

**Borough of Palmyra**  
**Minutes-September 21, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

**ROLL CALL.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Scheffler, President Dobbs, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Bostock, Ms. Arnold, Mr. Howard.

**ABSENT:** None.

**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-** Mrs. Tait requested a correction to the minutes to show that Mr. Howard was present at the meeting of August 17<sup>th</sup>. President Dobbs made a motion to approve the minutes from August 17, 2015, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion with Mr. Bostock abstaining.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

A. Letter of Resignation-Adam Nowicki. Mayor Scheffler read the letter into the record from Councilman Nowicki listing his resignation date as of September 15, 2015.

B. Letter of Resignation-Raymond Tubic. Mayor Scheffler read the letter into the record from Mr. Tubic that he is retiring from the public works department as of December 31, 2015. Mayor Scheffler expressed her thanks to Mr. Tubic for his dedication to the Borough.

C. Revised letter of Resignation-Thomas Ryan. Mayor Scheffler reported that Mr. Ryan has revised his original retirement date to March 31, 2016.

D. Pregnancy Center-Thank you letter for Public Works. The Pregnancy Center, Maternal Care, Christian Academy of West Broad Street sent in a letter to express their thanks to Tom Ryan and the Public Works Department for going above their duty to help with a dead tree that had fallen in the storm.

E. SBC NAACP Professional Achievement Award-Chief Scott Pearlman. Mayor Scheffler read the following letter into the record:



# Southern Burlington County NAACP

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Burlington  
County NAACP  
Unit 2106

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1 August 2015

Chief Scott Pearlman  
Palmyra Police Department  
20 West Broad Street  
Palmyra, NJ 08065

Re: NAACP Award

Dear Chief Pearlman:

It is with great pride and pleasure that I inform you of your selection to receive the Southern Burlington County NAACP's **Professional Achievement Award** on October 30, 2015 at our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Fund Awards Gala being held at The Westin Mount Laurel, 555 Fellowship Road in Mount Laurel, New Jersey.

The **Professional Achievement Award** is presented to an individual that distinguishes themselves in their chosen profession and utilizes their position within their profession to assist others achieve their dreams. For your commitment to public safety and bridging the gap of civil rights and law enforcement, specifically with the NAACP and Palmyra Police Department. Your dedication to improving diversity within the Palmyra Police and community engagement is certainly commendable.

This award will be presented on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at our Freedom Fund event which begins at 6:30 PM. We have one complimentary ticket for you. Additional tickets for the event are \$70.

Additionally, should you wish to place an ad in our Souvenir Journal, please contact J. W. Piercy, III. at (240) 770-1911 for more information. Also, if you could please forward your bio to him at [dge6109@gmail.com](mailto:dge6109@gmail.com) no later than Friday, October 2, 2015 it would be greatly appreciated.

Again, congratulations on your selection. We look forward to recognizing you publically on October 30th!

Sincerely,

Ms. Crystal D. Charley  
President, Southern Burlington County NAACP

Chief Pearlman explained that he was not expecting the honor and that it is really for the entire police department. Chief Pearlman explained that Lt. Campbell will handle the Halloween Parade that evening.

Mayor Scheffler requested that her paycheck as usual go towards the Halloween Parade.

F. PTA- Mayor Scheffler received a letter from the PTA announcing that they had moved their meetings to Tuesday night, so that there is no conflict of meetings between Council and the PTA.

Mayor Scheffler discussed that the Borough had received an OPRA request about three weeks ago for information on her and President Dobbs. Mayor Scheffler discussed that the public does have a right to the information, but that this OPRA request took 148 hours of Borough employees time to fill, time that the Borough's taxpayers had to pay for. Mayor Scheffler explained that it was one of the most significant ones that she can remember. The taxpayers of the Borough should not have to pay for someone's political agenda.

