

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 27, 2017 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. MR. DAN PERKINS, A LION'S CLUB MEMBER, OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

MR. ROB MAURER

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
TONIGHT'S AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED

- MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 13, 2017 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS 1 ABSTAINED (MR. ZUCAL)
MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL ARE ACCEPTED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Clerk of Council from Erin Begue, Funding Administrator with W.E. Quicksall and Associates, dated March 14, 2017. This is an email regarding the ODOT TAP Lakeview Project.*
2. *To Councilman Zucal, Councilman Ricklic, and Clerk of Council from President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock, dated March 14, 2017. This is an email titled "Committee Assignment" regarding the Carlisle Property Natureworks Program*
3. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Joel Day dated March 27, 2017. The Mayor's Report.*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- Workforce Initiative Association Assisting Displaced Workers: Last week, when I learned of the closing of the JC Penny and RadioShack stores at New Towne Mall, I contacted the Workforce Initiative Association to ask that it assist the displaced workers in finding new employment. Scott Robinson of the Chamber of Commerce also offered his assistance. WIA is the same organization that helped workers when the Sears store was closing at the mall. It offers job training services, as well as assistance in resume writing, interviewing and job placement.

- Major Employers have Jobs which need Filled: While the news of retail stores closing is disappointing, on the flip side several manufacturers in our city are hiring. Recently representatives of Lauren International and Marsh Industries told me that they are hiring, but are having a difficult time filling positions. If you are looking for work or a career change, please contact them.

- Construction of the RTY Boardwalk is Underway: Over the next five months, there will be a lot of construction activity at Tuscora Park. Construction of the New Philadelphia Rotary Club RTY Boardwalk project began this morning. I'm asking park users to avoid the construction area during the process. The main parking lot will remain open. The park pond will have to be drawn down during the construction, so don't be alarmed when you see the water level lower than usual. Also, in preparation for the upcoming tennis courts construction, utilities below ground in that area are being identified and marked with colored flags. If all goes as planned, the tennis courts renovation project should begin in June, and the New Philadelphia School District will be replacing the Field Turf at Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium in July.
- Joe McCartney Fills a Vacancy on the City Planning Commission: Joe McCartney of Glen Drive NE has accepted my appointment to the City Planning Commission. He fills the unexpired term of Gary Little. Mr. McCartney is the owner of Pioneer 360 and is in the process of moving his computer technology company from Dover into the former Red Cross office in New Philadelphia. He will bring much needed knowledge of computer and telecommunications technologies into the city planning process.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

General Services employees have been busy patching holes this time of year. Street sweepers are getting out when possible. Tree cutting has been very aggressive with that, we've got the ones down at the west end of the airport, they had six that we got down last week. Stump grinding, stumps that have been there for years, we got those done. We're three behind on that but we'll get caught up by the end of this week I hope. The Water Department, they planned a six inch line extension from 2nd and Bank Land SE to get into the footprint of the new fire station for hydrant and for training there. They completed that last week. The Sewer Department, as the Mayor had pointed out, we have two four inch pumps in there right now drawing down the lake pond so that we can move forward with getting those piers poured for the Boardwalk Project. They've got to get the water down enough to pour the concrete. Also, Mr. President, I'd like to ask for you to table Resolution 20-2017 due to the fact that Russ Volkert was unable to meet the filing deadline.

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO TABLE RESOLUTION 20-2017

MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS

RESOLUTION 20-2017 HAS BEEN TABLED

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Ms. Gundy had the following report:

As you probably are aware we've entered into quite a few leases for different trucks for different departments, and we've done that with one leasing company, Allied Leasing, and we've been using Ferris Chevrolet to provide us with the trucks. Allied Leasing has asked us to enter into a line of credit so that we can continue with our leasing program, because I know there's another department that needs a couple more trucks and that we are automatically approved for these particular leases and they've all been three years in term. When I know more about it, how it might be beneficial to us and what the terms might be, I'm going to ask the President of Council to assign it to Committee, but I just wanted to make you aware of that.

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

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I'd like to request an Executive Session to discuss two possible pending litigation issues.

MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE LAW DIRECTOR'S REQUEST
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
COUNCIL WILL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWING LEGISLATION AND A 5 MINUTE
RECESS DURING TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY
The Planning Commission will meet on April 11, 2017 at 1pm here in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. RON MCABIER
The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5pm in Council Chambers. There were two variance requests, both for the shops on Bluebell Dr. One was for Chipotle and one was for Starbucks. It was over the allowable signage, and those were both granted the variances. The next meeting will be on April 11, 2017 at 5pm in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL
Just a couple updates on the conversations that have been taking place in regard to the potential development of a statue honoring John Glenn at Harry Clever Field. I've been in frequent contact with Adam Sackowitz, Adam is again one of the driving forces behind that as a graduate student at Hofstra University. I spoke with the Mayor regarding this matter. Right now we have two potential sculptors who have shown some interest. We'll be again looking at this and studying a little bit further. We have Zenos Frudakis who Mr. Sackowitz is very familiar with. He's out of the Philadelphia, Pa. area and has done lengthy work and some very high quality work with such type of sculptures. We also have a gentleman with local ties, Sam Terakedis. Sam is now a sculptor in Montana and has been recognized for his work here in Ohio for the Ohio Senate, but Sam would like to be considered a potential part of this as well so at some point in time we'll probably be looking for requests for qualifications and proposals down the road and streamline the process and allow some apples to apples, but I'm excited by the fact that we have two nationally acclaimed sculptors that have an interest in taking this forward, and it should be an exciting process.

**President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock remarked that it definitely is good news, especially the fact that a sculptor from the area is interested. I've know Sam Terakedis for a long time. It sounds like things are moving forward very positively on the project.*

Mr. Zucal made the following comment:

Mr. Sackowitz has said that we are well ahead of the City of Cambridge with our interest and enthusiasm for a project like that and it feels like we're heading in the right direction.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
The next meeting of the Park Board is Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at noon at the Tuscora Park Office.

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following report:

On the Agenda this evening for 3rd Reading is Resolution 18-2017.

As a reminder the Committee has recommended approval of that on 3rd Reading this evening for purchase of a new dump truck. The other item is that I'll be working with Mr. Zucal, Mr. Maurer, and the Human Resources Coordinator to synchronize our calendars and schedule a meeting to discuss a couple of topics including wage scale and electronic document management system. We'll keep you posted on that.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL.....NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND

Mr. Holland had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee had a Meeting tonight here in Council Chambers at 6:30pm. There were three items that were discussed. We discussed the Natureworks Program grant funding for Carlisle Land Acquisition and Improvement Project. We reviewed the application process and Mayor Day reported that he had reviewed the project with Clean Ohio, Quicksall and Associates, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The City’s cost for this project would be 25 percent of an approximate \$240,000.00. The action taken was the motion was passed to request the Law Director to prepare the Legislation for the Council Meeting on April 10, 2017. The second item discussed was the Lakeview Rd. and Park Lane Dr. project. Mr. McAbier informed the Committee that the Transportation Alternative Program Funding Grant is being applied for and presentation on the project will be on April 10, 2017 at the Council Meeting. The estimated cost is approximately \$579,000.00 and the City’s share would be 5 percent of that. The 3rd item discussed is the Bluebell Dr. Sidewalk Improvement Project and again Transportation Alternative Funding Project funds would be used. This also ties into the West High Crosswalk Project. Estimated cost is in the area of \$276,000.00. The City’s share would be 5 percent. The Meeting adjourned at 7:03.

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. ROB MAURER.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS.....NO REPORT

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Special and Contact Committee met tonight at 7:03pm to discuss the construction of a new 12 bay airplane hangar at Harry Clever Field. We first talked to the Mayor about his recommendation and the interest in it. It’s all positive and securing the interest rate and the contractor have both locked in their prices and will not increase at this time as long as we move forward. Mrs. Gundy, the Auditor, also said the income should be able to make all the payments as soon as we get it all rented out with the addition of Mr. Kennedy also saying that. It should bring in around \$30,000.00 a year once it is full capacity and running. The contractor has said that it would be approximately a 4 month contract to complete the project, which is a good number I think for this project so we can get it up and running in the good weather. The motion was made by Aimee May to ask the Law Director to draw up all the Legislation for this and to suspend the rules and pass on the 1st Reading to stay in the timetable with the bank and the contractor. It was seconded by Cheryl Ramos and passed 3-0. We will have that at the next Meeting on April 10, 2017. Aimee May made a motion to adjourn at 7:24pm.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Zucal made the following comment:

I would like to begin tonight by giving thanks to those who work day in and day out with those individuals that are facing the serious issues of addiction. We know it’s a very problematic issue here with not just our community but in the State and Nationwide, so for all those who continue to support and work with those folks my deepest appreciation, as well as to the leaders of our City for taking positive action, trying to do their very best to support an environment where folks get support and the help that they need, and at the same time make sure that we have a very safe community. I preface all that with a statement because on Friday night my wife and I were out for a walk right here not too far from where we’re located and we came across a young lady who was certainly in some type of distress. She was very, very saddened and somewhat disoriented. As we talked to her we were able to develop a little bit of a relationship trying to get her to where she needed to go because she had no idea where she actually was in the City of New Philadelphia. She travelled to our community from an area right off of Interstate 64 near the Charleston, WV

