

**BOROUGH OF PALMYRA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 19, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

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

A. Posting written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Palmyra Borough Hall on December 28, 2015.

B. Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, Courier Post newspaper on December 28, 2015.

C. Notice to all Council.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Michelle Arnold, President Bryan Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Yetter, Mr. Howard.

Absent: Ms. Tucker.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Norman King gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the minutes from December 7, 2016, Mr. Howard second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, except Mr. Yetter who abstained from the vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

A. Letter from the Republican Party submitting names for vacancy on Borough Council. Mayor Arnold informed council that a letter was given to the Borough Clerk listing the three names submitted: John Casparro, Frank Cosky, Edward Kearney. Mayor Arnold requested that each person give a little background about themselves.

Frank Cosky-Henry Street discussed that he remembers when he was on council and that after consideration he would like to serve again. Mr. Cosky explained that he was born and raised in Palmyra, went to Palmyra high school and attend Rutgers. He has been practicing law for the last 26 years in Burlington County. Mr. Cosky explained that he can see the best sides of an issue and has served as a mediator. He will do the best that he can to be a good councilmember.

John Casparro-Morgan Avenue discussed that he was born and raised in Palmyra and also attend school here. He has a degree in accounting and as a real estate agent he has dealt with commercial management and is very interested in the redevelopment. Mr. Casparro discussed that everyone on council wants to do their best for the Borough and that it is good to have different ideas.

Edward Kearney-Rowland Street discussed that he has lived in the Borough for 35 years. He has helped the Girl Scouts with the Band Shell project update, member of the Halloween

Parade and has helped with Palmyra Day. Mr. Kearney children attend the high school and that he hopes to help make council a better organization.

Mayor Arnold explained that Borough Council has 15 days to consider an appointment for the vacancy. Mr. Howard discussed that Mr. Kearney discussed his community involvement and he inquired what community involvement the other candidates had. Mr. Cosky replied that he has helped the senior program with seminars and wills. He also assisted them with filing the correct paperwork for the organization. Mr. Cosky works with the tennis team and teaches tennis at Legion Field. Mr. Casparro explained that he is the Chairman of the Annual Alumni Soccer and helps raise about \$1,000 for the soccer team at the school. The alumni brings back the spirit and understanding of the team. The younger students are ball boys and girls at the game. Mr. Howard inquired if any of the candidates are interested in running in the November election? Mr. Cosky replied that he has discussed it.

B. Request for Leave of Absence-Crossing Guard-President Norcross made a motion to accept the leave of absence request, Mr. Yetter second the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

C. Letter from the Burlington County Prosecutors Office-Body Worn Camera Assistance Program. Chief Pearlman received a letter from the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office concerning the Body Worn Camera Assistance Program. The program will award Palmyra \$8500. towards the purchases of the cameras. Chief Pearlman explained that he is still in the process of evaluating manufacturers of the cameras and that the Borough has till July to issue a purchase order. President Norcross inquired if the \$8500 covered the full cost of the cameras. Chief Pearlman replied that in last year's capital budget there were funds for the server and cameras, so the grant money will be a savings on the cameras. The different body cameras are being tested now.

#### **APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR MICHELLE ARNOLD.**

A. Appointments to the Public Safety Committee-Mayor Arnold will be the Chairman of the Committee and Shelby Tucker will be on the committee.

B. Appointments to the Land Use Board-Mayor Arnold appointed John Gural as the Class II member for one year term, Lewis Yetter as Class III, Council Representative for a one year term, Andrew Blaisdell as Class IV member for a four year term, Roberta Locke, as Class IV member for a four year term and Norman Kings, as Class IV member for a four year term.

C. Volunteer opportunities for Public Events Committee. Mayor Arnold requested that anyone interested in sitting on the committee should let her know.