### PROFESSIONAL UPDATES.

A. Environmental Resolutions-Mr. Kirchner discussed that there is a change order on the agenda for the Borough Hall Door project in the amount of \$300. this was to do some work on the construction office door. The generator for the community center and also the road project for West Second Street is out for bid and the bid opening is September 30. The stop signs at Legion and 6<sup>th</sup> Street were reviewed and public works reinstalled them. Mr. Kirchner is awaiting information from Riverton on the five way stop at Elm and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Public works did move the stop sign at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street on the Borough's side to confirm with the new traffic standards. Mr. Kirchner explained that Burlington County does not own Route 73, so they are unable to post a sign directing traffic to Palmyra. Mr. Kirchner explained that DOT has the right of way on Route 73 and that he has contacted them about having a sign placed. NJ Transit and Mr. Kirchner will meet after the Pope's visit to discuss the two (2) Welcome to Palmyra signs. Mr. Kirchner passed out a concept plan for Bank Avenue to use for the application to the Burlington County Parks Grant, the plan can always be amended later to meet the requirements. The sewer plant is up and running, as well as the thickener. Mrs. Tait inquired if something could be done about the dirt on the softball field, it is as hard as concrete. Mr. Kirchner explained that it has to be watered to keep the dirt soft. Mr. Gural will have public works take a look at it. Ms. Arnold inquired as to what the red lines on the plan indicated. Mr. Kirchner explained that instead of a sidewalk or roadway, the area will be stripped.

B. Environmental Resources Inc.-Mr. Hogue discussed the investigation of the munitions and explosives of concern (MEC). Mr. Hogue explained that a sign about the project has to be placed down at the Palmyra Cove and that he sent draft language to Mr. Gural for review. The project is set to start about November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Mr. Hogue reviewed the action items that ERM will take on the project: prepare application for a soil erosion and sediment control plan certification and submit to Burlington County Soil Conservation, prepare a revised cost estimate for MEC RI work is consultation with MMG and Palmyra and submit to DEP for release of funding from the grant. Mr. Hogue explained that the Borough will need to have an access letter to the properties. Mayor Scheffler will need to sign application on behalf of Borough for review for soil erosion and sediment control. Ms. Arnold inquired if Mr. Hogue is satisfied that things are moving at the right pace. Mr. Hogue replied that yes he is satisfied that the right people are on the project and that the funds from the grant are available. President Dobbs inquired as to how long the investigation will take. Mr. Hogue replied that it should take about a couple months and that it depends on the weather.

C. Community Grants, Planning and Housing. Mr. Gural gave the report for CGP & H. The Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation program grant has been applied for which will assist the Borough in closing out the RCA agreement with Evesham Township. The Borough is applying for the Burlington County Parks Development Grant for along the riverfront between Garfield and

Morgan Avenue, the Safe Streets to Transit Program to request funds for traffic calming measures within the Broad Street Corridor. Mr. Gural reported that the Boroughs Declaratory Judgement and supporting documents were submitted to the courts to have continued protection from builders Remedy lawsuits via the court. The Council on Affordable Housing has been stripped of its responsibilities by the NJ Supreme Court. The Borough has until December 5, 2015 to provide the court with an updated Housing Element and Fair Share.

D. **CMEngineering**-Mr. Gural gave the report for CME; the AST project involves the installation of an above ground fuel tank and dispensers at the public works yard. The Board of Education has provided their fuel consumption data. The report recommends the installation of one (1) above ground 2,000 gallon fuel tank with two(2) 1, 000 gallon compartments-one for unleaded gas and the other one for diesel fuel. The project is looking to go out for bid in February 2016.

E. **Brownfields Conference**- Mayor Scheffler reported that Mrs. Tait and Mr. Howard had attend the convention with her and that it was extremely productive and there was a majority of developers there. They had the opportunity to talk to redevelopers that were there for Brownfield developments. They created contacts and presented the Borough's program. Congressman Andrews has a redeveloper that would like to give a proposal to the Borough. Mr. Howard explained that they had met with about ten people that gave great input for redevelopment areas. Mrs. Tait discussed that everything was laid out and that she came away with a lot of information.

#### **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.**

A. **Ordinance 2015-14, Ordinance Authorizing the Public Auction Of Real Property Owned By Palmyra That Is No Longer Needed for Public Use by Auction To The Highest Bidder.** (Block 127, Lot 10 & 11). Mayor Scheffler read the title into the record. Council discussed the minimum price needed to cover the Borough's cost on the property. The consensus was that the bid should start at \$40,000 due to the appraisal. Mrs. Tait made a motion to open the ordinance for a public hearing, Mr. Bostock second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. No one from the public wishing to be heard, President Dobbs made a motion to close the public portion, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. President Dobbs made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading, Mr. Bostock second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

**NAYES:** None. The ordinance was adopted on second and final reading and will take effect after publication according to law.

