a Hospital Police Officer.  
He resides south of New Philadelphia on 416.  
He brings the Police Department back up to full strength.
- Mr. Popham thanked Fire Chief Parrish:  
One of Popham’s concerns was the beam that was twisting underneath the Fire Station.  
The Fire Chief and the other men in the Fire Department not only did they coordinate and have the engineers come in and have it temporarily fixed also there is a projected plan to temporarily hold this at least keep this in there for the next few years. They rearranged some of the equipment  
They weighed the vehicles last week and kind of strategically placed lighter vehicles over the area where the beam is twisting.  
“We are doing everything we can to try to keep this building in good condition.”

TREASURER . . . . . TOM GERBER .....NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete reported the following:

Everything he has done has been on display for the last week and has been discussed at length.  
His time has been dominated with the Fire Station.  
He has answered a lot of questions on the bond issue and if there are any questions he has not answered he said he would take them now.  
Moving forward on having the two structures demolished by giving a tear down order from Mr. Fete.  
The Law Director announced that he has two meetings coming up that he will report on at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

The Mayor announced the next Planning Commission meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, August 11th, 2015 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers pending any agenda.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL

Mr. Zucal announced providing there is an agenda; the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, August 11th, 2015 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL....

Mr. Zucal announced that the Airport Commission agreed to forego the August Meeting, our next regular scheduled meeting will be held September 8th, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Harry Clever Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger reported that City Park Board met Wednesday, July 22nd, 2015 at noon at the Tuscora Park Office.

A couple of items to note to bring everybody up to date:

1. Regarding the Tennis Courts the Park Board had sought estimates on repairs to all eight of the courts. They received bids that ranged from two companies from about \$190,000 to about \$382,000. That would be for a range of work in various phases. Members are taking those bids under advisement and looking for funding sources and determining what would be the best approach. So I anticipate that upcoming meetings I will be discussing that with you.
2. Work inside the pavilion will be done late fall by Marsh Industries to improve the sound and acoustics. They are installing a product that they have. That would help reduce the noise. If you have been in there for any events it can be very difficult to sometime hear the person next to you. We thank Marsh Industries for their expertise on that. The next meeting will be August 19th, 2015 at noon at the Tuscora Park Office.

Question from Mrs. Ramos:

In the Park Board Meeting Minutes we received they said something about A Board Walk Project. Could you please explain what that is and where and etc?

Mr. Lautenschleger replied:

In the long-short of it: A presentation was made several months to a year ago for construction of a Board Walk type of structure located outside the pavilion area leading on to the lake side of that building. Funding options are being sought for Private Funding Sources. The Park Board has committed up to \$25,000 for planning and development of that. There has been no final plan established at this point until some of the dollars have been put into place and the final drawings are done that will take a while.

Question from Mrs. Ramos:

Kind of walk out on the Lake?

Mr. Lautenschleger replied:

It would be a portion of the lake, but not the entire thing, a portion would be utilized by having tables, and benches and all of that would be placed along there according to the plan.

Question from Mrs. Ramos:

Like trying to get Private Funding?

Mr. Lautenschleger replied:

We are looking at Private Funding Sources.

HEALTH BOARD..... MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced that the next meeting for the Health Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th, 2015 at 12:00 (Noon) at the Health Department.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE COMMITTEE .....MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox reminded everyone that Resolution 17-2015, Resolution 18-2015, and Resolution 19- 2015, we want them read for three readings.

SALARY COMMITTEE .....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr Zucal referred some of his time to Gary Little, Executive Director of the Tuscarawas County CIC. (Community Improvement Corporation). .

Mr. Little passed out some materials

Mr. Little thanked Councilperson Zucal for giving him an opportunity by inviting him to talk to Council tonight.

Mr. Little thanked the President of Council, Mr. Sam Hitchcock for allowing him to give his presentation.

Mr. Little gave an explanation of his relationship with the City of New Philadelphia.

CIC has been around for over fifty years.

The Mayor of each of our agency communities that are part of the CIC serves on our board as a voting member.

Mayor Johnson is a very active member of the CIC Board.

We appreciate his involvement he often will involve Jim Zucal the Service Director and the two of them work very closely with us on various Economical Development Activities on the provision of information to any leads that we may be involved with.

We have had a long experience with the City of New Philadelphia one of our first Projects began in the mid to late 1960's with the Knisely Industrial Park we have been involved with the the companies and the facilities of the Knisely Industrial Park for that long time.

The City is an intimate partner of ours on the Tech Park Project. Has provided 1.2 million dollars for that project.

Things have been going well there we just completed the Tolloty Technology Incubator.

We are in the final stages now of wrapping up the EDA Grant close-out along with Kent State University and Kent Tuscarawas and we also have an Ohio Development Services Grant; nearly all those funds went into the development of the incubator we are in the final stage of wrapping up that grant and closing it out.

We work with our County Commissioners for many years we have been trying to come up with another location for the Dog Pound. It is a requirement of that grant that we find another location for the Dog Pound. So the twenty acre track where the Dog Pound is located at the beginning of the Tech Park will be freed up for us to develop and to encourage someone to locate a facility there.

If any of you know of a nice acre or two that would be close to New Philadelphia or Dover not too close to somebody's neighborhood please come forward. We are still looking and anxious.

There is a possibility of a combined project with Kent Tuscarawas and the County Commissioners so we can facilitate that we are anxious to move that forward.

Mr. Little provided new materials we just had printed new picture new address and contact Information.

Tolloty Technology Incubator the address is **1776** Tech Park.

We feel that is a real beginning and we hope to do some revolution things with that facility with the rest of the Tech Park. That facility is complete People can see what a building might look like in Tech Park. And those are the kind of buildings we want to put in the rest of the Tech Park and that is what we are shooting for.

Other things going around town talking in previous committee meeting that we have an interest in bettering of infrastructure. The more attraction the better looking streets and sidewalk and curbs. The better chance we gave of attracting companies to our community those kinds of improvements also get our businesses and resident excited about our community.

Lam's Restaurant has upgraded and improved their parking lot. They have a new side walk new curbs going passed their business.

I think you will see a lot of other things happening on West High for instance. Things seem to be smooth sailing down in that part of town.

We are excited about the things that can happen.

The oil and gas has given; us a shot in the arm.

We had some highs and lows over the last year or year and a half.

We just enjoyed the the designation as the number two micropolitan community in the United States with all the economical development going on in the county and we are taking advantage of that free press to do even more marketing.

The County Commissioners have helped us and the area businesses have helped us with matched funds. So we are going to be spending about \$55,000 on marketing efforts.

You are going to see a new website for Economic Development each one of our member communities will have a page in that website so we can feature quality of life things about those communities and also properties Industrial properties that are currently available will be featured on each of those community pages and we well be starting that project in another month. We are excited about upgrading the website and having a website that is truly focused on economic development for the county and each of our communities.

Committees:

The Ideas Committee, they may come up with another name, someone suggested the Visions Committee.

We've been working on the Tech Park for a quite a few years now finished the Incubator the primary job is to get companies into the Incubator and get it out into the Tech Park.

What we wanted to see if the CIC could come up some other projects. Kicking around a lot of different ideas that committee is still working on a full presentation for the full the CIC Board.

They may be small projects they may be vision projects that could inspire our next generation we are looking at all kind of things.

Where the CIC could take one by themselves or we might encourage another group to take one.

Some input from Leadership Tuscarawas.

That group wants to take two or three of those ideas. That they feel their class could work on as Community Development Projects. Probably seeing more about that before too long

The Revenue Committee is looking for ways to expand our revenue and come up with new revenue streams.

**Money makes the world go round.** More of our surrounding counties and communities are spending more money on marketing activity. We want to compete with that to keep up with some our neighbor communities seeking funds from the business community from foundations.

We are nearly at 75% of our minimal goal the minimal was \$200,000 for this fiscal year and raise another 50 to 100 Thousand Dollars so we can go into the next fiscal year in a much better position

The Committees are very active doing a lot of things. It is those people on the CIC Board that have for fifty years made a difference. It is the people we want to keep involved and we are looking for ways to inspire others outside our Board such as the Leadership Tusc. so we can have a new generation that can help us march on down the road.

We are excited and we hope you are too we think a lot is going to happen in our area in the next 10 years.

The sky is the limit.

All we have to do is get involved together and work hard.

The President Sam Hitchcock, Council person Mr. John Zucal and Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Little for coming and sharing. The community is better place because of Mr. Little.

Thank you Mr. Little for your hard work and leadership and everything you do.

Mr. Zucal reminded everyone that Resolution 21-2015 was added to tonight’s agenda for the first reading tonight. The Committee recommends the rules be suspended and passage this evening.

**SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. ROB MAURER**

Mr. Maurer reported the Safety Health and Service Committee met tonight at 7:00 PM. to discuss a Land Reutilization Program. This allows the City to disclose on tax delinquent unoccupied properties within the City of New Philadelphia.

The goal is restore the properties to income generating status. And clean up neighborhoods by tearing down or rehabbing blighted properties.

A motion was made by Mr. Lanzer to have the Law Director draw up the appropriate legislation to take advantage of this tool The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ramos. The motion passed 3-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ...MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER .....NO REPORT**

**ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE .....MRS. CHERYL RAMOS....NO REPORT**

**SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEE .....MR. DAN LANZER ....NO REPORT**

President of Council Sam Hitchcock assigned to the Special and Contact Committee  
The request for **Garland N P LLC DBA Schoenbrunn Catering** from the Ohio division of Liquor Control

**PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE .....MS. WINNIE WALKER....NO REPORT**

**VISITOR’S COMMENTS:**

**Comments and Concerns from Eric Reif:**

Eric Reip  
1103 Baltzley Valley Road SE  
New Philadelphia, OH  
Resident of Goshen Township

Mr. Reip’s concern was the Architectural Street Lights are on often times during the day. They are high pressured sodium light bulbs Eric feels this is wasteful. The lights should not be on.

Reply from the Service Director:

Mr. Zucal said he appreciated Mr. Reip's comments they are well taken.  
We had an electrical problem, two breakers were blown, and we are getting them fixed  
There is cross connection, the sensors are not working.  
The lights should only come on at night.  
It was a week-end problem we are going to get it fixed this week.  
The Service Director thanked Eric for his comments.

**READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCES:**

12-2015 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
(1ST READING)

**RESOLUTIONS:**

17-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO TRANSFER UP TO \$10,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND #101 TO THE SIDEWALK PROGRAM FUND #285, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
(1ST READING)

18-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$50,000.00 FROM THE SANITATION FUND (#219) TO BE TRANSFERRED \$25,000.00 TO THE WATER OPERATING FUND (#711) AND \$25,000.00 TO THE SEWER OPERATING FUND (#713) FOR THE 2015 FISCAL YEAR.  
(1ST READING)

19-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF UP TO \$3,500.00 FROM THE CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND (#812) TO THE CEMETERY OPERATING FUND (#209) FOR THE 2015 FISCAL YEAR.  
(1ST READING)

21-2015 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION BONDS, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000, TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 133.18 OF THE REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Lanzer  
Seconded by Mr. Zucal  
Roll call, 4 yeas, and 3 nays (Ms. Cox, Mrs. Ramos and Ms. Walker)  
Motion has failed.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Johnson reported:

1. Junk Cars  
So far the total is forty.  
We are waiting for the ten day deadline.  
Some have responded before the deadline by putting the proper license plates on their vehicle or by just moving the vehicle.
2. Mayor Johnson called a Special Council Meeting to be held:  
Tuesday July 28th, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers for the purpose of Resolution 21-2015 and Thursday July 30th, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers for the purpose of Resolution 21-2015.

Comment from Mrs. Ramos

Mrs. Ramos announced that she will be out of town for the Special Council Meeting for Tuesday July 28th, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers for the purpose of Resolution 21-2015.

Comment from Mr. Fete:

The Law Director expressed appreciation for all the work his Office Manager did in regard to Resolution 20-2015.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Comment from the Service Director:**

“Mr. Little did mention synergy (where new businesses attract other businesses):  
The Community Development Block Grant Project of Tuscarawas Avenue.  
The Mayor and I need to send a thank you to James and Lisa Lam.  
The Lam Restaurant was not part of the project they hired a private contractor they are spending \$70,000 of their own money in partnering with us on that project.  
There is a good example of synergy.

We are moving North on Tuscarawas Avenue.  
and next year we want to focus on East School Area.  
The Service Director thanked Council for their support.  
Mr. Jim Zucal also thanked Gary “he is a partner he is part of our team.  
He is very professional person and works very close with us.”

The Mayor and I meet with Mr. Little regularly.  
What he does is an excellent addition and good team player for the community. I encourage everyone to look at the area on Tuscarawas Avenue the school and Lam’s .

We have a lot of interest a lot of phone calls about the area that was widened on West High.  
We see some great new things coming on Blue Bell Avenue both on the South portion and the North portion  
We are seeing a lot development in that area. I appreciate Councils support and all those that are working with us.”

MS.COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:13 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia A. McKay

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Sam R. Hitchcock