#### **PROFESSIONAL UPDATES.**

A. ERM-Mr. Hogue advised council that ERM has been working on the project on the south side of Route 73. Good progress has been made on the project. Mr. Hogue discussed that Mayor Arnold and Mr. Gural participated in a meeting with the state agencies and received good feedback on the project. The Brownfields department has visited the site and also the Director of Emergency Management conducted a visit. There has been a lot more interest regarding the public safety perspective and the redevelopment. Mayor Arnold reported that there is excitement at the state level and that the more activity, the better chance of advancing the project.

B. ERI-William Kirchner reported that on the agenda there is a change order for Curb-con. The work on South Broad Street is about 80 per cent completed, the rest will be completed when the weather breaks. West Second Street still needs paving and there are a few concrete projects to finish up. At the end of the contract there should also be a reduction. Mr. Kirchner discussed that the bids for the HVAC system were all rejected due

to missing information in all of them. An electrical contractor certification must be listed on the bid. Mr. Kirchner is requesting an additional \$1,000 for the advertising and rebidding of the project. All work on Parry Avenue has been completed and the bond can now be released. Mr. Kirchner has met with the Chief about the discussion of 4<sup>th</sup> Street becoming a one-way at the high school block. There will need to be a public outreach meeting for parents of students and residents. There was a discussion with council about the timing of the work for 4<sup>th</sup> street and that it would be better to have it put in place over the summer for the new school year. Mr. Kirchner explained that the project is mostly stripping and signage change. Council discussed that student safety is the most important component of the project. Mr. Gural explained that council may want to budget for the project in the 2016 budget instead of waiting for a DOT grant to redo the whole roadway. DOT is low on funding and it may take awhile to get approval. The stripping and signage could be done now and the roadway would be completed if the grant and funding is approved. Mayor Arnold recommend waiting for feedback from the community first and that the project should be completed over summer break. Mr. Kirchner reported on the accordion wall and that the design is wrapping up and that they will obtain quotes in the next few weeks. Mayor Arnold requested that Mr. Kirchner explain the entire project for new councilmembers who were not present at previous discussions last year. Mr. Kirchner explained that the current wall between the two classrooms will be eliminate and that a partition wall will be installed that opens in the middle and folds back on each side to allow the two rooms to combine into one large room. A closet will need to be eliminate and some lighting will be relocated as well as chair rails as part of the project. The senior organization had requested the wall due to needing more space for their meetings and activities. Mr. Kirchner advised council that the digging for the generator project at the community center will start on Monday, weather permitting. The tank at the sewer plant will be filled as part of the final project. Mr. Howard inquired if the partition wall will be sound proof. Mr. Kirchner replied that the wall is a true room separation designed for this purpose and will be sound proof. Mrs. Tait inquired if the low bidder for the generator is a new company this year. Mr. Kirchner replied that yes, they came in lower than last year's bid. Mr. Gural explained that the wall is a capital improvement project and fully funded a few years ago.

C. Mr. Burns, solicitor spoke about the Open Public Meetings Act and OPRA (open records act). The Open Public Meetings Act is a law that governs council bodies that meet. The governing body cannot meet with a quorum of members if the meeting is not advertised as a public meeting. NJSA 10:4-6 explains the law. Mr. Burns explained that OPRA is the open records act and provides that citizens have the right to ask for any record kept in a normal course of business and that the Municipal Clerk is the custodian records. The act states that any document that is maintained, created, record or received, including emails, text messages, calls logs are public records. The public has a right to these records whether they are created on a personal computer or cell phone, or on a Borough device. If a record is determine to be confidential, then it is not released and the public is advised the reason. President Norcross inquired as to how the public gets these records. Mr. Gural explained that there is a form on the website and also the form can be picked up at Borough Hall. Most documents can be produced right away unless they are in offsite storage. The Borough has 7 days to produce the documents. President Norcross inquired if there is a timeframe on the storage of the documents. Mr. Burns replied that the state does allow some records to be destroyed after approval by the state. Mr. Burns recommend that council do not use their personal devices to conduct any Borough business. Mayor Arnold explained that it is important to get that information out to the public as well as councilmembers. Mayor Arnold discussed that council committees are going to meet and prepare reports that will be presented at the second council meeting. Mayor Arnold explained that OPRA is one of the many reasons why she has requested Borough cellphones and laptops for all councilmembers. All Borough business paperwork is to be kept at Borough Hall.

