

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 14, 2022 WITH PRESIDENT DON KEMP PRESIDING. PRESIDENT KEMP OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. DAN LANZER
MR. MITCH PACE
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JIM SELDENRIGHT

EXCUSED ABSENSES

MRS. AIMEE MAY

Members of the New Philadelphia High School Delphian Chorale began the meeting by singing “Let me Call You Sweetheart” in honor of Valentine’s Day.

- MR. PACE MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 8-2022 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 8-2022 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA

- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 24, 2022 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. SELDENRIGHT SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 24, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated February 1, 2022. This is the City of New Philadelphia January 2022 Deposits.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Jami Bailey, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, dated January 31, 2022. This is an email entitled “The Mayor’s Month End Report for January” and that was the attachment.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Vicki Daniels, Income Tax Administrator for the City, dated February 1, 2022. This is the January 2022 Income Tax Report.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Tanya Dickey in the Auditor’s Office, dated February 1, 2022. This is an email with the attachments: Expense Report with Encumbrance Details for January, 2022; Statement of Cash Position with MTD Totals for January, 2022; Statement of Cash Position from Revenue and Expense for January of 2022.*
5. *To Council and Administration from President Kemp, this is a forwarded email that states “Dan, Please take this into your Committee”.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, Dated February 3, 2022. This is an email titled “Safety Forces Budget Report.”*
7. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated February 3, 2022. This is the Mayor’s Projects for 2022.*
8. *To Council and Administration from Lori McCahill in the Service Director’s Office, dated February 3, 2022. This is an email titled Projects, 2022.*
9. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated February 9, 2022. This is a forwarded email titled*

- “Non-bargaining Salary Rate Increase for 2020 through 2023.” It has those attachments.*
10. *To Council and Administration from Jami Bailey, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, dated February 11, 2022. This is the FOP Collective Bargaining Agreement with that as the attachment.*
 11. *To Council and Administration from Lori McCahill with the Service Director’s Office, dated February 11, 2022. This is an email titled “Sanitation 2022 Rates”.*
 12. *To Council and Administration from Lori McCahill, dated February 11, 2022. This is an email titled “Property”.*
 13. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated February 14, 2022. This is an email titled “Summary of the FOP Contract Cost Increases”.*
 14. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated February 14, 2022. This is an email titled “Cost of the FOP Ratified 3 Year Contract.”*
 15. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated February 14, 2022. This is the Mayor’s Report.*

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- **Commendations to New Philadelphia Police Officers:** In the bigger cities across America, it has become popular to disparage the work of police officers. But not so here in the City of New Philadelphia, where we are proud of the men and women in blue who choose to serve and protect our community. We have had two examples of that duty in this month alone. On February 4th, Bob Everett and Brian Klopfer were off-duty, plowing snow in the neighborhood of Lakeview Road NW, when they heard a call come over the radio of a house at 1306 Lakeview being on fire. Both went to the house and were able to rescue an elderly woman who was inside before fire consumed the house. Both Everett and Klopfer are New Philadelphia Police Auxiliary Officers. The next day, on February 5th, New Philadelphia patrolmen Andrew Boyd and Mark Sadolsky responded to a call from the mother of a handicapped child on Juniper Street SE, and shoveled snow from the wheelchair ramp and sidewalk at the home. These are illustrations of the commitment our Police Department has made to serve the citizens of New Philadelphia. To show our appreciation of their efforts, City Safety Director Greg Popham and myself would like to present Certificates of Commendation to each officer. The certificates to officers Boyd and Sadolsky read: Given this 14th day of February 2022, on behalf of the residents of the City of New Philadelphia, Mayor Joel B. Day and Safety Director Greg Popham are pleased to commend: ANDREW BOYD and MARK SADOLSKY for their dedication and commitment to our residents. On Saturday, February 5th, 2022, a woman called the police department to ask if they knew of anyone who could remove snow for her daughter, who is handicapped, after a winter storm hit the area. Officer Boyd, along with Officer Sadolsky, went to the home on Juniper Street Southeast themselves to shovel snow from the ramp and sidewalk. Officers Boyd and Sadolsky went above and beyond their role in law enforcement to help a resident in need. Their action exemplified the New Philadelphia Police Department’s motto “To Serve and Protect.” Auxiliary officers Everett and Klopfer could not attend tonight’s (Monday’s) City Council meeting because of prior commitments. They will receive their Certificates of Commendation during Council’s February 28th meeting.

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

I’d like to personally thank those two officers. Too many times in today’s workforce people say “that’s not my job”. Well, I want to express my gratitude for you two saying it is your job to help our citizens in any way. Thank you very much. I would also like to commend Officer Everett and Klopfer for what they did, and also my heart goes out to the Harris family for what they lost.

