

TOWN OF PHILADELPHIA
AUGUST 12, 2015 – TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present: Supervisor: Cheryl Horton, Clerk: Cheryl Reed, Highway Superintendent: Mike Freeman, Council Members: Sandra Carpenter, Bob Watson Sr., Sky Weaver, Ron Spicer and Assessor: John Kiechle.

At 5:30 P.M. Supervisor Horton called the meeting to order, followed by Prayer and Pledge.

Minutes: were read prior to the meeting. Ron made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Sandra seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report: A Financial Report for month ended June 30, 2015 and a Financial Report for month ended July 31, 2015 were handed out. After a review, Town Council Members signed the report as their approval of said reports.

Supervisor Horton spoke to prior Town of Philadelphia Accountant, Gary Mack about auditing/reviewing the Town Clerk's Books and the Town Justice's Books. Gary agreed to do so. No date has been scheduled at this time.

Town Clerk Report:

1. Received refurbished computer from Jefferson County. A county representative transferred tax information from old computer to new one.
2. Business Automation Systems representative, Andrew Tiese will transfer all remaining information.
3. Sporting Licenses became available August 10.
4. Hunting and Fishing Guides are now obtainable at Clerk's Office.

Highway Report:

1. Mike asked for permission to attending a Highway Superintendent's School/Training meeting on September 15 to September 18 in Saratoga Springs. Bob made a motion to accept Mike's attendance, Sandra seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.
2. County Route 194 (Antwerp/Theresa) work is nearing the end. Presently using Town of Philadelphia Dozer to complete work on slopes in road.
3. Planning to blacktop Co. Rte. 194 the last week in August.
4. Mike asked for permission to purchase a new tractor and mower. **(Please see attached resolution)**
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At this time Supervisor Horton read the 2015-16 N.Y.S. Snow and Ice Renewal Contract. **(Please see attached resolution)**

Recycling Report:

1. Sent a load of Cardboard.

2. Received a check from St. Pauly's in the amount of \$141.67 for the months of June and July.
3. Planning to fix wall at Recycling Center sometime in the upcoming fall.

Unfinished Business:

1. Supervisor Horton will contact Mike Delles for positive date and time for repairing roof at the old Town Garage.
2. Brad Payne will be contacted by Bob Watson for quote to repair the roof, should Mike Delles be unable to do so.
3. Supervisor Horton met with Luke Martin on July 27th to discuss complaints made by Patrick Loveland, Edward Turner and Todd Welser regarding business operations by Luke Martin. Mr. Martin was shown a video that Mr. Turner brought to the July 8th Town Board Meeting. Mr. Martin has agreed to work with his employees and neighbors to alleviate the traffic, noise and drainage problems being caused by his business operations.

Park Report:

1. Shrubs are prospering very well.
2. Time needs to be planned for waterproofing the buildings.

Assessor's Report:

1. There has been a county cut back on Data Collection Personnel.
2. The STAR Enhanced Exemptions and the STAR Basic Exemptions have been established by the State Board of Real Property Tax Services to the following:
 - a. STAR Enhanced - \$ 69,900
 - b. STAR Basic - \$ 32,120
 - c.

Other Business:

1. Supervisor Horton plans to attend a N.Y.S. Association of Town's Meeting in the Town of Clayton on August 17, 18 & 19.
2. Projected 2016 Retirement Contribution costs have reduced
3. Supervisor Horton will begin 2016 Budget Preparation September 1.

At 7:10 P.M. Supervisor Horton asked if there were any further questions or comments. With there being none, Sandra made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded this motion. All were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Reed, Town Clerk: _____ *Date:* _____

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