**PUBLIC PORTION-** This public portion is for matters listed on the agenda only. Please state your name and address for the record. An opportunity for the public to comment on other matters is listed later in the agenda. President Norcross made a motion to open the public portion, Mr. Yetter second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Veitenheimer-Rowland Street inquired if the water company replaced their pipes on South Broad Street before the new project was completed. Mr. Kirchner replied that those that needed replacing were done and that the utilities are always notified before a project starts that they need to do their work first. Ms. Veitenheimer discussed that the water company dug up Parry Avenue after it was newly paved. Mr. Kirchner explained that the new road projects cannot be disturbed for 5 years unless there is an emergency. The water company will be repaving Parry Avenue to make it new again. Ms. Veitenheimer inquired about Resolution 2016-51 for time off for employees. Mr. Gural replied that this is a renewal of a resolution adopted in 2015 that allows employees hired after 2007 to have additional PTO days off. They currently do not received any sick time.

Mrs. Jones-West 5<sup>th</sup> Street inquired as to which way the door for the wall will open at the community center. Mr. Kirchner replied that the plan is to open from the center and each half will fold back against the walls. Mr. Gural discussed that the plan will be discussed. Mrs. Jones inquired if the senior program will need another place to meet while the construction is going on. Mr. Gural replied that he will work it out with Mrs. Jones. Mayor Arnold explained that all groups will be coordinated with the wall. Mrs. Jones inquired as to which way the traffic will be directed on the 4<sup>th</sup> street project. Mr. Gural explained that it would go towards Delaware on 4<sup>th</sup> Street so that students can safely get to the sidewalk and curbs. Mrs. Jones discussed that the seniors have their calendar completed for the 2016 year through December. The Chief will be holding another Senior Academy.

President Norcross discussed that if the water company is allowed to do their work before a project begins, what constitutes an emergency to allow them to open the street later. Mr. Kirchner explained if a road is leaking with water and that an ordinance was adopted requiring them to pay extra for the road openings and also to repair the roadway as it was. Chief Pearlman explained that the recent water break at the corner of Highland and Broad was an emergency.

Mr. Rader-Harbour Drive inquired if the Route 73 project could be discussed now. Mayor Arnold explained that this public portion is only for items listed on the agenda, such as resolutions or ordinances and that there is an opportunity later in the agenda for general public comments.

Mr. Cosky-Henry Street discussed that the one-way on 4<sup>th</sup> street should be implanted for the residents first and then the students during the summer.

Mr. O'Conner-Broad Street inquired if the homes on 4<sup>th</sup> Street will have enough parking if the street is made a one-way and will it make them park on Delaware.

Mr. Reed-Temple Blvd. discussed that the bids should have stated that the contractors needed their license on the scope of work and how many bids were received. Mayor Arnold explained that bidding with a government project is different than in the private industry. Mr. Gural explained that the license was a requirement in the bid packets handed out and that no one submitted the correct information, the information cannot be added later, so the whole project must be rebid. There were four bids received.

Mrs. Scott-Front Street inquired about the Tri-boro Vet property. Mayor Arnold replied that it will be discussed later in the agenda.

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

**ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.** (public hearing on Feb. 16, 2016).

**ORDINANCE 2016-1**, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra Amending Ordinance 2014-19, An Ordinance Amending Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual Regarding Health Benefits For Retired Employees By Allowing Retirees to Receive Paid Health Benefits. Mayor Arnold read the title into the record. There will be a public hearing on the ordinance on February 16, 2016 at 7pm. President Norcross 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 Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Howard, Mr. Yetter.

**NAYES:** None. The ordinance was adopted on first reading and will be heard on second and final reading at the council meeting of February 16, 2016.

**RESOLUTIONS. Consent Agenda-** Resolution 2016-46 Resolution 2016-60 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. President Norcross inquired about Resolution 2016-49 and what hours are they supposed to be working? Mr. Gural explained that it is a shared services agreement with Willingboro and that they are available from 8:30-4:30pm. Chief Pearlman explained that if it is an emergency they are available 24 hours a day, the Borough just has to call them direct after hours. Resolution 2016-60 will be added to the agenda, An Resolution Authorizing Environmental Resolutions To Rebid and Award change Order for HVAC Project To ERI In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,000. President Norcross made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Howard second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Howard, Mr. Yetter.

**NAYES:** None.

**A. Resolution 2016-46**, Resolution Establishing Fees In Connection With The Tax Collector's Office For The Borough Of Palmyra. (tax liens and return checks).

**B. Resolution 2016-47**, Resolution Authorizing Mayor Michelle Arnold To Sign The Agreement With Burlington County Department of Public Works-Division of Mosquito Control For Aerial Applications.

**C. Resolution 2016-48**, Resolution Appointing Tracy Kilmer As Fire Official For A Three (3) Year Term Effective January 1, 2016.

**D. Resolution 2016-49**, Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Sign The Shared Service Agreement For The Provision Of Animal Control Services With Willingboro Township For 2016.

**E. Resolution 2016-50**, Resolution Approving Contract Change Order #1 For Curb Con Inc. For The South Broad Street And 2015 Road Improvement Program In The Amount Of \$5,126.43 For A Total Contract Price Of \$516,518.92.

**F. Resolution 2016-51**, Resolution Amending Personnel Policies And Procedures Manual By Authorizing Additional PTO Days In 2016 For Non-Uniformed Part-time And Full-time Employees Hired After January 1, 2007.

**G. Resolution 2016-52**, Resolution Authorizing The Cancellation Of Taxes For A Totally Disabled Veteran Located At Block 134, Lot 6 For The Tax Year 2015 and Thereafter And Refunding Taxes Paid.

**H. Resolution 2016-53**, Resolution To Confirm Mayor Michelle Arnold's Appointments.

**I. Resolution 2016-54**, Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayments for Block 87, Lot 3.

**J. Resolution 2016-55**, Resolution Approving A Contract With

**Ransome Caterpillar Inc. For Generator Preventive Maintenance Contract For 2016 In The Amount Of \$4,200.00.**

**K. Resolution 2016-56, Resolution Rejecting 2016 HVAC Maintenance Contract Bids Due To Documentation Absent From Bids.**

**L. Resolution 2016-57, Resolution Authorizing The Release Of The Maintenance Bond Posted By F & P contractors Inc. for The Parry Avenue Improvements Phase II Project.**

**M. Resolution 2016-58, Resolution Authorizing The Payment Of Bills In The Amount Of \$1,545,510.68.**

**N. Resolution 2016-59, Resolution Authorizing Submission Of A Strategic Plan For The Borough Of Palmyra Municipal Alliance Grant.**

**COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**. Mayor Arnold explained that this is a new portion of the agenda that is for residents and businesses to share their events.

Mrs. Jones-West 5<sup>th</sup> Street discussed that she has been a resident for 78 years and that young people used to attend dances on Friday and Saturday night. A lot of things got accomplished because residents talked to each other. On February 13<sup>th</sup> the Senior Association is holding a Valentine's Day Hop at the Community Center. The cost is \$10. And everyone is welcomed. There will be food, prizes and comedy. A member Eleanor Tilmont will turn 100 years old and will be honored at the Hop. Mrs. Tilmont will also be honored on February 14<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon by the Porch Club in Riverton.

Mr. O'Conner-Broad Street inquired about the empty store fronts. Mayor Arnold requested that he hold his comments till the regular public portion.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

**A. Professional transitions.** Mayor Arnold reported that she and Mr. Gural have been meeting with the new professionals.

**B. Northeast Professional and Housing Inspection Services-RFP** Mr. Gural explained that the contract expires the end of February and the company has chosen to not renew their contract. Mrs. Kilmer is available to do inspection temporarily. Mrs. Kilmer is the Housing Official for the Borough and her appointment expires in March. Mayor Arnold inquired about the cost to send out the request for proposals (RFP). Mr. Gural explained that the majority of the proposal is completed in house. Mrs. Tait inquired as how long it will take to get the RFP out and receive proposals back. Mr. Gural replied that the longer a project is advertised the more interest it receives but it could be turned out in a month. Mayor Arnold recommend that the RFP should go out now since companies are not as busy this season and that the Borough may get better interest. Mr. Gural will prepare the RFP and submit it to Mr. Burns for his review and will present it to council at the February 1<sup>st</sup>. meeting.

**C. Educational Opportunities for Governing Body.** Mr. Gural informed council that there is a budget seminar being offered by Bowman and Company on January 27<sup>th</sup> for councilmembers to attend. It is an excellent program especially for new members. There is also an orientation for newly elected officials on January 23, Ms. Tucker and Mr. Yetter are attending. On March 1 there is a seminar and dinner for elected officials in Eastampton sponsored by the JIF.

**D. Laptop Computers for Mayor and Borough Council proposal.** Mr. Gural informed council that the proposal for the laptops for the Mayor and Borough Council is roughly \$11, 300. It is a capital expenditure and includes computer, software and warranties. Mr. Howard inquired if there is money already set aside. Mr. Gural responded that there are funds in a capital ordinances that was adopted. The purchase will be under state contract as well. Mrs. Tait inquired if this will eliminate paper at council meetings. Mayor Arnold explained that it is the most official way and efficient way for

councilmembers to communicate. Council will be able to access their emails and not have to use their personal devices. Mr. Howard inquired if this is also for the purchase of cellphones. Mr. Gural replied that cellphones will have to be handled at budget time as they are not a capital purchase. President Norcross inquired if there are less expensive devices such as a tablet or Ipad. Mr. Gural explained that these are HP laptops and the cost is about \$750. The software is additional with licensing. They will be maintain by the Borough's IT professionals and connected to the Borough server. President Norcross requested that the decision be tabled till Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> so that other options can be explored and give everyone time to review the information.

E. Mayor and Borough Council webpage & phone extensions update. The webpage has been updated with all council's information and phone extensions.

F. Downtown Revitalization Palmyra and Riverton Joint Venture. Mr. Gural explained that there is an outline in conjunction with Riverton in the council packets. Mayor Arnold discussed that there would need to be approval from Riverton as well for it to be a joint venture. Mr. Gural recommend a joint resolution from both towns to advance.

G. Cell tower update. Mr. Gural informed council that he will reach out to the consultant and request that he speak at the next meeting.

H. Mayor's Wellness Campaign-Mayor Arnold explained that she have further information at a later date.

I. Defense driving program-President Norcross explained that all employees should be required to take the program before allowing them to drive a Borough vehicle. The Borough will receive credit on their insurance as well as their personal insurance. The total cost per person is \$10.50 not to exceed \$1500.00 Mrs. Tait inquired if it is a written program. President Norcross explained that it is basically a lecture and that the program is presented to the Seniors every three years. There will 35 people to a class and it will run from 9am-3pm.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT.**

A. COAH/Fair Share Obligation update. Mr. Gural discussed that a memo was issue in December from Mr. Rosenberg on the Borough's COAH regulations. The courts have indicated that the Borough needs 109 units, but the Borough's consulted says that the amount should be only 39. There has not been a final determination made yet.

