

## TOWN OF PHILADELPHIA

### MARCH 19, 2014 – BOARD MEETING

Present: Supervisor: Cheryl Horton, Clerk: Cheryl Reed, Hwy. Supt.: Mike Freeman, Council Members: Sandra Carpenter, Bob Watson Sr., Sky Weaver, Ron Spicer, Assessor: John Kiechle, Jeff. Co. Legislator: Al Drake, Judge: Jessie Scheer and IRCS Student: Qwill Keyser.

Absent: Bookkeeper: Gary Mack.

Minutes were read prior to the meeting. Bob noted a mistake on the bottom of page 3 of the minutes. It should read, "At 7:05 Sandra made a motion to adjourn." Sky made a motion to accept the minutes with this correction. Ron seconded this motion. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Financial Report:**

In Gary Mack's absence, Supervisor Horton read the Monthly Financial Report. General Vouchers #65 to #97 totaled \$27,183.67. Highway Vouchers #45-64 totaled \$41,905.90. Board Members signed the Financial Report as their approval of said report.

Supervisor Horton reported that she and Bookkeeper: Gary Mack have completed the Annual Financial Report Update Document and it has been sent to the New York State Comptroller's Office.

#### **Clerk Report:**

1. The last day for her office to collect tax money was Friday, March 14.

2. Collection Summary:	Taxes:	\$1,041,119.42
	Penalties:	\$ 396.11
	Surcharges:	\$ 4,639.47
	<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$1,046,155.00</u>

3. Percentage collected 84%
4. Appointment with Jefferson County Deputy Clerk, Dorena Kimball on Friday, March 21 to settle collection account.

#### **Highway Superintendent's Report:**

1. Plowing snow for IRCS.
2. NYS has been using CHIP's funding for state expenses instead of highway improvement.
3. Attended Advocacy Days in Albany on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. 50 Million Dollars is planned to be put into an account for support of culvert and bridge work in NYS.
5. Used Highway Van that was used for collecting recyclables was listed for sale on an internet auction. Current bid is at \$950.00. Van was originally purchased in 2010 for \$300.00 and \$147.82 has been spent for repairs. Bidding closes 3/24/14.
6. Considering listing the town owned GMC Truck on the internet auction sometime in spring.
7. Overtime pay is up due to heavier than normal snowfall.
8. NYS may reimburse municipalities for some of the monies spent for high overtime expenses.

#### **Recycling Center Report:**

A load of Cardboard has been sent to Climax.

**Privilege of the floor** was given to Jefferson County Legislator, Al Drake.

1. NYS has suffered significantly from lost revenue.
2. Jeff. Co. Jail recreation area may be developed into a dormitory, thus giving space for 30 to 50 more inmates.
3. A new communication system is being considered for use by Fire and Ambulance Departments. This new system will provide a higher quality of communication between the two departments.

The cost of this new system will cost approximately between 10 and 17 million dollars. NYS may issue a total of 6 million dollars in grant money to be awarded to Fire and Ambulance Departments who implement this new system.

**Privilege of the floor** was then given to Judge Jessie Scheer.

Judge Scheer handed out the Annual Report for the Town of Philadelphia Justice

Court.	Total Collected:	\$74,943.02
	NYS Collected:	\$48,331.27
	County Collected:	\$ 3,111.50
	Town Collected:	\$23,500.25

The back log of unsettled cases attributes to this income. When the back log levels off the courts is expected to have a yearly total of approximately between 60 and 70 thousand dollars according to Judge Scheer.

A grant from the NYS Justice Court Assistance Program was received in the amount of \$7,100.00. This money will be used to replace furniture, electronics, etc.

**Unfinished Business:**

John Rice contacted Supervisor Horton and suggested that he should perhaps come to a future Town Board Meeting and speak with the board members regarding his proposed land swap. No meeting was planned. Supervisor Horton pointed out that an agreement with Mr. Rice to develop an apartment complex would add approximately between 12 and 15 Million dollars in taxable property land value to the Town of Philadelphia. Thus, lowering taxes for residents. Board Members had no comments.

**Assessor Report**

Assessor's Dick Delles and John Kiechle will be viewing/assessing properties in the Town of Philadelphia on 3/21/14.

The STAR Program was discussed. Most senior citizens do not file income tax.

Supervisor Horton asked Assessor Kiechle if the issue with Patrick Loveland had been addressed. John said that he did find a 2006 STAR application from Patrick. It was not filed in a timely fashion. Patrick had dated his application after the deadline. John said that Mr. Loveland also did not produce a required DD214-form required for military exemption.

### **New Business**

Sky said that he would like to see the Town Board adopt a resolution in objection to the proposed Roof-top-Highway. All members agreed that this was a very good idea. Supervisor Horton said she will work on a resolution regarding this for the next board meeting.

### **Correspondence**

Sandra asked about communique from Bernier and Carr. This was a letter asking for a letter of recommendation from the Town for IRCS.

At 6:30 P.M. Sandra made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded this motion.  
Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Cheryl Reed ~ Town Clerk*