**RESOLUTIONS. Consent Agenda-** Resolution 2015-161-Resolution 2015-185 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. Mayor Scheffler removed Resolutions 2015-165 and 2015-180 from the consent agenda. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Bostock second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

**NAYES:** None.

**Resolution 2015-165-** Resolution Awarding Engineering Services For West Second Street Improvements To Environmental Resolutions, Inc. Mr. Bostock made a motion to approve the resolution, Mrs. Tait second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

**NAYES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** President Dobbs.

**Resolution 2015-180,** Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of 2016 Ford Interceptor And Accessories From Cherry Hill Winner Ford via State Contract In The Amount Of \$35,208.62 For Use By The Palmyra Police Department Utilizing 2015 Capital Funds. Chief Pearlman explained that this is a vehicle that will replace one of the older ones that has over 100,000 miles on it. The old vehicle will be rotated down to a detective car. President Dobbs made a

motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Howard second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

**NAYES:** Ms. Arnold.

A. Resolution 2015-161, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra Approving Contract Change Order #2 For Garozzo & Scimeca Construction Inc. for the Borough Hall Door Replacement Project in the Amount of \$300,000.

B. Approval of Bingo License for Independence Fire #1-Coach Bag Bingo-10/4/15.

C. Approval of Special Social Permit for Palmyra Cove Environmental Education Foundation for October 3, 2015.

D. Resolution 2015-162, Resolution Authorizing A Handicapped Parking Space For 601 Delaware Avenue.

E. Resolution 2015- 163, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra Authorizing The Mayor To Sign All Necessary Paperwork For The County Municipal Park Development Program.

F. Resolution 2015-164, Resolution Appointing Substitute Crossing Guards For The 2015-2016 School Year.

G. Resolution 2015-165, Resolution Awarding Engineering Services For West Second Street Improvements To Environmental Resolutions, Inc.

H. Resolution 2015-166, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (1004 Cinnaminson Avenue).

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J. Resolution 2015-168, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (525 W. Front).

K. Resolution 2015-169, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (406 Veterans Drive).

L. Resolution 2015-170, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (501 Garfield).

M. Resolution 2015-171, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (500 Arch).

N. Resolution 2015-172, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (509 Kennedy).

O. Resolution 2015-173, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (603 W. Front).

P. Resolution 2015-174, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (910 Washington).

Q. Resolution 2015-175, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (609 W. Broad).

R. Resolution 2015-176, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (515 Jefferson).

S. Resolution 2015-177, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of

**Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (220 W 3<sup>rd</sup>).**

**T. Resolution 2015-178, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington Authorizing A Lien Be Placed On Properties for Failure To Comply With Obnoxious Growth And Property Maintenance Violations. (600 Legion).**

**U. Resolution 2015-179, Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of 2016 Ford Explorer and Accessories From Cherry Hill Winner Ford via State Contract In The Amount Of \$33,124.32 For Use By The Palmyra Fire Department Utilizing 2015 Capital Funds.**

**V. Resolution 2015-180, Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of 2016 Ford Interceptor And Accessories From Cherry Hill Winner Ford via State Contract In The Amount Of \$35,208.62 For Use By The Palmyra Police Department Utilizing 2015 Capital Funds.**

**W. Resolution 2015-181, Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Body Worn Camera Computer Server And Accessories From Networks Plus In The Amount Of \$27,895. For Use By The Palmyra Police Department Utilizing 2015 Capital Funds.**

**X. Resolution 2015-182, Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Body Worn Cameras From Digital Alley In The Amount Of \$22,895.00 For Use By The Palmyra Police Department Utilizing 2015 Capital Funds.**

**Y. Resolution 2015-183, Resolution Authorizing Adoption Of U.S. General Services Administration Per Diem Rates As Official Rates Reimbursed And/Or Paid To Borough Personnel For Official Travel.**

**Z. Resolution 2015-184, Resolution Authorizing The Payment Of Bills For August, 2015 In The Amount Of \$4,274,886.61.**

**1. Resolution 2015-185, Resolution Identifying Kareemah Press As The Fair Housing Officer.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

**A. Cell tower/Monopole. Mr. Gural discussed that the primary report was emailed to all council members. The ownership of the tower is being looked at to make sure that in the future it is cleared who is responsible for all of the construction repairs that will be needed. Mr. Gural explained that the tower is very well constructed and that the companies do maintenance on their individual equipment. Mr. Rosenberg is reviewing all of the current leases for the tower. Ms. Arnold inquired about the upgrade that AT & T requested. Mr. Gural replied that the Borough has not signed off on the improvements till Mr. Rosenberg has completed his review.**

**B. Armando Riccio, Esq. Invoice.-Mr. Gural explained that the new charges on the bill that are above the set amount are for transcripts, copies, etc. The charges are due to an investigation of allegations for a department. Resolution 2015-186, Resolution Amending Resolution 2015-70, Resolution 2015-86 and Resolution 2015-108 Authorizing The Appointment Of Armando v. Riccio, Esq. as Borough Special Solicitor. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the resolution, President Dobbs second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

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

**NAYES: None.**

**C. Borough Council Vacancy. Mr. Rosenberg recommended that Council pass a resolution accepting the letter of resignation from Mr. Nowicki. Mayor Scheffler expressed her concerns about the date of the letter and the actual date of the resignation. If the resignation was before September, when the letter was dated in August, the position would be placed on the November ballot for the taxpayers to decide. Mr. Rosenberg discussed that the specific statute states that September 1<sup>st</sup> is the drop dead deadline for new information for the ballot, but there is always exemptions to the rule. Mayor Scheffler requested that Mr. Rosenberg look into the issue. Mr. Rosenberg discussed that the argument would be if it is fair to deprive the voters of selecting someone to represent them for the next 15 months. Ms. Arnold inquired if it was a decision of council's. Mr. Rosenberg replied that if council concluded that it was important not to disfranchise the voters then council could ask the court to place name on the ballot. Mr. Bostock discussed that the voters should make the decision and that he chose not to run in this election, due to the fact that he is moving in the next few years, so that voters could elect someone who would be here for the entire term of office. Mr. Howard discussed that the voters should be allowed to vote on the**

opening. Ms. Arnold discussed that there is a discrepancy because if a person is placed on the ballot at this time, they do not have the benefit that others do to have their name on ballots already. Ms. Arnold discussed that it comes back to the political parties and that the law is clear that three (3) names are to be submitted to council and one name is to be chosen to fill the vacancy. Mayor Scheffler explained that council still has time to select a name, since it is 15 days after the names are submitted. Resolution 2015-187, Resolution Authorizing The Solicitor to Determine Whether The Clerk Of Burlington County Has Already Received The Printed Ballots For The General Election On November 3, 2015 and To Research The Law Regarding a Potential Legal Challenge To the Statue Providing For The Appointment Of A Council Vacancy Occurring After September 1<sup>st</sup> Of the Next To Last Year Of Term. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Howard second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ms. Arnold.

Ms. Arnold stepped down from the dais to the podium. Ms. Arnold as Chairwoman of the Palmyra Republicans submitted three names for the vacancy on Council; Frank Cosky, Bryan Norcross, Bill Reed. Ms. Arnold gave a brief synopsis of each candidate: Mr. Cosky-was born and raised in Palmyra and attended Palmyra schools, he attend Rutgers Law School and has a legal practice in Cinnaminson, Mr. Cosky also served as a councilman for three years in the 1990's. Mr. Norcross is Undersheriff and works for the Sheriff's department of Burlington County. He assists with the budget process for the department and oversees the clerical staff. Mr. Norcross has also worked for the Borough of Riverton, was honorable discharged from the Navy and works on various activities in the Borough for the children. Mr. Reed is a life-long resident with deep family roots in the Borough. Ms. Arnold requested that a vote be taken tonight to replace Mr. Nowicki. Mayor Scheffler explained that no vote would be taken tonight, due to the need for interviewing the prospective candidates.

