

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON APRIL 27TH, 2015 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MS. SANDY COX
MR. DAN LANZER
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. ROB MAURER
MS. WINNIE WALKER
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCE

COUNCILPERSON MRS. CHERYL RAMOS

- MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING
MS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION.
ROLL CALL 6 YEAS
MOTION PASSED

THE CLERK ANNOUNCED SHE GAVE EVERYONE A REPLACEMENT PAGE FOR PAGE 3 AND 4. (IT WAS DOUBLE SIDED THE CHANGE WAS ON PAGE 4) ON PAGE 4 UNDER PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARDONING WAS CHANGED TO PARTNERING AND LEANING TO LEARNING.

- MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE
THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2015 AS CORRECTED BY THE CLERK
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION.
ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS
THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA A. MCKAY

1. Mayor's Report to Council for April 27th, 2015
2. Ohio Environmental Protection Agency dated April 15th, 2015 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program
Public Notice NPDES permit to discharge to State Waters
3. Flyer from Tuscarawas County Public Library, 121 Fair Avenue NW, New Philadelphia, OH on Saturday April 25th, 2015 the Tuscarawas County Public Library hosted the eleventh annual (Day of Children, Day of Books) celebration from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. the multicultural event was sponsored in part by a grant through (ALSC) Association for Library Service to Children and Commercial and Savings Bank
4. Safety, Health and Service Minutes from March 23rd, 2015.
5. Salary Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 8th, 2015
6. Public Works & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes from April 13th, 2015
7. Special and Contact Committee Meeting Minutes for April 13th, 2015
8. Salary Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 15th, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

Mayor Johnson reported on the following:

- 4/13/2015 Hired the new Assistant Park Superintendent, Mr. Chase Hostetler.
- 4/14/2015 Held the Monthly Staff Meeting
- 4/15/2015 Swore Ms. Mary Chenevey in as a Special Auxiliary Officer and Mr. Brian Hanner as the Police Chaplain

- Attended the monthly OMEGA Meeting in Wintersville
 Attended the CDIS Meeting which has to do with grants; a new requirement we had to do as of this year
- 4/16/2015 Met and welcomed the new director of the New Philadelphia Business & Community Association, Ms. Tricia Hicks
 Held several personnel meetings
- 4/17/2015 Attended the Tuscarawas County Public Library s Community Breakfast.
- 4/21/2015 Attended the monthly CIC Meeting
- 4/22/2015 Attended the monthly Park Board Meeting at the Park Pavilion
- 4/23/2015 Met with the Law Director Marvin Fete and Service Director Jim Zucal
- 4/24/2015 Interviewed and hired a new Mayor’s Executive Assistant, Ms. Mary Ann Otte
 The Mayor informed everyone there were several other interviews, but that particular night they did the final interview and hired Ms. Otte.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

The Service Director reported the following:

The Service Director did meet with the East Ohio Dominion Gas Company Officials.
 Mr. Zucal said he wants the public to know they are working in the area of North Broadway and Beech Lane they will be proceeding west as part of their yearly construction upgrade. They will be putting new gas lines in the ground. The area being affected is the area around North Broadway, Beech Lane, and Ray Avenue proceeding west all the way down to 6th Drive.

In that area almost every alley and street will be involved in some fashion.
 They are not doing a lot of open cutting there is a lot of boring going on, they are using boring machines to enter, exist, and put the pipe in.
 We will see minimal impact on our infrastructure.
 They will be working on this most of the summer.

Mr. Zucal announced the NRG project CDBG project has been finalized. It is on Tuscarawas Avenue in the area of north to Miller Avenue. The main portion of that project this year is the Bus Turn-in Lane at West Elementary School.
 Mr. Zucal had the Finalized Sketch from the Engineer which he passed around for everyone to look at. We hope to have that out to bid next week the project is to be completed by August 15th, 2015. It will alleviate some traffic problems in that area and allow for safety for the students of the school.
 It is an exciting project and a nice partnership between New Philadelphia Schools and the City of New Philadelphia.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

The Auditor announced FYI
 Ms. Gundy reported she has produced a companion to Resolution 12-2015.
 So if and whenever Resolution 12-2015 is passed, the salaries for the Elected Officials and the Clerk of Council are laid out for 2015.

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

TREASURER TOM GERBER

Mr. Gerber Announced:
 He did not have a Formal Report.
 The Audit is still going on
 We are working closely with the Auditors.
 He attended a very informative all day seminar last Wednesday in Gahanna The Ohio Government Finance Officers Association.
 Some of the topics that were covered in the seminal were
 Ethics, Public Records, Human Resources, Accounting Principals,
 Revenues, Expenditures, Budgets, and Banking Investments, Debt-Issuance, Internal Controls.
 and Audits.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MARVIN FETE

The Law Director stated that he was happy to report that the City of New Philadelphia has received their certificate for the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area that we applied for. (CRA)
We were approved by the State of Ohio on April 22nd, 2015.

Mr. Fete announced that the City of New Philadelphia is a good place to invest, good place for businesses we are the first in the county to do this.

The Law Director commended the Administration for getting the ball rolling on this.

Mr. Fete reported that he has done a lot of correspondence the last couple of weeks with Jennifer Syx with inSIGHT Agency Group we have finished up everything with them.

The Contracts from Menards has been signed and finished.

We are ready to roll with our first business that is going to take advantage of the CRA.

Mr. Fete has had a lot of correspondence with Water/Sewer Superintendent over the last couple of weeks on how they want to handle some delinquent water bills.

The Law Director got with the Service Director who was very helpful getting those issues resolved with him.

Met with the Mayor and Service Director last week to catch up on a number of different issues.

Had a phone conference this morning with Water/Sewer Superintendent regarding insurance issues.

The Law Director stated that Drafting Canadian Geese Ordinance was a challenge which required a lot of research.

The Law Director reported that he didn't really find any that were directly on point throughout the State of Ohio

Mr. Fete drew on all the legal actions that he had available at his resources.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

The Mayor announced that the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet May 12th, 2015 at this time we have no submissions.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers providing there is an agenda.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced the Airport Commission Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 at the Harry Clever Field Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger reported that the Park Board met Wednesday April 22nd, 2015 at the Tuscora Park Pavilion at noon. The most interesting item that came from this meeting was a report from RTY.

Carey Gardner, the executive director of RTY Inc., the nonprofit independent group which operates the rides and concessions at Tuscora Park.

RTY introduced the updated price structure for the rides for this summer that will encourage week day use.

On the weekends which is the highest demand and highest attendance at the park.

The rides for the summer will be a single ride \$1.00 or a book of 10 for \$7.00.

The prices will apply Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and the three major holidays during the summer Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day.

Week day prices Monday through Thursday only those prices will be 60 cents per ticket with a book of 10 for \$5.00.

In order to keep them separate they will be different colors for the tickets that are issued.

The staff will be trained as to how to explain that to the folks when they are buying the tickets.

A couple ways they are looking at that and marketing that you'll see some marketing information sent out by RTY. They want to encourage week day use that will encourage more local folks to use the park during the week days.

We are looking forward to see how that turns out.

Park Rides and Concessions open Memorial Day weekend.

Next Park Board Meeting will be held on May 20, 2015 at noon at Tuscora Park Pavilion.

HEALTH BOARD..... MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced that the next scheduled meeting for the Health Board is this Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 at 12:00 (Noon) at the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox reported the following:

The Finance Committee met this evening April 27th, 2015 at 7:15 PM in Council Chambers with two items on the agenda;

To increase the appropriations of the Law Director for Medical Insurance to \$6,000.00 and Cemetery Maintenance to \$16,000.00.

The Committee moved to place the Ordinance on the next agenda and recommended suspension of the rules on the first reading at the May 11th, 2015 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced that there are two pieces of legislation Resolution 9-2015 and Resolution 12-2015 the Committee is asking for suspension of rules and recommending passage on tonight’s readings.

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

Mr. Maurer stated that he just wanted to clarify some things from the geese meeting he had.

Mr. Maurer announced that nowhere in the Ordinance 10-2015 is the word duck used.

It is an Ordinance that deals with geese.

The public can feed the ducks year round not the geese.

The period of time October 1st through April 1st through any given year, no person shall be permitted to feed, harbor, maintain or provide bedding of any kind to any Canadian Geese on any public property located within the City of New Philadelphia.

The purpose of the ordinance is not to site people it is to allow park officials if they see someone feeding the geese to go over and say “feeding the geese is not allowed.” Right now park officials cannot say don’t feed the geese because there is nothing to back it up.

This ordinance deals with geese not ducks.

President of Council Sam Hitchcock:

For the record you have been assigned the Police Auction which is in August.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ...MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger reminded all Council the Committee had recommended at our previous meeting Resolution 10-2015 and Resolution 11-2015 to have rules suspended and passed on 2nd reading this evening.

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEE MR. DAN LANZER....NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMS. WINNIE WALKER....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Ms. Rosemary Hafliger
Operations Warm and Cozy
132 North Broadway
New Philadelphia, Ohio

Ms. Hafliger Concerns/Comments:

We understand there is no real quick fix that will resolve the human and geese conflict at the park

The Ordinance alone will not resolve the problems we might have.

Education is our best choice while Anti -Feeding Ordinance will help raise the public awareness and

Limit casual feeding. People that care about the animals will respond more positively to explanations of the potential harm of feeding the geese can cause rather than the negative message about the birds or the fine.

“We need an ordinance that will prohibit the dumping of the Easter ducklings”

Strict fines should be given to people who abandon animals at the park with no concern for their well being or welfare.

People should be taught Easter ducklings are not a toy.

Children learn from the actions of the parents.

Ms. Hafliger stated that she would be happy to meet with anyone with concerns for the geese at the park.

Ms. Connie Weber
136 Tuscora Ave NW
New Philadelphia, Ohio

Ms. Connie Weber Concerns/Comments:
She felt it would be cruel not to feed the geese.
Ms. Weber stated she has lived in the area for twelve years
Geese are not there all year around.
There are different ways of getting rid of the geese.
The geese don't like laser pointers.
You just shine them on the ground and they will fly away.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

10-2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CITY OF THE NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO INCLUDE A PROHIBITION AGAINST FEEDING AND MAINTAINING CANADIAN GEESE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

RESOLUTIONS:

3-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND WILLIAM BICHSEL III FOR HIS 6 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A PARK BOARD MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (4th READING)

Mr. Zucal made a motion to pass Resolution 3-2015
Mr. Lautenschleger seconded the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas

Resolution 3-2015 has passed

5-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHRISTOPHER BOWER BY THE MAYOR TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (3RD READING)

Mr. Zucal made a motion to pass Resolution 5-2015
Mr. Lanzer seconded the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas

Resolution 5-2015 has passed

6-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. RICHARD VARRATI BY THE MAYOR TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (3RD READING)

Mr. Lanzer made a motion to pass Resolution 6-2015
Ms. Cox seconded the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas

Resolution 6-2015 has passed

8-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE REGIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FIELD OFFICE IN NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO. (2ND READING)

9-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEE SALARIES AS SET FORTH IN THE 2015 BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2ND READING)

Mr. Zucal made a motion to suspend the rules on Resolution 9-2015
Mr. Lanzer seconded the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas
Rules have been suspended on Resolution 9-2015

Mr. Zucal made a motion to pass Resolution 9-2015
Mr. Lanzer seconded the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas

Resolution 9-2015 has passed

10-2015 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NATUREWORKS PROGRAM FOR RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS AT CRIDER AVENUE FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2ND READING)

Mr. Lautenschleger made a motion to suspend the rules on Resolution 10-2015
Ms. Cox seconded the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas
Rules have been suspended on Resolution 10-2015

Mr. Lautenschleger made a motion to pass Resolution 10-2015
Ms. Cox seconded the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas

Resolution 10-2015 has passed

11-2015 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS AT CRIDER AVENUE FOR LAND ACQUISITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2ND READING)

Mr. Lautenschleger made a motion to suspend the rules on Resolution 11-2015
Ms. Cox seconded the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas
Rules have been suspended on Resolution 11-2015

Ms. Cox made a motion to pass Resolution 11-2015
Mr. Lautenschleger seconded the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas

Resolution 11-2015 has passed

12-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY THE CLERK OF COUNCIL AND ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES AS SET FORTH IN THE 2015 BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

Mr. Zucal made a motion to suspend the rules on Resolution 12-2015
Mr. Lanzer seconded the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas
Rules have been suspended on Resolution 12-2015

Mr. Zucal made a motion to pass Resolution 12-2015
Mr. Lanzer seconded the motion
Roll Call 6 yeas

Resolution 12-2015 has passed

13-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO
COMMEND TOM FARBIZO FOR HIS 14 YEARS OF SERVICE AS AIRPORT MEMBER
AND CHAIRMAN TO THE NEW PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF
NEW PHILADELPHIA. (1ST READING)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Comment from Mayor Johnson:

The Mayor mentioned:

Earlier this evening Mr. Lautenschleger gave a report on RTY;
At one time the City of New Philadelphia could not get any insurance for the Park.
The laws changed we didn't know what we were going to do.
The Rotarians of New Philadelphia stepped up
They formed a Corporation they paid the insurance that kept the park going.
The RTY is in charge of all the rides and the concessions.
They have been an outstanding citizen to the City of New Philadelphia.
This is something that has gone over and above what most groups ever do.
The Mayor thanked RTY and applauded them.

Comment from the President of Council:

Mr. Hitchcock thanked the Mayor for the recognition he gave to RTY.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

MS.COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:04 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Patricia A. McKay

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock