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#### **BUDGET MEETING**

#### **CALL TO ORDER.**

#### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

#### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT.**

Public Notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Borough Clerk in the following manner:

A. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board at the Palmyra Borough Hall on March 18, 2011.

B. Mailing written notice to the NewsWeekly, the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on March 18, 2011.

C. Notice to All Council Members.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Gural, President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock,  
Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

Absent: None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS.**

A. **Resolution 2011-64**, Resolution Introducing The 2011 Municipal Budget. Mayor Gural discussed that the new tax rate will be \$1.702 which is a 5.8 cent increase over last years rate and has a \$56.93 increase to the average home. The percentage increase of the tax rate is 3.56%. President Scheffler made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Brahl second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross  
and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

**B. Resolution 2011-65**, Resolution Introducing The 2011 BID Budget. Mayor Gural explained that there are some questions from council concerning the BID request and also some questions on the rules and regulations of the BID. Mayor Gural requested that this resolution be postponed until April 11, 2011 meeting.

**C. Resolution 2011-66**, Resolution To Award Contract To Fillit For Leaf Disposal. Mr. Ryan explained that this was same amount as last year and that is was just a continuance and is needed until December, 2011. President Scheffler made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Dobbs second the motion. At the call of the roll the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross  
and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

**D. Resolution 2011-67**, Resolution Awarding Contract To Purchase A Vehicle For The Police Department. Mr. Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Brahl second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Norcross  
and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

**E. Resolution 2011-68**, Resolution Authorizing Surplus of Borough Vehicles. Mr. Rosenberg informed council that one of the vehicles is estimated at \$50,000 and under statue the estimate exceeds the limit and has to be sold at auction. Mayor Gural requested that the camera truck from the sewer authority be removed from the resolution. Mr. Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, President Scheffler second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock,  
Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

**F. Resolution 2011-69**, Resolution Awarding Contract To YMCA. Mr. Rosenberg discussed with council that this is a lease of a property and that it is generally done by ordinance, provisions under the law to do it be resolution, but it is safer to adopt an ordinance. President Scheffler made a motion to award the contract by Ordinance 2011-9, Mr. Norcross second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock,  
Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None. The ordinance was adopted on first reading and will be heard on second and final reading at the April 11, 2011 council meeting.

ABSTAIN: Ms. Dobbs.

Mr. Norcross discussed that April is clean up month for leaves and brush. Mr. Norcross requested that council donate the fire chief's car to the Tri-Boro CERT unit. The value of vehicle is less than \$500.00.

**G. Resolution 2011-70**, Resolution Donating A Surplus Vehicle To Tri-Boro Cert.

Mr. Dreby-OEM explained that the CERT is under OEM and is a governmental agency. The trailer was given by the state and the team needs something to pull it with. Mr. Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Brahl second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brahl, Mr. Bostock,  
Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

President Scheffler made a motion to open the meeting to the public, Mr. Brahl second the motion. Mr. Fratto-Broad Street discussed that he understands council's concerns about the BID money and that the board will need someone to educate them on bid specs and thresholds. Mayor Gural explained that they need to understand that \$72,000 is a lot of money and that all committees have to focus on proper specs and rules with the quotes. No one else from the public wishing to be heard, President Scheffler made a motion to close the public portion, Mr. Norcross second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

**Adjournment.**

President Scheffler made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm, Mr. Brahl second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.