

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 9TH, 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  
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS  
MS. WINNIE WALKER  
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

- MR. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING  
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION.  
ROLL CALL 7 YEAS  
MOTION PASSED
  
- MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD,  
2015.  
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION.  
ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS  
THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

**CORRESPONDENCE** . . . . . CLERK, PATRICIA A. MCKAY

1. New Philadelphia Fire Department February 2015 Month End Summary dated March 3rd, 2015
2. City of New Philadelphia Income Tax Department February 2015 Report, Month End Tax Revenue by Year from Joel B. Day Income Tax Administrator dated March 2nd, 2015
3. Auditor's Monthly Statement of 2015 Revenue for the General Fund for the Month of February 2015
4. Auditor's Financial Statement for the Month of February 2015
5. New Philadelphia Budget Report with Encumbrance Details as of February 28th, 2015
6. New Philadelphia Statement of Cash Position with Month to Date as of February 28th, 2015
7. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for Februarys 2015
8. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from February 25th, 2015
9. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from February 26th, 2015
10. Notice of filing of extension of approval for PIR Program  
PUCO Case No. 15-0362-GA-ALT dated February 19th, 2015 from Dominion East Ohio

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTS ....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON.....NO REPORT  
EXCUSED ABSENCE

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL .....NO REPORT  
The Service Director announced that he did not have a formal report  
The Service Director did have (2) requests for grant applications for the President to assign to Committee  
1. Nature Works  
2. Land and Water

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

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

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

Mr. Gerber informed all that he is still working with Rea and Associates to reconcile 2014. They have completed January, February, March, April, and May we are currently working on June.

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . . MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete reported the following:

- The Law Director reported that most of what he is working on is for our next Council meeting He is finishing up everything for our Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) He has had meetings with the Service Director, called in our rep that has been helping us with it. The Law Director said he has been working closely with her to get this done at the next Council Meeting.
- In addition to that he is going to be preparing a resolution for Council regarding One of America’s Best Communities. Mr. Fete thanked Ms. Grossman for the work she has done on promoting the area and making us a focal point for people around the nation. The Law Director said he will have the resolution for the next Council meeting.

The Law Director announced there will be:

A Public Hearing will be held Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers City Hall 150 East High Avenue New Philadelphia, Ohio to give citizens an adequate opportunity to review and comment on the following:

THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO INTENDS TO PERMANENTLY REZONE CERTAIN LAND LOCATED AT 419 TUSCARAWAS AVENUE NW FROM RESIDENTIAL TO OFFICE; AND ALSO INTENDS TO PERMANENTLY REZONE CERTAIN LAND LOCATED AT 1121 TUSCARAWAS AVENUE NW, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO BUSINESS.

CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015 TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON THE CITY’S PROPOSED REZONING.

- The Law director announced that he will be prosecuting this Wednesday.

Question from the Councilperson Mr. John Zucal:

Mr. Zucal asked the Law Director if he would be ready for the March 23rd, 2015 Meeting with the issue that is in Salary Committee right now regarding the the vacation time .

The Law Director replied:

Yes it is ready.

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON  
EXCUSED ABSENCE

The Service Director announced that the Planning Commission Meeting for the month of March has been cancelled,

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

Mr. Zucal announced the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, March 10th, 2015, at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers there are two variance requests.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced the Airport Commission Meeting for the month of March has been cancelled.

The next scheduled Airport Commission Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the Airport Meeting Room.

At that time we will be discussing some other matters

One of the things that we will be working on is the fine tuning the signage around Harry Clever Field with some fresh paint and options like that. We are looking forward to that as well.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger announced the Park Board Meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday February 25th, 2015 at The Pro’s Table Restaurant was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. A March meeting is being scheduled.

HEALTH BOARD..... MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced that the next scheduled meeting for the Health Board is this Wednesday, March 11th, 2015 at 12:00 (Noon) at the Health Department.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE COMMITTEE .....MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox thanked everyone who participated in the hearings this year and especially our Auditor for plugging in all the final results. Otherwise we wouldn't have a completed budget.

Ms. Cox reported the following:

Last Year 2014 Budget	General Fund \$6,043,000	Total Budget \$ 23,300,000
2015 Budget	General Fund \$5,917,000	Total Budget \$ 28,500,000
Difference	General Fund \$120,000 less	Total Budget is up over a million dollars.

Some items in the budget this year are:

Police cruisers, Storm Sewer/Water Line Project down at Howden Buffalo, new automatic meter readers, two used pickup trucks for water distribution, program to secure all City buildings, and grounds, and 1 ton truck/plow for Street Department.

For additional details of The Finance Committee Meetings you can view the minutes on line at [www.newphilaoh.com](http://www.newphilaoh.com) under Council minutes for February 25th and 26th, 2015.

SALARY COMMITTEE .....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced that March 23rd , 2015 Salary Committee Meeting will focus on the vacation pay and the sick leave pay that we have been working on .

We have been assured by the Law Director that we will be able to move on that.

Mr. Zucal encouraged all members of Council to be there.

It would Mr. Zucal's hope that night out of the committee we would be able to make a strong recommendation to get that finalized.

President Sam Hitchcock assigned to the Salary Committee commendations for Mr. Tom Farbizo for his years of service on the Airport Commission.

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. ROB MAURER.....NO REPORT

Mr. Rob Maurer announced that he did not have A Formal Report

Mr. Rob Maurer announced that he did schedule A Safety Health & Service Committee Meeting for March 23rd, 2015 at 6:00 PM in reference to the Geese Population.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER .NO REPORT

Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger announced he did not have a formal report for this evening.

President of Council assigned to Public Works & Economic Development Committee the Service Director's (2) requests for grant applications for Nature Works and Land and Water.

Question from the President:

Mr. Hitchcock wanted to know if Mr. Lautenscheleger

Had any date set for a meeting or information regarding the cemetery land acquisition.

Reply from Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger:

As many people may be aware, there is a new Superintendent of the Cemetery Department that recently started his duties. Mr. Lautenschleger reported that he has been in contact with him.

Mr. Lautenschleger and the Superintendent are going to put together, at the Superintendent's direction, a date for the Cemetery Board Meeting which will be held for the first time in many years. They will keep Council posted on that.

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

Mrs. Ramos announced she did not have a formal report for this evening

Mrs Ramos announced that the Zoning & Annexation Committee will meet March 23rd, 2015 at 6:30 PM to discuss the American Federation of Government Employees request in regard to the Social Security Administration Vision 2025 Plan.

And also a reminder:

The Public Hearing the Law Director mentioned about the rezoning, Ordinance 4-2015 and Ordinance 5-2015, will be held over for a fourth reading to coincide with the Public Hearing.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEE ..... MR. DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer reported that the Special & Contact Committee had a brief meeting tonight at 7:11 PM in Council Chambers with 2 items to discuss:

To discuss the Appointment of Mr. Christopher Bower to the Airport Commission and the Reappointment of Dr. Rich Varrati to the Airport Commission.

The committee voted 3-0 to move it along for Council to vote to ratify the Appointment of Mr. Christopher Bower to the Airport Commission and the Reappointment of Dr. Rich Varrati to the Airport Commission.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE .....MS. WINNIE WALKER

Councilperson Ms. Winnie Walker addressed Councilperson Mr. John Zucal regarding the minutes from last meeting. under Parks & Cemetery Committee:

Councilperson. Mr. Zucal said,  
“Any issues down the road in light of her potential absences”

Councilperson Ms. Winnie Walker  
“I do not appreciate you saying this, we all have the potential of not attending a meeting no one knows the future.”

Councilperson. Mr. Zucal said, “You know we have pressing issues that need to be discussed”

Councilperson Ms. Winnie Walker:  
“If this is in regard to Cemetery Lands, you need to talk to Mr. Lautenschleger this was put in his Committee a year ago.

Councilperson Ms. Winnie Walker said, “I don’t deserve that remark.”

Councilperson Mr. John Zucal: did not have any comment.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Dee Grossman / Dianne Lautenschleger  
Tuscarawas County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
124 East High Avenue  
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Ms. Grossman presented a draft of the detailed application to Council.

Ms. Grossman reported the Mayor and Councilperson John Zucal invited us to do a small presentation regarding the America’s Best Communities Application. We have been working on this since November.

The following was taken from the fact sheet America’s Best Communities dated March 9th, 2015

- Frontier and Dish have teamed up to support the revitalization of small towns and cities across America with the America’s Best Communities prize competition. America’s Best Communities is a ten million competition to stimulate growth and revitalization in small cities and towns across Frontier’s 27 state footprint.
- America’s Best Communities is a multi-stage three year contest that provides 4 million in seed money and other support to assist communities as the develop growth and revitalization plans. The top three of those communities will receive additional prize money of three million for first place two million for second place and one million for third place.

It is an application for a contest it is not a grant. The contest involves us putting to paper partially what the vision is for this community.

If we are fortunately enough to win this contest we will receive \$35,000.

We will have to match that with \$15,000 for a total of \$50,000.

That \$50,000 will go for a vision for the community

If we win that we are put into another pool for a \$100,000 if we go that much further it will be a million and eventually there will be a couple of communities for 3 million.

Ms. Grossman reported that she put some of the website information into a one page document.

Ms. Grossman reported that they are at crunch time that is why they are here.

We have a few holes in the application that we need your help on those have been outlines as well.

We have probably spent between the Committee and myself and Diane 60 to 80 hours on the application.

There are 27 states in the Frontier district there are already 26 applications from Ohio we are going to be one of 621.

There will be only 50 winners.

Ms. Gilland had Jeff Erb, the City's IT person, to take the old New Philadelphia video, scale it down, take out the former Mayor and put in the new Mayor.

We are going to be doing some photographs and will be putting them in a power point.

We categorized things in to the community, the residents, education, industry, and recreation.

This has to be in the hands of Frontier by the March 25th, 2015.

Ms. Lautenschleger and Ms. Grossman are both going to be in DC that week. They will be uploading the week prior.

Council has 5 to 7 days to make comments to give us some ideas before we upload it.

The NPBCA is the author of; this they will be the recipient of the dollars if we win.  
it cannot come from the City.

It is a nongovernmental it has to come from a 501 C3 which the NPBCA is.

Question from Councilperson Mrs. Ramos:

What are you looking for from us?

Have you said what the vision is or are you trying to get what the vision is?

Comment from Ms. Grossman:

That is a good clarification question what we talked about is

What are we today, what do we want to be, and what are some of the areas are we focused on

What are some of the things do we do well as a community

If we get the \$50,000 that will go toward a vision for the community.

Comment from Councilperson Mr. John Zucal

The Mayor has been actively looking at ways to secure the \$15,000 it would **not** come from the City's General Fund

We can put that to rest if there is a concern. It will come from outside sources.

I hope the Law Director can include that in the Resolution that we were recently named No. 2 nationwide among Metropolitan Areas.

Comment from Ms. Grossman

One of the requirements is a letter from the Mayor which he has already provided. (It is a letter of support.)

We also have five others; manufacturing and service retail businesses that are partners in this as well.

They will make decisions four to six weeks.

Comment from Councilperson Mr. John Zucal

Even if we don't get it, the process and the information that was put together is really helpful it does give us an idea of what we do well our strengths and the areas that we need to improve on and potentially where we can go with this

Even if it does not materialize, it has been productive work.

Comment from Ms. Grossman

It has allowed us to focus on the partnerships that we have developed as a community.

Question from Councilperson Mrs. Ramos:

You have asked for suggestions do you have an email where we can send them.

Comment from Ms. Grossman

It is the NPBCA address.

[info@npbca.org](mailto:info@npbca.org)

President of Council:

Mr. Sam Hitchcock commended Ms. Grossman and everyone else that had a part in this prestigious award that took place a week ago. I think it is a big deal for our community.

Comment from Ms. Grossman

It is a big deal for the county, the State of Ohio to be named No. 2 nationwide among Micropolitan Areas. This is a national award. We are pretty proud of ourselves.

(775 jobs were created 24 million dollars in New Construction in 2014 that is something to be proud of.)

Comment from President of Council:

“Hopefully it will be a springboard for future development.”

Ms Grossman thanked everyone for their time.

## **READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **ORDINANCES:**

- 3-2015 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR SANITARY LANDFILL SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2ND READING)
- 4-2015 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO PERMANENTLY REZONE CERTAIN LAND LOCATED AT 419 TUSCARAWAS AVENUE NORTHWEST IN NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO OFFICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2ND READING)
- 5-2015 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO PERMANENTLY REZONE CERTAIN LAND LOCATED AT 1121 TUSCARAWAS AVENUE NORTHWEST IN NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO BUSINESS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2ND READING)
- 6-2015 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO CONTACTS WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE CITY’S REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)
- 7-2015 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

- 2-2015 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR THE HOUSING OF INMATES IN THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY JAIL AND PAYMENT OF HOUSING COSTS TO THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2ND READING)
- 3-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND WILLIAM BICHSEL III FOR HIS SIX YEARS OF SERVICE AS A PARK BOARD MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)
- 4-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, RECEIVE BIDS, AND AWARD FOR THE 2015 PROJECT YEAR THE CDBG CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

### **UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Comment from Council person John Zucal:

Mr Zucal stated that he just wanted to take the opportunity; he knows that there are many businesses in New Philadelphia that have a long and proud history, to take the opportunity on the floor of Council to recognize the Tuscarawas Insurance Agency.

This past Friday the present owner, Mr. Weisgarber announced that the Tuscarawas Insurance Agency. was celebrating its 130 years of service to the citizens of New Philadelphia through its operations.

Mr Zucal congratulated them and all who made this possible here in the City of New Philadelphia.

We appreciate that sustainable business for that amount of years.

Comment from the President of Council, Mr. Sam Hitchcock:

“Good business and good comments.”

Comment from Council person Rob Maurer:

Mr. Maurer just wanted to give a plug for the

SIXTH ANNUAL NPBCA SHAMROCK RUN

which will be held next Wednesday March 18th, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Normally we do it on a Saturday in the Donahey and Oak Shadows area (a pretty tough course)

This will be all flat.

Proceeds will benefit New Philadelphia reinvest the money for the planters, flowers, and Christmas decorations

A lot of people think that it is the City that foots the bill but it is the organization that does that.

We have a 2 mile course, and a three mile course. \$15 will get you a shirt

Mr. Maurer announced that he needs (6 or 7) volunteers about an hour of your time to work a street corner to direct the runners.

Comment from the President of Council, Mr. Sam Hitchcock:

This is another good event for the community.

Council person Rob Maurer is in charge of The Sixth Annual NPBCA Shamrock Run.

MS.COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia A. McKay

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Sam R. Hitchcock