Mr. Rosenberg informed council that they also need to do a resolution to accept Mr. Nowicki resignation. Resolution 2015-188, Resolution Accepting The Resignation Of Adam Nowicki From Borough Council Effective September 15, 2015. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Howard second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ms. Arnold.

D. Cinnaminson Ave and Temple Blvd update-Chief Pearlman informed council that he has not heard anything back from the County. There was an accident at the location, but no injuries.

E. PW/Superintendent-Mayor Scheffler discussed that there will be a large void to fill when Mr. Ryan retires from the Borough. Mr. Gural requested that he be given permission to start looking for a replacement for Mr. Ryan. The positions require a number of different licenses and there is a need for the training to overlap.

F. Sign, fence & porch set-back ordinances-The Council is still waiting for response from the Land Use Board.

G. Athletic Organizations. Mr. Gural explained that Mr. Howard had sent an email concerning the policy on background checks for the athletic organizations in the Borough. The Borough does not have a hard core process for the requirement of background checks for people who are volunteering as coaches, but not employees of the Borough. Chief Pearlman discussed that background checks should be a requirement of using the Borough's center and fields. An ordinance should be adopted with the requirements spelled out.

H. Joint meeting-Borough Council & Land Use Board-10/19-The Housing Element and Fair Share Plan need to be present to Council and to the Land Use Board, the most productive way is to have a joint meeting of the boards on October 19, 2015.

I. Sidewalk Inventory-Mr. Gural handed out the inventory that was prepared by Environmental Resolutions detailing all of Borough owned sidewalks.

#### ADMINISTRATOR REPORT.

A. Best Practice Inventory/Checklist-Mr. Gural reported that the Best Practice checklist is due to the State by October 16<sup>th</sup> and that he will present it to Council on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Artificial Field Repairs/grooming-August 21<sup>st</sup>.** Landtek repaired and groomed the turf fields.

**C. Community Center & Borough Hall Improvements-Mr. Gural** discussed that the front steps on Borough Hall are on the list to be replaced and also any additional work needed at the Community Center.

**D. 2015 General Obligation Bond Issue.** The Borough received a copy of the Certificate Making Award Of Tax Exempt General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015B by The Borough Of Palmyra, In Accordance With Terms of the Notice of Sale. Mr. Gural read into the record page three (3) the list of bidders and their amounts:

<b>BIDDERS</b>	<b>BID(TIC)</b>
UBS Financial Services, Inc.	2.798176%
Robert W. Baird 86 Co., Inc.	2.822717
Bank of America/Merrill Lynch	2.855791
Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC.	2.947111

**E. Mosquito control.** The County has completed some spraying for West Nile Virus and if the Borough is informed ahead of time, an email blast is sent out to the residents.

**F. MedExpress Urgent Care-this was held for executive session under contracts.**

**G. JIF Elected Officials Seminars/Training-there are three(3) dates for council officials to attend with one being in Burlington County, the Borough receives credit for each member that attends.**

**H. Papal Visit Update-Chief Pearlman informed Council that the Riverline will not be stopping in Palmyra on Saturday or Sunday due to the Papal visit in Philadelphia. The majority of the traffic issues will be with Route 73.**

**I. Bowling Alley-Mr. Gural requested that this be held for executive session.**

**J. AED-Chief Pearlman discussed that they are working on a comprehensive plan on the use and availability of the AED for the athletic organizations.**

**K. Travel expense reports-Mr. Gural reminded everyone that they need to submit their reports to get reimbursed by the Borough.**

**L. Shred & Electronics Disposal Events-the County is holding their shredding event this weekend and the Borough will be holding theirs on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 7am-noon at the public works yard.**

**M. Maintenance Bonds expirations.** Mr. Gural explained that the bond for firehouse generator expired in March 2015 and that Mr. Kirchner, ERI has recommend the release of the bond. The bond for the HVAC expires the end of September 2015.

**Resolution 2015-189, Resolution Authorizing The Release of the Bond for The Independent Firehouse #1 Generator Project For Ronald Janney Electrical, Inc.** Mr. Bostock made a motion to approve the resolution, President Dobbs second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

**NAYES: None.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**Land Use Board/Public Events-** Mrs. Tait reported that the Land Use Board did not meet this month. The town wide yard sale was a success with many houses participating. The Halloween Committee is working on the parade.

