

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE JOHN KNISELY MUNICIPAL CENTRE ON DECEMBER 8, 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 NOVEMBER 24, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. A notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control requesting a C1 and C2 permit to Aldi Inc., dba Aldi #6, 1187 West High Ave., New Philadelphia, and asking that objections be made no later than December 26, 2003.
2. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of November 24, 2003.
3. Airport Commission meeting minutes of November 10, 2003.
4. Salary Committee meeting minutes of December 1, 2003.
5. Finance Committee meeting minutes of November 24, 2003.
6. The Auditor's Financial Statement for the month of November 2003.
7. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for November 2003.
8. Finance Committee meeting minutes of December 1, 2003.
9. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for the period ending November 2003.
10. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all city funds for November 2003.
11. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for November 2003.
12. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of November 12, 2003.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DAVE JOHNSON REMINDED COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION THAT THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from November 25 through December 8, 2003. Reported that he attended the Tuscarawas County Water & Sewer meeting on November 25 regarding Issue #2 funds. The City should hear this week if they are to receive any funding. Reported that the

WWTP Open House went well, and congratulated everyone who participated in the improvements. Reported meeting December 5 with Service Director Gary Espenschied, General Services Superintendent Fred Neff, and Asst. General Services Superintendent John Mack to discuss a plan for keeping the main thoroughfares clear during any snowstorms. Mr. Cicconetti asked if the Mayor has new information on the new Sheetz Gas Station that is to come into the city. Mayor Brodzinski said it should be some time in the spring.

SERVICE DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Requested that Ordinance 54-2003, to raise the annual plumber’s license fee, be assigned to Committee for review and recommendation. Reported that the Open House on November 29 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was well attended and informative. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported that he sent letters for demolition of two garages. Reported that he contacted the Bernard family and told them something has to be done with their property. Reported that he sent a letter to a house off West High Avenue to clean up trash there. Mr. Houston asked if Mr. Richesson has contacted the resident at West High Avenue who is constantly selling items at his property. Law Director Mike Johnson said he will work with Mr. Richesson to have something done there. Mr. Cicconetti asked if the upgrade at the WWTP will eliminate the bad odor coming from there. Mr. Espenschied said a new odor control is being installed.

SAFETY DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that Ryan Murphy was recently hired as a firefighter, and Wes Tucke was sworn in as Captain in the Fire Department.

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

TREASURER . . . . . MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested that his November reports be approved tonight, along with those of the Auditor. Ms. Cox made a motion to approve both the Treasurer’s and the Auditor’s Reports. Mr. Locker seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

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

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION . . . . .MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Reported that the meeting scheduled for December 10, 2003 has been cancelled due to lack of business.

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

Reported December 2, 2003, with one appeal being granted.

AIRPORT COMMISSION . . . . .MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting November 10, 2003. Complaints have been made regarding vehicles along East High Ave. with “for sale” signs on them. Mayor Brodzinski said this is not allowed on city property. An Aviation Safety Conference will be held December 4.

PARK BOARD . . . . .MR. ART CICCONE . . . . . NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD. . . . .MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet December 10, 2003 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. . . . . MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting December 1 discuss the income tax ordinance. Changes were made and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is requested tonight. Also met tonight to discuss Ordinance 55-2003, amending and adjusting the appropriations. Emergency passage is requested.

SALARY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting December 1 to discuss salary increase requests for certain administration and council members. The Committee voted to table the requests at this time. Mr. Johnson assigned information concerning sick leave.

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

Reported that a meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss the need for a fire inspector.

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE . . . .MR.GEORGE HOUSTON . . . . . NO REPORT

CONTACT COMMITTEE. . . . .MR. ART CICCONE . . . . . NO REPORT

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked how much money has been received since October from the Airport Restaurant. Mayor Brodzinski said approximately \$1200-\$1300 per month is received.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

51-2003 An ordinance enacting tax and repealing Ordinance 3283 and amendments thereto, and declaring an emergency. (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

54-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to raise the annual plumbing license fee within the City of New Philadelphia and to delete the need for an additional sewer license, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this ordinance to the Public Works Committee for review.

55-2003 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2003 and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

- 35-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Dan Fait for his years of service through the New Philadelphia Fire Department, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 36-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Art Cicconetti for his years of service to the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio. (2nd Reading)
- 37-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Joel Day for his years of service to the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio. (2nd Reading)
- 38-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend David Zeller for his service to the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio. (2nd Reading)

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson informed everyone that the Swearing in Ceremony is scheduled for December 22 at 7:00 P.M.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

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

APPROVED December 22, 2003

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