

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 9, 2004 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: MS. SANDRA COX
MR. BILL ELLWOOD
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2004 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. New Philadelphia City Board of Health Meeting minutes of January 14, 2004.
2. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for January 2004.
3. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for January 2004.
4. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all City Funds for January 2004.
5. Board of Control meeting minutes of January 12, 2004.
6. Airport Commission meeting minutes of January 13, 2004.
7. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for January 2004.
8. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for January 2004.
9. The Auditor's Financial Statement for January 2004.
10. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for January 2004.
11. Salary Committee meeting minutes of February 3, 2004.
12. New Philadelphia Fire Department Summary of Reports for January 2004.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from January 27 through February 9, 2004. Reported that he met January 30 with Pipes Insurance, the City's Aultcare representative, and informed Council that the city's insurance is increasing \$92,000 per year. Reported that on February 2 he spoke with a Russian group of chefs who in the area to share their cooking skills. Reported that bids were opened on February 4 for three new police cruisers. Congratulated Treasurer Mike Taylor for the training session held on February 5. Commended Leslie & Ron Wilson for their dedication to Main Street New Philadelphia. Commended the Bicentennial Dance Committee for the fine event held on February 7. Mayor Brodzinski gave the second half of his State of the City Address for 2003.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that 171 overtime hours were spent in the Street Department, and 210 tons of salt have been used during the recent ice and snow storms. Reported that they are trying to keep potholes repaired, using 18 tons of cold mix, Reported that there have been four water leaks recently, and 128 hours of overtime have been worked in the Water Department. Commended all General Services workers for their help over the past few weeks. Reported that Building Inspector Bill Richesson is due back soon.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval tonight of her monthly reports. Ms. Gundy said she will be asking for a Finance Committee meeting to take care of some bookkeeping items in her office.

TREASURERMR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of his reports tonight. Reported that payroll direct deposit will be offered soon. Reported that a preliminary meeting was held today with the state auditors, and the 2003 audit will begin soon. Reported that the training session for newly elected officials went well, and thanked everyone who took part. Commended the Bicentennial Dance Committee and said it was a well planned function.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSIONMAYOR BRODZINSKI

Reported that the meeting scheduled for February 11, 2004 has been cancelled because of no business.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported meeting February 3. Two variances were approved.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting January 13, 2004. The next meeting will be February 10, 2004.

PARK BOARDMR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet February 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Park office.

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet February 11, 2004 in the Health Department at noon.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX

Made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s and Auditor’s Reports. Mr. Houston seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed. Mr. Johnson assigned the requests from the Auditor.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting February 3 to discuss the sick leave policy. Another meeting has been scheduled for February 23, 2004.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the Public Defender’s Contract, a Mutual Aid Agreement for the Fire Department, and the creation of a fire inspector position in the Fire Department. The Committee approved the Public Defender’s Contract. Law Director Mike Johnson informed the Committee that Ohio Revised Code allows for mutual aid to be rendered without a contract, so Fire Chief Jamie Snyder withdrew his request. The Fire Inspector position was addressed, and even though the position is needed, the money will not be available in the budget for this year.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned a petition from residents of Rankin Court SW asking that their street be repaired.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMR.GEORGE HOUSTON

Informed Council that the Avon addition has begun, and will allow for 29 new homes.

CONTACT COMMITTEE. MR. BILL ELLWOOD

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the liquor permit request for Sheetz. The Committee approved the request.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss a request by Main Street to expand the Art On The Square event to be held in June. Several concerns were addressed, and the issue was tabled until an alternative plan can be provided.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

John Storrie, asked for a resolution to the problem of the sump hole on Springbrook Dr. SW. He said this has been an ongoing problem for over 20 years, and it is time to take care of it.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked where do the franchise fees from cable tv go. Mayor Brodzinski said they go to pay for long-term debt. She asked that anything that has to do with the airport be made public.

Council member Sam Hitchcock said he receives numerous complaints concerning the lack of storm sewers on the southside. Mayor Brodzinski said the cost of alleviating the problem would be approximately \$4 million.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

3-2004 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with the Tuscarawas 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)

RESOLUTIONS:

4-2004 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Terry Stocker, M.D. for his generosity in donating certain medical equipment to the New Philadelphia City Health Department, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Cox made a motion that a letter approving the Sheetz liquor permit be prepared and sent. Mr. Houston seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

Mr. Johnson said the Bicentennial Dinner Dance was very successful.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED February 23, 2004

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____