

MINUTES-May 9, 2011

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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 January 5, 2011.
- B.** Mailing written notice to the NewsWeekly, the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 5, 2011.
- C.** Notice to All Council Members.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mr. Brahl.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mr. Norcross made a motion to approve the minutes from March 28, 2011. Mr. Dorworth second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.

- A. Ordinance 2011- 12**, Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra Restricting The Possession Of Alcoholic Beverages By Minors Under The Age of Eighteen While On Private Property. Mr. Rosenberg explained that the reason for this ordinance is that

state law makes it an offense for public property, but does not regulate private property. Mr. Dorworth made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, Ms. Dobbs second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Scheffler, Ms. Dobbs, 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 council meeting of June 13, 2011 at 7pm after publication according to law.

COORESPONDENCE. The Historical Society has request to use the Community Center the 1st Wednesday of every month for their meetings. Mr. Bostock made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Norcross second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS.

A. Resolution 2011- 90, Click It Or Ticket Grant. Chief Pearlman informed council that this was the same grant opportunity as previous years and that the grant is to promote public safety with the wearing of all seatbelts. 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. Bostock, Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

B. Resolution 2011-91, Resolution Appointing Director of Sewer and Public Works. (held until after closed session).

C. Resolution 2011-92, Resolution Appointing Penelope Williams As Part-Time Municipal Alliance Coordinator For The Borough of Palmyra. (held)

D. Resolution 2011-93, Resolution Appointing Penelope Williams As Part-Time Clerk Typist for The Borough Of Palmyra. (held)

E. Resolution 2011-94, Resolution Appointing Marie Nagle As Sewer Utility and Tax Clerk For The Borough of Palmyra. (held)

F. Resolution 2011-95, Resolution Appointing Seasonal Workers For Public Works Department. (held)

G. Resolution 2011-96, Resolution Appointing Christina Cortez As Part-Time Payroll Clerk For The Borough of Palmyra.(held)

H. Resolution 2011-97, Resolution Increasing The Bid Threshold For The Appointed QPA. Mrs. Lewis explained that the state increases the limits each July for the bidding process and that this resolution will authorize her for quotes as high as the state

allows. Mr. Dorworth 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. Bostock, Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None

I. Resolution 2011-98, Resolution Awarding Administration Of Small Cities Grant For Installation/Reconstruction of Sidewalk Handicap Ramps To CGP & H. Mayor Gural explained that this was subject to the certification of funds by the CFO. President Scheffler made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Norcross second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

RECOGNITION OF POLICE WEEK. Michael McGonigal took the oath of office for Sergeant. The Chief explained that Sgt. McGonigal was already working in the capacity of a Sgt. and that he wears many hats for the department.

Chief Pearlman present awards for police week to:

1st Sergeant Osinski- 20 years of service, gallantry star for arrest, Sergeant Brown-15 years of service, Patrolman Alven-1 year of good conduct, honorable service award for arrest, Patrolman Johnson-Life saving award, 1 year of good conduct, gallantry star for arrest, Special Officer Carr-firearm qualification, Life saving award, Patrolman Deutsch, honorable service award for arrest, Sergeant McGonigal-honorable service award for arrest, drug buster award, Detective Benedict-drug buster award and Dale W. Dockett of Philadelphia for citizen award. Mayor Gural presented Chief Pearlman with an award from the state police.

J. Resolution 2011-99, Resolution Awarding Construction

Administration Services For The Construction Of Handicapped Ramps For Small Cities To Environmental Resolutions. Mayor Gural explained that the award is subject to certification of awards. President Scheffler made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Norcross second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

K. Resolution 2011-105, Resolution Awarding Final Design Of ADA Ramps For Small Cities To Land Engineering. 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. Bostock, Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

L. Resolution 2011-100, Resolution Approving Corrective Action Plan

For 2010 Audit Report. Mrs. Lewis explained that council had accepted the corrective plan and that there was only one audit finding this year due to not having a tax collector.

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. Bostock, Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

L. Resolution 2011-101, Resolution Awarding Bid For Maintenance Of

Legion Field. Mrs. Lewis informed council that Elite Landscaping was the lowest bidder and that all the specs. were faxed to potential bidders. Mrs. Dobbs 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. Bostock, Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None

M. Resolution 2011-102 Resolution Rejecting The One Bid Received For

The Sale Of Block 120, Lot 17 Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:12-13(B)(5). Mr. Rosenberg explained that this resolution would reject the bid that was submitted to purchase one of the Borough lots. The bid was below the appraisals value and the law states that the Borough cannot sell for less than that amount without going out for public bidding. Mayor Gural inquired as to what the next step was that council needed to proceed. Mr. Ted explained that council had two options-one was to offer the lots to the public at an auction or hold on to the lots and hope that the economic rebounds. Mr. Rosenberg also discussed that the adjoining property owners have the right to bid at the public auction and are not limit to appraise value. Mr. Bostock made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Norcross second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None. Mr. Rosenberg will prepare an ordinance to allow the council to sell the lots to the public.

N. Resolution 2011-103, Resolution Authorizing The Payment Of

\$61,650.86 To Fabbri Builders and The Release Of The Performance Guarantee. Mrs. Lewis explained that Mr. Fox, engineer has authorized the payment and a maintenance bond is in place. Mayor Gural recommend that the performance guarantee be released after Ted's legal review. Mr. Dorworth made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Norcross second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

O. Motion To Approve Treasurer's Report. President Scheffler made a motion to approve the report, Mr. Norcross second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

P. Resolution 2011-104, Resolution Authorizing The Payment Of Bills.

President Scheffler made a motion to approve the report, Mr. Norcross second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

Q. Discussion- Administrator position. Held. Mr. Rosenberg explained that the position is vacant.

Mayor Gural recognized Marie Nagle, Penny Williams, Dennis Rogers, Tony Proctor, Greg Benson, and Christina Cortez as new part time employees of the Borough.

PROCLAMATION. Mr. Dorworth made a motion to approve the proclamation in support of Click It Or Ticket program, Mr. Bostock second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Scheffler made a motion to open the meeting to the public, Mr. Bostock second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. May-Morgan Avenue informed council that there would be a film showing on May 12th at 7:30pm entitled gasland that discusses the effects on the river.

Mr. Young-Morgan Avenue discussed that he had met with Mr. Norcross about the football league and that the league is interested in taking over the stand. The coaches and volunteers will help run the stand. Mayor Gural explained that he appreciates the offer and council will take it under consideration but the stand belongs to the taxpayers and the fields are being used by a lot of different organizations. Mr. Bostock discussed that if football would run the stand during their season, it would still need to be open for the all the sports. Mr. Young replied that he understands that the soccer teams do not buy from the concession stand. Mayor Gural explained that there are many organizations using the fields and who would decide what sport gets the profits that day from the stand. The stand is run very professionally and clean. The profits help the borough offset the costs for cleaning the facilities. Mr. Norcross discussed that one issue is that on a Saturday there are too many

games and who would volunteer and from what sport.

Mr. Fratto-Broad Street informed council that the qualifications for the new BID director was placed on the NJ League website. Also that the BID is in need of small office space for the Director. Mayor Gural explained that the Borough Hall currently does not have any empty space.

Mr. Benson inquired about the appointment of Marissa Williams to work the concession stand. Mr. Norcross replied that it is on the agenda.

Mr. Dorworth made a motion to close the public portion, Ms. Dobbs second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution 2011-106, Resolution appointing Season Workers For The Concession Stand. Ms. Dobbs made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Norcross second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the resolution.

Resolution 2011-107, Resolution Appointing Doretha Jackson To Fill A Vacancy On the Shade Tree Commission. President Scheffler made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Norcross second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

CLOSED SESSION.

Resolution No. 2011-108, Resolution Excluding The Public From Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 Of The Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P.L. 1975(personnel, negotiations, contracts).

GENERAL SESSION.

Council returned to public session at 8:50pm.

A. Resolution 2011-91, Resolution Hiring A Director of Sewer and Public Works. President Scheffler made a motion to appoint Thomas Ryan with the health care cost being 80% Borough and 20% from the sewer department, Mr. Bostock second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

B. Resolution 2011-92, Resolution Appointing Penelope Williams As Part-Time Municipal Alliance Coordinator For The Borough of Palmyra. President Scheffler made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Norcross second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

Resolution 2011-95, Resolution Appointing Seasonal Workers For Public Works Department. Mr. Dorworth made a motion to approve the resolution with the salary split between the public works and the sewer department, President Scheffler second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

G. Resolution 2011-96, Resolution Appointing Christina Cortez AsPart-Time Payroll Clerk For The Borough of Palmyra. 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. Bostock, Mr. Norcross and Mr. Dorworth.

NAYES: None.

Mr. Norcross announced that on May 31st-Memorial Day there will be a service at 10am at the War Memorial.

Mr. Bostock discussed that last week that the committee met in reference to the new sign ordinance and that it needs to be looked at for separate regulations for business and commercial. Mr. Rosenberg explained that as it is written it is very restrictive to signs that can be placed and that it does not suit the businesses on Route 73.

Adjournment.

Mr. Bostock made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm, President Scheffler second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.