**Youth Activities-** Mr. Howard reported that basketball has started under PAL/RIV and that there are people who want to be involved with the sport. Right now there is just an intermural league and that there are about 200 kids interested in playing. On October 6 at 7:30 there will be a meeting for anyone that is interested.

**Student Activities-**Mr. Gravano reported that Palmyra beat Holy Cross.

**Board of Education/Construction/Code Enforcement-** Ms. Arnold reported there are still signs available from the police department that say Please drive slowly we ♥ our children. The construction committee is still working on the sign ordinance and that the issue of not having a sign for a yard sale is being addressed. A scanner has been ordered for the construction department.

**Public Works/Sewer-** President Dobbs reported that the public works and sewer report have been given to all council members and that public works has received a new truck that was previously approved. The public works yard is still open on Saturday mornings for residents.

Ms. Arnold discussed that the addresses on the properties for liens for property maintenance are not always the current ones. The real estate agent could be working on a short sale or different names for vacant properties. Ms. Arnold discussed that when an item that is not on the agenda is discussed the public is not aware that it will be discussed that evening. Mr. Rosenberg explained that the Mayor sets the agenda with the Borough Clerk and that things can be added by the Mayor. Ms. Arnold explained that the subjects should be on the agenda, so that the public can be informed and the council has a chance to review the subjects. Mr. Rosenberg explained that it is the decision of the Mayor to amend the agenda.

Coffee with a Cop is tomorrow at the WAWA and Operation Take Back For Medicine is on Saturday-September 26. Residents can bring old medicines to the police department for disposal.

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

Mr. McElwee-Columbia Avenue inquired as to when the medals for the Veterans would be given out in November. Council discussed giving them out on Veterans Day, but the weather may not be suited for an outdoor event. The medals will be given out at the council meeting of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Mr. McElwee inquired if the properties listed for liens on the agenda are all vacant. Mr. McElwee discussed that he believes that the ballots for the election are already printed for absentee mailings.

Mr. Rader-Harbour Drive inquired if Harbour Drive becomes a public road owned by the Borough can speed humps and crosswalks be installed. Mayor Scheffler explained that the Borough has not made a decision to take over the dedication of Harbour Drive and the Harbour Board can make it a gated community or put speed humps it is up to the Association. Mayor Scheffler explained that the fire department is concerned that speed bumps will slow down their response time.

Attorney on behalf of Holy Spirit Cathedral-Broad Street discussed that it has come to his attention that the church has problems with the parking on the street. Mayor Scheffler explained that she had received a letter from the Church and also had talked to the Chief about the issue. There is a parking ordinance and also a Land Use resolution regarding the parking of the Church that regulates the issue. Chief Pearlman explained that he has reached out to the Church, the Borough's Zoning Officer and also the Borough Administrator to set up a meeting to try and work something out.

Ms. Veitheimer-Roland Avenue expressed her dismay about the questioning of the vacancy on Borough Council and that it would not have happen if it was the other party. Ms. Veitenheimer inquired how much it was going to cost the taxpayer to work it out. Mayor Scheffler replied that it could be one telephone call and over. Ms. Veitheimer discussed that the paper said that Palmyra was 35<sup>th</sup> from the bottom places to live with the taxes. Mayor Scheffler explained that the taxes include the school and county as well as the local taxes. Mr. Gural explained that the Borough was not the highest tax rate in the county and that the largest contributor to the Boroughs taxes is the school. Ms. Veitheimer discussed that the paper shows that the town has one of the highest tax rates in the county. Mayor Scheffler explained that the majority of the taxes go to the schools. Mr. Bostock discussed that the school and county were higher than the Borough and that Ms. Veitenheimer should attend the school budget meeting where they laid out the seven (7) year plan. Ms. Veitheimer explained that she does not understand how Cinnaminson can have a lower rate than the Borough and that she is thinking about moving due to the taxes.

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

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

**Resolution 2015-190, Resolution Excluding the Public From Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 Of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P. L. 1975. (Litigation, personnel).** President Dobbs made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Bostock second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

**NAYES: None.**

**Borough Council went into executive session at 9:00pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT.** Mrs. Tait made a motion to adjourn at 9:39 pm, Mr. Howard second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.