

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE JOHN KNISELY MUNICIPAL CENTRE ON NOVEMBER 10, 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 OCTOBER 27, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of October 27, 2003.
2. The New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for October 2003.
3. City of New Philadelphia Bi-Centennial Meeting minutes of October 23, 2003.
4. Minutes of the Municipal Treasury Investment Board meeting of November 6, 2003.
5. Tuscora Park Board meeting minutes of October 29, 2003.
6. Airport Commission meeting minutes of October 14, 2003.
7. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of October 8, 2003.

MR. JOHNSON WELCOMED EVERYONE TO COUNCIL’S FIRST MEETING IN THEIR NEW “HOME”.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT . . . . . MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from October 28 through November 10, 2003. Reported that on October 30, the final papers were signed for the application for the \$2.3 million from the EPA for the Hi-Tech Park. Reported that the city offices were moved from their former locations into the John Knisely Municipal Centre on October 31 – November 3, 2003. Congratulated all who participated in the move. Mr. Johnson thanked all city workers, also, for getting all offices moved in a timely manner.

SERVICE DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that, after reviewing the water and sewer rates, they will not increase in 2004. Informed Council that he has been selected by ODOT District #11 to sit on a committee of small cities to establish criteria and guidelines for local participation for projects. Acknowledged Don Abbuhl, developer of Mistee Dawn Estates final plat, who was in the audience to recommend approval of the plat. Reported that he is reviewing plumbers’ license, since they have not been increased since 1959, and he is working with Wastewater Superintendent Jim Dinger to review rates for sewer tap-on fees. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported that letters have been sent to residents of 515 Fair Ave., 915 West High Avenue, 444 Front St., and a house on St. Clair informing them to make repairs.

SAFETY DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GREG POPHAM

Informed Council that effective December 5 Fire Department Captain Dan Fait will be retiring after 25 years of service.

AUDITOR . . . . .MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested passage tonight of Resolution 32-2003.

TREASURER . . . . .MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Said it is a pleasure to be in this new building, and joined with other city departments. He congratulated successful candidates, and the city workers who helped in moving the departments. Reported that the quarterly meeting of the Treasury Investment Board met November 6 to discuss bank depository agreements for the years 2004 and 2005. Resolutions 30-2003 and 31-2003 are before council tonight for consideration.

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Said he is also happy to be here in our new building, and acknowledged the work it took to get here. Congratulated those elected to serve for the next two years. Reported that he has spoken with Walter Drane Co. concerning the update of the traffic code, and he gave that information to Ms. Cox for review. Informed Council that he hopes to have the income tax ordinance ready soon and also information for the enterprise zone. Reminded Council that Ordinance 50-2003, although it was passed October 27, must be re-addressed for approval at the next meeting, following a Public Hearing at 8:00 P.M.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION . . . . .MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet November 12, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers in the John Knisely Municipal Centre

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

Reported meeting November 5 in the John Knisely Municipal Centre. Two variances were granted.

AIRPORT COMMISSION . . . . .MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting November 11, 2003. Reports were submitted by the restaurant, airport manager, and airport consultant. An FAA safety clinic is scheduled for December 4. The next meeting is November 11 at 6:00 p.m.

PARK BOARD . . . . .MR. ART CICCONE

Reported meeting October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Park office. The southside park was discussed. The next meeting will be November 18 at noon in the dining hall, with lunch being provided for a \$5.00 charge.

HEALTH BOARD. . . . .MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet November 12, 2003 at noon in the Mayor's Conference Room in the John Knisely Municipal Centre.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. . . . . MS. SANDRA COX

Scheduled a meeting for November 17 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the income tax ordinance, traffic code, and any other matter that may come before the Committee. Ms. Cox said she is also glad to have a place to call “home”.

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

Mr. Johnson assigned the issue of extending council terms from 2 to 4 year terms, staggering the council-at-large and ward council positions.

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

Also congratulated everyone who had a part in moving all offices in the new building, and said it is an historic moment to have our first meeting here tonight. He said it has been an honor to serve with members of council over the last two years, and he looks forward to the next council. Reported meeting tonight to discuss skateboards in downtown areas and crosswalks. Complaints have been received about skateboarders vandalizing some property. Police Chief Jeff Urban, who was in attendance, said there are already laws in effect, and he urged citizens to call in so the police department can handle the complaints. The Committee decided that no new legislation is needed at this time. The issue of crosswalks was also discussed, and Chief Urban said the police department could also handle complaints of motorists not yielding to pedestrians. The Committee decided no new legislation is needed for this issue either. Mr. Johnson assigned the matter of a possible full or part time fire inspector.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. . . . . MR. JOEL DAY

Thanked Dave Zeller of MKC for the vision he had in planning the new city offices. He also thanked the contractors, sub-contractors, and city workers for their hard work. Reported meeting tonight to discuss flooding On 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N.E. The Service Department is working on three separate areas to help the problem. Also discussed was the wastewater treatment plant. The expansion project is complete, and an open house will be held Saturday November 29 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

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

Scheduled a meeting for November 17 to discuss the enterprise zone, the condominium ordinance, and the final plat of Mr. Abbuhl’s Mistee Dawn Estates final plat.

CONTACT COMMITTEE. . . . . MR. ART CICCONE

Reported that the Bicentennial Committee will meet November 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Buckeye Career Center, and he encouraged everyone to get involved.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. ROB MAURER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss proposed technical board and records retention. He will give a report at the next meeting.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Don Abbuhl, 3144 Blacksnake Hill, Dover, asked that council consider approving his last and final plat of Mistee Dawn Estates.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked if the roof at the cemetery mausoleum has been repaired. Mayor Brodzinski said that it is complete.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

30-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to add additional depository institutions for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006 and to set the maximum amount allowable for such deposits, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Maurer. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

31-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to adopt payroll checking and general checking depository accounts for two years commencing January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2005, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> 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 Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

32-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer funds from the General Fund (101) to the Cemetery Operating Fund (209) to supplement cash needed to fund current operations, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Day. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox. Auditor Beth Gundy informed Council that all transfers made in her department will now be put in resolution form. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson presented a commemorative plaque from his family with the City's Bicentennial Plate for 2004 to be placed in Council Chambers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

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

APPROVED November 24, 2003

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