- **A Familiar Face Retires from the Tuscora Park Kitchen:** While we are on the subject of commitments, I would like to report that, after 32 years of service, Colleen Hostetler has retired as the head of RTY’s catering and concessions at Tuscora Park. We will miss her smiling face and culinary skills. RTY will be announcing her replacement soon. Let’s hope Colleen’s recipes remain in the kitchen. RTY, Inc. is the non-profit organization that operates rides, catering and concessions at Tuscora Park.

- Applying Again for State Biennial Budget Funds for the Towpath Trail Construction: The City will again be applying to State Senator Jay Hottinger’s office to receive funding from the State Biennial Budget to continue construction of the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail at Waterworks Park. Two years ago, the City was able to receive \$50,000.00 from Senator Hottinger to begin the trail’s construction. That money is being used along the Tuscarawas River, to move the fence line around the Gradall plant back ten feet to make way for the towpath. Now the City will apply for \$100,000.00 from the latest biennial budget to help pay for the actual construction of the trail. Once the entire towpath trail is completed, the southern terminus from Cleveland will be at the boat ramp at Waterworks Park.
- Coronavirus Cases on the Decline in New Philadelphia: *The latest statistics from the City Health Department show that the number of reported coronavirus cases in the City continues to decline. Here are the numbers provided by Nichole Bache, the Health Department’s Director of Nursing:*

Week ending 01/08/2022: 294 cases reported

Week ending 01/15/2022: 319 cases reported

Week ending 01/22/2022: 219 cases reported

Week ending 01/29/2022: 143 cases reported

Week ending 02/05/2022: 72 cases reported

Week ending 02/12/2022: 47 cases reported

The Health Department still has COVID booster shots available, as well as flu shots.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER.....NO REPORT

Mr. Lanzer commented what a great job the Street Department has done clearing the ice and snow from the roads after the recent Winter storm. Mr. McAbier commented that the City has plenty of salt to finish the season if more Winter weather comes.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM.....NO REPORT

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

LAW DIRECTOR . . . MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I gave a presentation to the Planning Commission regarding airbnbs and I will make the presentation to Council based on their recommendations. I've also been involved the last several weeks in Union negotiations and it's a violation of Collective Bargaining Law to discuss those things out of Executive Session. I've been working on a tax issue with the Board of Tax Appeals.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting on March 8th at 1:00 PM. We'll continue our discussion on Air B&Bs.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. RON MCABIER

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet March 8th at 5:00 PM here in Council Chambers with one variance request to be heard at this time.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM SELDENRIGHT.....NO REPORT

This month's meeting will be held February 16th at 6:00 PM.

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE

The Park Board will meet Wednesday at Noon at the Park Pavilion. The Tuscora Park Foundation will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday at the Pavilion from 7am to 11am.

CEMETERY BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE....NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD MR. DEAN HOLLAND

The Health Board met this past Wednesday, February 9, 2022 here in Council Chambers. The Board discussed the Proposed Wage increases for the new employees in the Health Department: Workforce Development Accreditation Coordinator, the Public Health and Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps position, Bilingual Health Educator, Environmental Health Sanitarian in Training. There was a presentation by Alex McCarthy who is the Director of the Tuscarawas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. He explained how the City Health Department fits into a Disaster Plan and the types of services they would need to provide in response to a disaster. The Financial Statement of the Health Department and Expenses was presented by the Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JIM SELDENRIGHT.....NON REPORT

Mr. Seldenright stated that his Committee will be meeting on February 28 from 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met at 6:45 this evening. We had two items to discuss. The first was Sanitation Rates. After some discussion we decided to continue that into another meeting. The second thing we talked about was the possibility of selling a piece of City owned property off of Bluebell Drive. The Committee voted unanimously to get the proper legislation drawn up for that.

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE... .MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....NO REPORT

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY.....EXCUSED ABSENCE

Mrs. Ramos had the following report on behalf of Mrs. May:

I was asked by Mrs. May to Chair the Meeting for tonight. We had a Liquor License Request that we discussed. I would like to have a Voice Vote for Ohio Springs Inc. DBA Sheetz Convenience Store #357 located at 1281 West High Ave.

ROLL CALL VOTE
5 YEAS, 1 NAY (MR. HOLLAND)
THE LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST HAS BEEN APPROVED

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MR. MITCH PACE.....NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

8-2022 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO ADOPT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 4 TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024.
1st Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 8-2022
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEARS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 8-2022

MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 8-2022
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEARS
RESOLUTION 8-2022 HAS BEEN APPROVED

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 8:01 PM.

LERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp