

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 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 JANUARY 27, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. New Philadelphia Fire Department Fire Chief's Report on the State of the Fire Department January 2003.
2. Board of Control meeting minutes of January 27, 2003.
3. Special Committee meeting minutes of January 27, 2003.
4. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of January 27, 2003.
5. Board of Control meeting minutes of February 3, 2003.
6. New Philadelphia Fire Department Monthly Report for January 2003.
7. Tuscora Park Board meeting minutes of January 29, 2003.
8. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of January 8, 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from January 28 through February 10, 2003. Reported meeting January 28 with Heinz Stucki of the CIC to discuss the proposed Hi-Tech Park. Reported meeting January 29 with Adelphia and other officials concerning a cable channel for government and school use. Commended Safety Director Greg Popham for the work he did in keeping bids for new police cruisers low. Reported that he presented Ella Slough, Pauline Wyrle, Joe Mizer of the T-R, and Sam Hitchcock with plaques of recognition at the VFW's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet. Reported that members of the Administration and City Council toured the John Knisely Municipal Centre tonight prior to regular meeting to view the remodeling being done there.

SERVICE DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that he attended seminars for substance abuse and advanced conflict management. Informed Council that a pre-construction meeting will be held March 5 at Tuscora Park on the South Broadway paving project. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who informed Council that there are problems again with skateboard ramps. Reported that 7 letters were sent to residents with unsafe

garages, and reported that he is working on Fair Housing and the information has been given to Mr. Maurer.

SAFETY DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GREG POPHAM . . . . . ABSENT . . . . . NO REPORT

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

TREASURER . . . . . MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that he is making progress in bringing the 2002 financial reports current, and he is balanced through March 2002.

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that the Harmon property on East High will be foreclosed. Requested that Ordinance 98-2002 be held. Explained Ordinance 7-2003, annexation of Mark & Brenda Luikart, and recommended that the ordinance be held until he can certify whether or not the property has been annexed.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION . . . . . MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet February 12, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the Police Station Conference Room.

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

Reported meeting February 4, 2003, and 1 variance was granted.

AIRPORT COMMISSION . . . . .MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet Tuesday February 11, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Airport.

PARK BOARD . . . . . MR. ART CICCONE

Reported meet January 29, 2003.

HEALTH BOARD. . . . .MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet February 12, 2003 at noon in the Mayor’s Conference Room.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. . . . . MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the purchase of a newer car for the police detective, due to the bad condition of the current car. After some discussion, the Committee approved the purchase. Also discussed was a request by Mike Noretto of the Park Board to allow ride income to be used towards capital improvements at the Park. The request was approved. Mr. Johnson assigned Main Street’s request for a \$10,000 donation.

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

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. SAM HITCHCOCK . . . . . NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the Public Defender’s contract for 2003.

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

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

Mr. Johnson assigned a zoning change request by Chuck Demattio to build condominiums off University Drive.

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

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

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Ron Septer, Manager of Buehler’s Market, 417 South Broadway, New Philadelphia, expressed his concern about signs/billboards in front of his store. He said placing signs there is a safety issue and they are not needed. Council informed Mr. Septer that the land in front of his store is city owned and signs cannot be placed on city property.

Todd Kinsey, 138 East High Avenue, owner of First Stop Signs, said he is concerned about some of the language in the billboard ordinance and said some clarification is needed in some areas. He asked that the Committee review the ordinance before a vote on passage.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper S.E., New Philadelphia, thanked everyone for the recognition she received at the VFW’s awards banquet. She asked if the meter man position has been filled yet, and if the city has an emergency plan in effect. She urged everyone to sign a petition at the Library opposing proposed state funding cuts. Mayor Brodzinski said interviews are being held this week for the meter man position, and they expect to hire someone soon. He said the city would participate in the county’s emergency plan if necessary. Service Director Gary Espenschied said plans already exist concerning the city’s water supply, etc.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

94-2002 An ordinance to enter into an annexation agreement attached hereto to allow annexation of property owned by Dennis Carr to the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and declaring an emergency. (5th Reading)

98-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to cancel and revoke Ordinance 66-2002, the application by David and Nanette Avon for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (4th Reading)

Amended 1-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact commercial advertising regulations for the City of New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Day. Mr. Houston said his Committee has had several meetings on this issue, with a lot of positive comments in favor of this ordinance, and it’s time to enact it. Mr. Maurer asked if several signs could now be placed in front of a business. Law Director Mike Johnson said there currently are no rules for off-premise signs, but new legislation states that a sign cannot be placed within 600 feet of another sign, and it must be within 378 feet in size. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

5-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact a pay raise to all full-unit non-bargaining unit employees in the amount of 3% increase for the calendar year 2003, 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2004, and 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2005, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

- 6-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to accept the agreement between the City of New Philadelphia Street Department Local 1958, American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees for 2003, 2004, and 2005, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
- 7-2003 An ordinance to accept the application by Mark G. and Brenda I. Luikart for the annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and to establish Residential zoning of the same. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
- 8-2003 An ordinance to authorize the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into a contract with Main Street New Philadelphia, Inc. for economic development of the Downtown New Philadelphia for the calendar year 2003 and to pay to Main Street New Philadelphia, Inc. the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson asked Council to decide what they will need for the new Municipal Centre, i.e., furniture, filing cabinets, tape recording system, etc. before the budget is prepared.

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

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

APPROVED February 10, 2003

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