

**TOWN OF PHILADELPHIA  
SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2014 – TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Present: Supervisor: Cheryl Horton, Clerk: Cheryl Reed, Highway Superintendent: Mike Freeman, Council Members: Sandra Carpenter, Bob Watson Sr., Ron Spicer, Bookkeeper: Gary Mack, Assessor: John Kiechle, Guests: Jefferson County Legislator: Allan Drake, Travis Donelson, representing Indian River Ambulance Service and Terry Mckeever.

Absent: Council Member: Sky Weaver.

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 this motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Gary read the August 2014, Monthly Financial Report. Council Members signed this report as their approval of said report.

September Vouchers for the General Fund #273 to #306 totaled \$17,554.30 and Highway Vouchers #155 to #175 totaled \$22,991.91. General and Highway Vouchers were reviewed and signed by Town Council Members.

**Town Clerk Report:**

1. DEC Program is now working and Sporting Licenses are being sold.

**Highway Report:**

1. St. Pauly's Clothing Drop Box has been delivered and set up at Old Town Garage and is now taking donations.
2. Almost finished paving Elm Ridge Road and will be applying a sealer in the next few weeks.
3. Holmes Road is completed.
4. Charles Hall, Town of Antwerp, said the Town of Philadelphia does not have to pay for any sand this year due to all of the work the Town of Philadelphia has done for the Town of Antwerp.
5. Planning to put a berm up along Carpenter Meadow's Road to keep the water off the road.
6. Sandra pointed out, that careful planning needs to be done before any works starts on Carpenter Meadows' property. Neighboring properties owned by Chase Harrington Manor, the Town of Philadelphia, Village of Philadelphia, Greg Delles and Indian River School may be affected by any work planned for Carpenter Meadows. Liability is an important factor.
7. Vance Carpenter, PE/Jefferson County Civil Engineer, will be contacted for his input on the Carpenter Meadows issue.

8. Will be doing Indian River Parking Lot next week.
9. Plan to attend Supervisor's Meeting on September 24 in Brownville. The topic of this meeting will be the Annual Jefferson County Snow and Ice Contract.
10. Will be sending a load of electronics to Regional Computer Recycling Recovery next week.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

1. At 6:03 Jefferson County Legislator, Allan Drake was given privilege of the floor.
2. The subject matter discussed was Dog Control.
3. Supervisor Horton handed out a letter she sent to Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the Jeff. Co. Board of Legislators. Supervisor Horton's main concern was why the Village of Philadelphia does not receive the same services of Dog Control the Town of Philadelphia does. All taxpayers, Townwide, pay for the charge back to Jefferson County for Dog Control.
4. If services are expanded by Jefferson County Dog Control, the Town will end up paying more in chargebacks.
5. Legislator Drake will study this issue and respond to Supervisor Horton's question.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

1. At 6:25 P.M. Privilege of the Floor was given to Indian River Ambulance Service (IRAS) representative, Travis Donelson. Travis explained that the Annual Budget for IRAS was being prepared and it is planned that it will be discussed at the next Town Board Meeting.
2. The call volume for IRAS has increased.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

1. At 6:37 P.M. Privilege of the Floor was given to Terry McKeever wished to address the speed limit signs on Irish Avenue. He feels there needs to be more signs placed near his son's home on Irish Avenue.
2. Mike Freeman said he will put up another sign on Irish Avenue near the railroad crossing.

**Planning and Zoning Report:**

1. Supervisor Horton explained that there needs to be a Public Hearing at the October 8, 2014 Town Board Meeting regarding both the Zoning Fee Schedule and also the new Subdivision Law Revisions.
2. Marie Watkins has resigned from the Planning Board effective immediately.
3. Supervisor Horton has asked the Town Board to appoint Barbra Dindl as a replacement for Marie Watkins. **(Please see attached resolution)**

**Cemetery Report:**

1. Supervisor Horton handed out a schedule of charges for the Childs Falls Sunrise Cemetery and explained that the fees will stay at the rate they are currently at until September, 2017. **(Please see attached resolution)**

2. The next meeting is planned for September 22, 2014. An above ground Mausoleum is planned to be discussed.
3. Dale Watkins has offered and given the Town permission to drain water from the ditches at the Cemetery onto his property.

**Buildings Report:**

1. Mike Delles gave Supervisor Horton a quote to repair the Old Town Garage. This quote does not include materials.
2. Bob will order materials needed from North Counties Supply.
3. Supervisor Horton suggested that it would be wise to carry the Aluminum Siding around the corners of the building facing Route 11.
4. An inspection at the Town Office Building was done by a representative from NYMIR, who suggested a Fire Alarm System be installed.
5. Supervisor Horton contacted STAT Communications and was sent a quote/recommendation(s) for the installment of a Fire Alarm System. The following were the recommendations:
  - a. 1-Fire-Lite Communicator Panel
  - b. Smoke and Heat Detectors per NY State Code
  - c. Pull Station and Horn/Strobe per code
  - d. 24/7-Monitoring of the building.
  - e. Total installed: \$1287.00
  - f. Monitoring per year: \$ 360.00
6. The Town Board approved these expenses; Supervisor Horton will contact STAT Communications to begin installation per their schedule.

**Assessor's Report: Items discussed**

1. New I-pod.
2. Have updated browser and made adjustments.
3. Subdivided Parcels.
4. Tax Freeze Web-inars
5. Cyber Security

**Court Report:**

1. Court Clerk, Helen Tyler, Judges, Cole Jenne and Jessie Scheer ask for permission to apply for a grant for monies to have a security Systems installed. **(Please see attached resolution)**

**Right to Farm Law:**

1. Supervisor Horton prepared a resolution supporting this law and handed it out for the Town Board Members to review and approve. **(Please see attached resolution)**

**Other New Business:**

1. 2015 Budget & a Local Law to override the limit (1.46%), should that be necessary, on the amount of Real Property Taxes that may be levied by the Town. No decisions were reached at this time. A hearing will be held October 8, 2014.
2. Gary Mack will be resigning as Town Bookkeeper at the end of 2014. Supervisor Horton has spoken to Court Clerk, Helen Tyler regarding taking over Gary's position. Helen has shown interest in doing so.

At 7:35 P.M. all issues coming before the Philadelphia Town Board have been addressed, therefore Bob made a motion to adjourn. Sandra seconded this motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Reed, Town Clerk*