area. We got her something to eat and The Daily Grind and proceeded to lead her to where she believed she was staying in an apartment. I had made some contact with the New Philadelphia City Police. This was obviously a young lady who had experienced some difficulties with the law from shoplifting, but it became more and more apparent to me as I looked at her and having some background and training, that she was in fact dealing with some type of an addiction issue. As I pursued that a little bit further I was able to find out she was obviously a person who was using some type of meth. My presumption was crystal meth. We came upon this young lady at around 8:15pm on a Friday evening in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Someone who had travelled literally hundreds of miles to come to our community because she was able to somehow gain access to that type of drug. What drove her here, because I'm sure there were plenty of other communities she could have gone to, is still very alarming for me, very concerning for me. The fact that we have many children who ride bikes throughout the summer, if they would come upon that situation I wonder what they would have thought, how they would have responded. So, again I'm grateful for all the action that we're taking, but I just want to remind everyone that addiction is a serious issue we're not going to be able to solve it overnight, and the more we can work together as a community, a State, and a Nation, to address what I believe is a very serious issue facing our Country the better off we can be. My thanks to all who continue to work on it. The job has only begun, it's not over.

**President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock told Mr. Zucal that he and his wife are to be commended for their kindness and concern for another human being. That also of course highlights the addiction problem and drug problem that we have in this area. No area is exempt, and I think we're being reminded of that almost on a daily basis. Hopefully this young lady will get the help that she needs to fight her addiction.*

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

17-2017

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF DAVID A. MILLER FOR HIS 46 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS CAROUSEL OPERATOR FOR TUSCORA PARK FROM 1967 THROUGH 2013.

3rd Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 17-2017

MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS

RESOLUTION 17-2017 HAS BEEN APPROVED

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock made the following statement:

I'd like to announce that David A. Miller's brother, Mr. Fred Miller and his wife Becky are here to receive the framed Resolution. Fred would you please come forward? President Hitchcock read the following: "Resolution 17-2017, a Resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to honor the memory of David A. Miller for his 46 years of service and dedication to the City of New Philadelphia as Carousel Operator for Tuscora Park from 1967 through 2013. Whereas David A. Miller passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2017 after having retired in 2013. Whereas David A. Miller had shown his loyalty, dedication, and commitment by his 46 years of service to the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio as Carousel Operator for Tuscora Park. Now therefore be it resolved by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio as follows. Section 1: Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio does hereby honor the memory of David A. Miller for his 46 years of service and dedication to the citizens of New Philadelphia, Ohio by serving as Carousel Operator at Tuscora Park."

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock continued:

Fred, your brother David was a good friend of mine, a longtime friend of mine, and a friend to my children as he was to many children and families in the community. My son, Jimmy was a special friend of his they used to fish all the time at the park. We are deeply saddened by David's passing and we hope that this helps with consoling.

Fred Miller accepted the framed Commendation on behalf of his brother and made the following

Statement:

Dave just loved this town. He had some issues that prevented him from doing some things that maybe other people just take for granted, yet he loved that park, and he loved that carousel. I never heard him tell us that it was “his carousel”. He never said that. He said “I’m going out to run the carousel. When he got sick in 2013 with a heart condition and a stroke the doctors told him that they did not want him to be running the carousel anymore. It took Rod Miller, myself, and some other people many, many, many, many conversations to tell Dave that he just couldn’t do it. Dave’s doctor has said every time he went out to the park and saw Dave lifting those doors on the carousel he was afraid that something was going to happen to him. You know there’s a lot of people who say “I would like to die doing the thing I love”. Rod and I just came together and said this can’t be. Finally Dave accepted that he couldn’t run the carousel anymore. Then when First Town Days honored him, oh my. Then when all the things that this town has done for Dave. From Jim Exley to Fritz Gilligan and Rod Miller on. They’ve been a blessing to David.

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock had the following reply:

Dave was a blessing to this Community.

18-2017

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A NEW DUMP TRUCK.

3rd Reading

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 18-2017

MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS

RESOLUTION 18-2017 HAS BEEN APPROVED

19-2017

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOE SCIARRETTI BY THE MAYOR TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS.

2nd Reading

21-2017

A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) WHEREAS, THE (LPA/STATE) HAS DETERMINED THE NEED FOR THE DESCRIBED PROJECT: INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT EH INTERSECTION OF SR 39 AND BLUEBELL DRIVE.

2nd Reading

**COUNCIL WENT INTO A 10 MINUTE RECESS AT 8:00PM
AT 8:06 PM COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AND ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
AT 8:37 PM COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:37 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock