

**BOROUGH OF PALMYRA
MINUTES-March 2, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MOMENT OF SILENCE.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Scheffler, President Dobbs, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Nowicki, Mr. Bostock,
Ms. Arnold, Mr. Howard.
Absent: Ms. Kane (student representative).

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 7, 2015.
- B. Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 7, 2015.
- C. Notice to All Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Mr. Howard requested a correction to the minutes on page 5, that he had not talk to Mozer's. Mr. McElwee from the audience explained that it was Jay Howard. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2, 2015, with the correction. Mr. Nowicki second the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A. Proclamation Declaring March 15-21, 2015 Flood Safety Awareness Week. Mayor Scheffler explained that the Borough adopts this proclamation every year to support the Office of Emergency Management and other local volunteers to reduce the loss of life and property and also decrease the effects of severe weather on our resources and economy.

B. JIF Awards-Mayor Scheffler read into the record the below letter from the JIF Insurance fund. Mayor Scheffler also read the award that Marie Nagle received for her work on the Wellness side of the JIF.

Dear Mayor and Council:

It is our pleasure to report that the Palmyra Borough has earned **\$1,625.00** as a result of your employees' outstanding performance in the 2014 BURLCO JIF Safety Incentive Program. The Safety Incentive Program is intended to foster a safety attitude among the BURLCO JIF members, change behaviors to create a safer work environment, as well as promote continuing efforts to "Change the Culture". The awards were announced at

our Annual Safety Kickoff Breakfast held on February 5, 2015 and are designed to recognize safety accomplishments in a variety of areas.

The Safety Incentive Program required the execution of a "Safety Contract" and the completion of various reports confirming compliance with JIF safety criteria. These reports were evaluated by the JIF Safety Director to determine your municipality's compliance with these criteria.

During 2014, members competed against a set of standards established by the Executive Safety Committee to determine their awards. The members were sorted into four size categories (S, M, L, XL) based upon their annual JIF Assessment. Each member competed against the established standards to determine if they either qualify or not (Pass or Fail) for a Safety Incentive Program Award.

Due to your employees' efforts, Palmyra Borough has qualified (Passed!) for reimbursement of **\$1,625.00** to be used for recognition of your employees' safety accomplishments.

We would also like to extend our **CONGRATULATIONS** to your Fund Commissioner, John Gural, your Safety Coordinator, Tracy Kilmer, and all your employees who played an important role in achieving these results. Their dedication to the principles of the JIF has enabled them to effectively communicate the importance of the safety program and their continuing commitment to the safety of all employees. We ask that this letter be read at your next Council Meeting to acknowledge these efforts by your employees' and make these accomplishments part of the public record.

Guidelines on how to collect your award will be sent to your Fund Commissioner and Safety Coordinator. You can find additional information about the JIF Safety Programs, Policies, and Safety Incentive Program Criteria, as well as the presentation given during the Safety Kickoff Breakfast, on the BURLCO JIF website, www.burlcojif.org.

I once again want to thank you for your involvement and congratulate you and everyone involved in the JIF safety program for making "*Safety First in All We Do*"!

Very truly yours,
BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

Paul J. Miola

Paul J. Miola, CPCU, ARM
Executive Director

C. READ ACROSS AMERICA-Proclamation. Mayor Scheffler read the proclamation into the record. Mayor Scheffler, President Dobbs, Mrs. Arnold, Chief Pearlman and several other officers read books to the students at Charles Street School.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

MARCH 2-MARCH 6, 2015

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Borough of Palmyra stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Palmyra has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is the key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, *NEA's Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 2, 2015, the day on what would have been the 111th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, *Read Across America-NJ* is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Karen Scheffler calls on the citizens of the Borough of Palmyra to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2015;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses NEA'S Read Across America and Read Across America-NJ and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

D. Letter of thanks-Wounded Warrior Project. Mayor Scheffler discussed that a letter of appreciation and gratitude was received for the donation to them. Mayor Scheffler explained that they had provided to the Borough a speaker for Memorial Day.

E. Thank you-Laurie Brown. The Borough received a thank you for the fruit basket that was delivered in honor of Robert Smith.

F. Request for leave of absence-Winifred Koch is requesting a temporary leave of absence from her position as crossing guard with the Borough. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the leave, Mr. Nowicki second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Scheffler informed council that she was attending a meeting for the tax assessor program that the county was reviewing; at the current time Monmouth County is involved with the program.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATES.

A. **Environmental Resolutions-William Kirchner** discussed that there is a resolution for additional engineering work for the additional work that the Borough requested for the community center and the parks. The park benches are in and will be installed as soon as the ground is no longer frozen. Mr. Kirchner reviewed his letter that he had sent to council about the stucco wall on the side of Tony's Barbershop. The stucco needs some repairs, but Mr. Kirchner explained that the depth of the repairs will not be known till the stucco is removed. There could be major water damage and Mr. Kirchner advised council that they should let the owners handle the repairs. Mr. Kirchner informed council that 7 of the 15 items listed for the sewer plant and improvements has been done and that there is a need for a second utility pump. There was a discussion on the drainage ditch and outfall. Mr. Kirchner would like to have the improvements approved so that the work can be started, there will be a change order on the next regular council agenda. Mr. Gural explained that the funds to pay for the additional projects is within the budget and also the NJEIT loan. Mr. Kirchner informed council that FEMA has indicated that some of the work should be reimbursable. Mr. Bostock inquired if a presentation to FEMA was needed. Mr. Kirchner replied that he will write it for the Office of Emergency Management and that they will pass it along to FEMA. Mr. Kirchner explained that there may become an issue on the ownership of the drainage ditch. There looks that at one time, the ditch was granted to the riverfront developer. Mr. Nowicki discussed that you cannot grant waterways. Mr. Kirchner replied that years ago the granting of the waterways was allowed. Legion Field-Mr. Nowicki informed Mr. Kirchner that at the tot lot the spinner is broken with a pole sticking out of it and that someone put an orange cone over it. Mr. Kirchner will take a look at the tot lot.

B. **Environmental Resources Management-Mr. Nowicki** stepped down from the daises. Mr. Gural gave the report. Mr. Gural reported that there was a meeting with the DEP, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Gerkens, Mr. Paulsen and himself about the pending studies needed for remediation near the Palmyra Cove. A website will be created with CGP & H and ERM to allow redevelopers to look at the area and studies.

C. **CGP & H-Mr. Gerkens** gave a report on the grants that are still awaiting a decision from the Dept. of Transportation. Palmyra had requested funds to implement traffic calming measures within the Broad Street Corridor, also Palmyra is seeking funds to construct an internal student drop-off road at the Charles Street school and Palmyra is requesting funding to reconstruct a portion of South Broad Street from Legion Field (Park Ave.) to Public Road. Mr. Gerkens informed council that he will be asking for a change order for the agreement with the RCA program. Normally the Chief Financial Officer reconciles the RCA accounts for Delanco RCA and Evesham RCA, but they have not been completed, so CGP & H will be doing the reconciliation for the Borough for an additional cost. The change order will be submitted for the next meeting and will not exceed \$3,000. The funds will be taken out of the RCA grant money. Mr. Nowicki returned to the daises.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING. (public hearing March 16th).

A. **Ordinance 2015-1**, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2012-3 Creating The Palmyra Shade Tree Advisory Board And Establishing Rules And Regulations For Shade Trees On Borough Property And Within Borough Rights Of Way. Mr. Nowicki explained that the Shade Tree Board would be expand to six (6) members plus two (2) alternates. Mrs. Tait made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, President Dobbs second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Dobbs, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Nowicki, Mr. Bostock, Ms. Arnold, Mr. Howard.

NAYES: None. The ordinance was adopted on first reading and will be heard on second and final reading at the regular council meeting of March 16th, 2015 at 7pm.

B. **Ordinance 2015-2**, An Ordinance Of The Borough of Palmyra Amending The Sewer Usage Rates And Connection Fees. Mr. Gural explained that council can introduce the ordinance tonight by title, but that there needs to be more information. The Borough needs the water usage billing for the commercial properties which will come to the Borough in the middle of March. Mr. Nowicki discussed that at the last meeting, Mr. Gural was going to look at the issue and speak with Mr. Rosenberg about it. Mayor Scheffler explained that there is a lot of mixed use properties and that the billing needs to be clear for them. Mayor Scheffler requested no action be taken on the ordinance till the Borough has the information that is needed.

Mayor Scheffler offered an apology to Mr. Reed over the comments that were published in the Burlington County Times. Mayor Scheffler explained that as a result of the article she is doing a lot of research. She has the report from the employee and needs to address some things in the office. Mayor Scheffler explained that normally the process is to turn the matter over to the committee, but Mr. Reed had mentioned at a previous

meeting that Ms. Arnold was his real estate agent and had come with him into Borough Hall about the issues. Mayor Scheffler will address the issue and review some changes to the housing department. Mr. Rosenberg discussed that the landlord litigation is discussed in close session and that council has authorized him to convene information to the landlords but he has not had a response. Mr. Rosenberg informed council that there is a telephone conference with the Judge coming up. Mayor Scheffler read parts of an email into the record from 2013---from Ms. Arnold.

EMAIL

Hello Everyone,

I have continued to gather information and have done additional research into this matter. I would like to share some thoughts and insight with all of you.

First of all, the decision to hire an attorney has to be the consensus of the group. It is not going to be an easy task we are setting forth but a journey that we all must be prepared for. It is pretty clear to see that our voices are not being considered by Council and we probably not be taken seriously until we hire a voice. It is also evident that the Council is not going to make any of this easy for us. I can imagine the continuation of the stone walling and delays in an effort to increase our attorney fees. That being said, I feel as though we need to have the strongest voice possible to represent us. I also feel as though the voice has to be a man. Given that the majority of the interaction is going to be with John Gural and all of us being familiar with his position and personality, the counterpart that we hire has to be able to stand toe-to-toe and speak to him in his own language (I'm sure you know what I mean).

I must reiterate that whoever is chosen to represent us, be prepared to spend approx. \$20,000 if not more. It is going to be extremely important that we are in a position to finish what we start. There are a few of us that will be working directly with the attorney in assisting with documents, info and presenting perspectives from experiences from other townships and other cases. Maryann Shea and I will do the best we can to help to keep costs down by assisting the attorney in any way possible

Mayor Scheffler explained that she is concerned about conflicts of Ms. Arnold being on both sides and that the Borough has spent a lot in legal fees for the litigation. Mayor Scheffler recommend that council rescind all the ordinances that deal with the rental and housing, since they are all at risk for being challenged. Mayor Scheffler explained that she is an officer of the court and that this needs to be made right. She is requesting that council introduce an ordinance to rescind all the ordinances pertaining to rental inspections and also to certificate of occupancy. Ms. Arnold inquired as to how long the Mayor has had the email and that she knew about it when Ms. Arnold offered her time in 2013 to be on the committee. Ms. Arnold discussed that she has given her all to the Borough and to Council. Ms. Arnold explain that Mayor Scheffler is constantly questioning her integrity Ms. Arnold explained that a reason why she is on council because the residents were not being listened to. Mayor Scheffler inquired if Ms. Arnold does not think it is a conflict of interest to discuss the landlord litigation after she agreed to help the landlords. Mr. Bostock discussed that his concerns if the ordinances were revoked. Mr. Bostock discussed that residents have put out a lot of money to obtain a certificate of occupancy. When he had questions about a conflict of interest he contacted the local finance board for their input. Mayor Scheffler stressed that is even more reason to rescind the ordinances and that residents were not being informed that they could sell the homes as is with a temporary certificate of occupancy. Mr. Howard inquired if Ms. Arnold is sitting on the committee did she advise the committee that she was helping the landlords. Ms. Arnold explained that the group talked about in the email does not exist and that she was not on council at the time of the emails. Mayor Scheffler discussed that the most prudent issue is to rescind the ordinances. Mayor Scheffler clarified that Mr. Reed is not a landlord and is not involved in this issue with Ms. Arnold. Mr. .Bostock inquired if the Mayor was talking about rescinding just the rental ordinance and the certificate of occupancy ordinance. Ms. Arnold left the room. Mr. Rosenberg discussed that council can introduce the ordinance by title this evening. Mr. Nowicki inquired if council want to take that approach or contact the local finance board first. Mr. Rosenberg informed council that sometimes it can take up to a year to get an answer from the finance board and also that the litigation over the ordinance is still proceeding. Borough Council can always reintroduce a new set of ordinances or the same ordinances. Mr. Bostock made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, Mr. Howard second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Dobbs, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Nowicki, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Howard

NAYES: None. The ordinance was adopted on first reading and will be heard on second and final reading after a public hearing at the council meeting of March 16, 2015.

Mr. Bostock made a motion to have Boroughs Conflict Attorney contact the Local Finance Board on the matter of conflict with Ms. Arnold, President Dobbs second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Arnold returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS- Consent Agenda- Resolution 2015-52 to Resolution 2015-68 will be enacted as a single motion, if any resolution needs additional discussion it will be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately. Mr. Bostock requested that Resolution 2015-64, be pulled from the consent agenda. President Dobbs requested that 2015-68 be removed from the consent agenda. President Dobbs made a motion to approve Resolutions 2015-52-2015-63 and Resolution 2015-65-2015-67, Mrs. Tait second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Dobbs, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Nowicki, Mr. Bostock, Ms. Arnold, Mr. Howard.

NAYES: None.

President Dobbs made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-64, Mr. Nowicki second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Dobbs, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Nowicki, Ms. Arnold, Mr. Howard.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Bostock.

Mr. Nowicki made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-68, Mrs. Tait second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mrs. Tait, Mr. Nowicki, Ms. Arnold, Mr. Howard, Mr. Bostock.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: President Dobbs.

- A. Resolution 2015-52, Resolution Appointing A Clean Communities Coordinator For The Borough Of Palmyra.
- B. Resolution 2015-53, Resolution Appointing A Recycling Coordinator For The Borough Of Palmyra.
- C. Resolution 2015-54, Resolution Appointing A Storm water Coordinator For The Borough Of Palmyra.
- D. Resolution 2015-55, Resolution Authorizing Appointment Of Richard K. Dreby As Emergency Management Coordinator For The Borough Of Palmyra And Executive Coordinator Of The Joint Emergency Management Council For The Borough Of Palmyra And Riverton.
- E. Resolution 2015-56, Resolution Amending Resolution 2015-27 Appointing Crossing Guards For The 2015 Year.
- F. Resolution 2015-57, Resolution Authorizing 2007 Ford Crown Victoria and 2000 MPH Speed Trailer As Surplus Property And Available For Auction.(police).
- G. Resolution 2015-58, Resolution Setting The Fee For Police Traffic Yard Signs.
- H. Resolution 2015-59, Resolution Authoring A Revision To The Police Contract For Section 12.2 And Authorizing The Mayor To Sign The Revision.
- I. Resolution 2015-60, Resolution Authorizing Cancellation Of Property Taxes, Sewer and Liens Due To For In Rem Foreclosed Properties.
- J. Resolution 2015-61, Resolution Amending Resolution 2015-48, Establishing Bonds For Municipal Employee.
- K. Resolution 2015-62, Resolution Authorizing Lincoln Financial And Borough Of Palmyra Chief Financial Officer To Distribute LOSAP Payment To The Beneficiary of Palmyra Fireman Robert J. Smith.
- L. Resolution 2015-63, Resolution Naming Investors Bank As An Official Banking Institution And Depository Of The Borough Of Palmyra.
- M. Resolution 2015-64, Resolution Authorizing The Payment Of Bills In The Amount Of \$1,792,262.15 For February, 2015.
- N. Resolution 2015-65, Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Shared Service Agreement Between The Borough Of Palmyra And The Township Of Willingboro For Animal Control Services.
- O. Resolution 2015-66, Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Sign The Adoption Of Palmyra Police Department Rules And Regulations.
- P. Resolution 2015-67, Resolution Authorizing Cancellation Of Municipal Certificate Of Sale for Block 64, Lot 9.01.
- Q. Resolution 2015-68, Resolution Authorizing Additional Engineering Services To Environmental Resolutions For Additional Engineering Work For Legion Field and Ethel Hardy Park In The Amount Of \$3,500.
- R. Bingo License-Approval of a Bingo License For Independence Fire Co#1.
- S. Approval of the Treasurer's Report.

DISCUSSIONS:

- A. Policy for Veteran Medals. Mr. Nowicki has put together a form and talked to the

County. The County gives them to current residents of the County. Mr. Nowicki discussed the Borough making them available to residents that currently live in the County. Mr. McElwee discussed that the county spokesman was wrong and that the Freeholders are the main point for the medals. The War Memorial will let the Borough Council make the decision as to who receives the medals. Mrs. Tait inquired as to what the War Memorial Committee recommends. Mr. McElwee would like to see the rules follow the same guidelines as names at the memorial. The person must have been a resident of Palmyra when they enlisted. Mr. Nowicki explained that the committee will go along with whatever Council recommends and that it can always be revised later. Mr. Gural discussed that the order is completed and will be delivered by the end of March. Ms. Arnold recommend adding a space for email addresses on the application.

B. Budget Status. Budget meeting is scheduled for March 7 at 8am. Mayor Scheffler explained that the Governor's office has assured the municipalities that they will get the same aid as last year. Ms. Arnold reported that she had a meeting to discuss some changes to the sign ordinance and ask businesses through the website for suggestions or changes to the ordinance. Ms. Arnold will go out to some of the businesses and ask for their views. There need to be some changes to allow the business to attract customers.

C. Sign ordinance amendments. Ms. Arnold reported that she had a meeting to discuss some changes to the sign ordinance and ask businesses through the website for suggestions or changes to the ordinance. Ms. Arnold will go out to some of the businesses and ask for their views. There need to be some changes to allow the business to attract customers.

D. Bereavement Policy amendments. Mr. Gural explained that there needs to be a few amendments to the bereavement policy to add son-in-laws, daughter-in-laws and grandchildren as immediate family.

E. Codification update-Mr. Gural reported that General Code is near completion on the codification and that the new ordinances are listed by number under codes on the website. They would like to have everything for the code in the next 45 days.

F. JIF Elected Officials Seminar-Mr. Gural remind councilmembers that did not attend the JIF meeting in Atlantic City that there is one March 11th in Eastampton.

G. Tri-Boro Veterans Property-Mr. Gural reported that the Borough now owns this property and that it has been secured by public works and there is Borough insurance to cover it.

H. Transitional Duty amendment. Mr. Gural explained that the JIF has a revised formula for transitional duty which is the same as light duty for employees that have been injured on the job.

I. Burlington County Bridge Pooled Financing Program-Mr. Gural discussed that the Borough is looking to do permanent financing by the end of the year so they will not be using the pooled financing available through the Bridge Commission.

J. Class attendance/reimbursement policy. Mr. Gural discussed that there needs to be a compressive policy on employees taking educational classes and seminars. The use of comp time and mileage reimbursement need to be regulate through the handbook policies.

K. Ordinance 2012-37 Amending Chapter 230 Of The Code(Yard Waste)-Mayor Scheffler discussed that she is requesting council to take a look at the ordinance that was adopted to require contractors to remove yard waste for the Borough property that they were working for. Mr. Norcross had suggested this ordinance due to the contractor trash affecting the Borough's landfill cost. Mayor Scheffler explained that she has heard from residents that some landscaper do not want to do work in Palmyra because they have to haul away the leaves and brush. The ordinance did provide for seniors and disabled residents to be waived the requirements of the ordinance. Mayor Scheffler would like to see the section of the ordinance about yard waste removed, and leave the construction materials in the ordinance. Mayor Scheffler requested councilmembers review the ordinance for next meeting.

L. New Jersey Transit gate timing. Chief Pearlman discussed that he had notified NJ Transit that a resolution was passed requesting them to look at the timing of the gates. Chief Pearlman has not had a response from NJ Transit and will send them a formal letter. Ms. Arnold

informed the Chief that the gate was down and lights were operating for 7-8 minutes and traffic was backed up. Chief Pearlman explained that in the last month the system has failed and the gates were down for no reason.

M. NJ Local Government Deskbook E-Books-Mr. Gural informed council that the Government Deskbook is now available on line for a small cost if council members would like the E-Book.

N. Police Department Annual Report-Chief Pearlman informed council that a copy of the report is on the website under police department. Chief Pearlman has also provided council with a copy of the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Construction Department- Ms. Arnold discussed that she and Mrs. Kilmer are working on the sign ordinance and that the construction/code/zoning report is included in everyone's packet.

Business Community Development- Mr. Bostock reported that due to the weather he has not had a chance to meet with the business. Mr. Bostock had a meeting with Mark Allen and Councilman Nowicki about the use of solar energy for the Borough.

Public Events. Mrs. Tait reported that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 28 at 9am. The community center board has a flyer out with all of the upcoming events. First Fridays with local artist performing at the center are schedule for the season. Mrs. Tait would like to see a mosaic be created by various groups for the lobby of the center. It would allow anyone or any group interested to participate in the creation of the mosaic. Mrs. Tait inquired as to councils thoughts about the mosaic. Borough Council consensus was that it was ok to proceed with the mosaic. Mrs. Tait discussed that at the school board meeting there was a discussion on the dress code and that it was changed several years ago to identify the students in the school system. The school put a survey on their website asking for opinions. Mrs. Tait explained that the PARCC testing will be starting tomorrow and that her kids have different opinions of the test. Ms. Arnold explained that parents do get the opportunity to opt out of the testing but it will affect the school ratings.

Land Use Board-Mrs. Tait reported that there was a meeting held in February with two applications.

Public Works/Sewer- President Dobbs reported that a copy of the report for public works and sewer has been provided to all councilmembers. The Senior Program is holding a men's day on March 10 to attempt to interest some men into coming out and joining the activities.

Administration/Negotiations/Communications/Public Safety- Mayor Scheffler reported that Congressman Andrews has reached out to her about redevelopers. A lot of residents followed the rules and moved their cars off the street for the snow plow. Chief Pearlman explained that they attempt to notify the owners of the cars before issuing a violations. Mayor Scheffler discussed the memo from Mr. Rosenberg about the OPRA requests. Ms. Arnold explained that she would like to have a copy of the policy and procedures from the police department and would also like to know the policy for transporting prisoners to the prisoners, policy for DWI and traffic stops.

Mr. Nowicki thanked public works for the snow and ice removing and that he heard several compliments about the excellent job on the streets. Mayor Scheffler explained that the financial impact of the storm is over 200 hours of overtime. The public works crew works long days and nights during a storm.

Chief Pearlman reported that the department had conduct a Senior Academy one day a week for the seniors involved in the program. Next year he would like to reach out to more seniors in the community. One of the trips was to Central Communications and that everyone who attend receives a certificate.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT. Mr. Gural discussed that he would like to have Mr. Rosenberg review the two ordinances on parking of vehicles during a snow emergency. The two ordinances do not seem to mesh.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. President Dobbs made a motion to open the meeting to the public, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Rader-Harbour Drive inquired if the appointments on the agenda were new appointments and were they paid appointments. Mayor Scheffler explained that these position were held by Mr. Ryan annually with no additional pay. Mr. Rader inquired if Ordinance 2013-2 required a motion to hold it. Mrs. Sheipe explained that the Ordinance was not introduced and that it was pulled from the agenda by the Mayor.

Mr. Reed-Temple Blvd. discussed that his mother's house on Pear Street was not left as an eyesore and that his mother left the house to go into a nursing home. There is a vehicle in the driveway so that the house did not look empty and they would take his mother from time to time to visit the house. At 35 Pear Street there is a vacant house and the grass never gets cut and it is strewn with broken glass. Mr. Reed explained that the Borough should look at their building, the rain gutters are coming off, the steps are broken and the paint is peeling on the outside. Mr. Reed discussed that he had heard that the Mayor had a meeting with several real estate agents and requested that certificate of occupancy inspections be held until they can meet again. Mr. Reed explained that he had a buyer the first week of March and had to pay for the inspection on March 10th. Mrs. Kilmer never informed him about a temporary certificate. Mayor Scheffler replied that they are reviewing the ordinances on the issue that were adopted. Mr. Reed discussed that the Mayor should not have gone after Ms. Arnold in this venue.

Mrs. Jones.-5th Street-requested that council speak into their microphones so that everyone can hear. Mrs. Jones invited the Mayor and Council to attend the Men's Day on March 10th. The Senior Program has 96 members and that the center is used every day but Monday. The police academy was a good program and it was all women who attended. Mrs. Jones informed council that she has the entire schedule for the year on a calendar.

Mr. Rader-Harbour Drive-discussed that he has a suggestion that you should consider the source and ignore the text.

Mr. McElwee-Columbia- thanked Council for the brine truck it has made a lot of difference on the roads. Yellow Ribbon will be at the Charles Street with a presentation and also collecting can goods from the students.

No one else wishing to be heard, Mrs. Tait made a motion to close the public portion, Mr. Bostock second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

CLOSED SESSION. Resolution No. 2015-69 Resolution Excluding The Public From Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 Of The Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P.L. 1975. (Litigation and personnel) Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Nowicki second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Dobbs, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Nowicki, Mr. Bostock, Ms. Arnold, Mr. Howard.
NAYES: None.

Council went into executive session at 8:44 pm.

Council returned to public session at 9:31 pm.

Resolution 2015-70- Resolution Authorizing The Appointment Of Armando Riccio, Esq. As Borough Special Solicitor At A Maximum Of 20 Hours. President Dobbs made a motion to approve the resolutions, Mr. Nowicki second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Dobbs, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Nowicki, Mr. Bostock, Ms. Arnold, Mr. Howard.

NAYES: None.

Resolution 2015-71, Resolution Authorizing Anthony Wright To Be Eligible For Retirement Benefits Through The State Health Benefit Program. President Dobbs made a motion to approve the resolution, Mrs. Tait second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Dobbs, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Nowicki, Mr. Bostock, Ms. Arnold, Mr. Howard.

NAYES: None.

Mr. Nowicki requested that Mr. Rosenberg revisit his conflict issue with the Local Finance Board.

Adjournment. President Dobbs made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 pm, Mr. Nowicki second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.