B. Tri-Boro Vets Property-will give updates at next meeting, moving forward.

C. Trash Collection-Palmyra Arms Apt.-Mr. Gural informed council that the Palmyra Arms Apartments have been collecting their own, but that they are eligible to have the Borough collect the trash under the multi-unit provision. The new owners have approached the Borough and want to be reimbursed for the trash collection or have the Borough collect it. The Borough belongs to the MACC program which collects multi-units trash, Mr. Gural will contact the contractor and have them start on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Howard inquired if this involves recycling also. Mr. Gural replied that as part of the County program, the apartments are required to recycle.

D. Budget update-Introduction of 2016 budget due by March 18, 2016.-Mr. Gural is recommending a budget meeting for March 5 as introduction is required by March 18 and adoption by April 22. The sewer rates may have to be increase and the sewer budget has to be adopted as the same time as the Borough budget. The rates should be increase for the April billing or the bills may have to be delayed. More surplus was used last year from the sewer budget, so it needs to be replenished this year. If the rate increase is not completed by the April billing, then the residents may get hit with double billing in October. The municipal side of the budget is in good shape.

E. Shared Services with Riverside Township. Mr. Gural informed council that the shared services for tax collector is not working out with Riverside, so the plan was terminated.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**Public Works/Sewer-** Mr. Yetter reported that council received a copy of Mr. Ryan's report. The committee meeting is scheduled for the last Tuesday of every month.

**Shade Tree/Recreation-** Mr. Howard reported that there has been no shade tree meeting as the committee has not been appointed yet. Recreation will start back up in full swing in February, football held their annual banquet.

**Building and Grounds.** Mrs. Tait discussed that the soccer and baseball fields need to be looked at. Mrs. Tait will make a list of the repairs that need to be done.

**Business/School Board.** President Norcross informed council that the committee meeting will be held on February 9 at 7pm at Borough Hall. Mayor Arnold and President Norcross attend the reorganization of the School Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Please state your name and address for the record. President Norcross made a motion to open the public portion, Mr. Howard second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Jones-West 5<sup>th</sup> Street discussed that the senior program has between 125-140 members. Mrs. Jones inquired if the increase in rates will take away the senior discount for sewer bills. Mr. Gural replied that it will need to be a decision that council makes after reviewing the budget. Mrs. Jones inquired as to whom is now running the Municipal Alliance Program. Mr. Gural responded that Ms. Birch at the high school and that the school is handling the program this year.

Mr. O'Conner-Broad Street inquired as to who is invited to the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. President Norcross explained that it will just be committee members this time. Mr. O'Conner discussed the sewer rate increase and that it will put a lot of business out of business. The rates are too high now. President Norcross responded that the business committee will be looking at how to help the business in town. Mr. O'Conner informed council that he had a problem with the police department and their respond to a call he made. Mayor Arnold inquired as to what type of solution can council offer Mr. O'Conner. Mr. O'Conner explained that he would like to talk to someone other than the Chief. Mayor Arnold replied that she understands that he is upset and will be happy to sit down with him. Mr. Rader-Harbour Drive discussed that the completion of the clean-up seems to be holding up the redevelopment of Route 73. The funding for the clean-up has been going on for over 10 years and the status is unknown. Mr. Rader explained that he comes to the meetings and hears the updates, but still doesn't know the completion date of the work. Borough Council should make the information available to the public. Mr. Rader inquired if there are certain corners of the project that can have development started while waiting for the clean-up. Mayor Arnold explained that in the past few weeks there has been a lot of activity and the site has gained more recognition. She understands that it is frustrating to the residents, but that it is a moving target and not just emission clean up. There are several other components that have to fall in place also. Mayor Arnold explained that the Borough is working on getting access to the entire area so that clean up can progress. Most of the work is documented on the website for redevelopment. Mr. Hogue explained that emissions and ordnances were found about five years ago and that it has been a slow process due to public funding needed. The focus now is on the Palmyra Cove area and trails. Mr. Rader requested that a map be placed in Borough Hall for the residents to review. Mr. Hogue replied that he can provide the map with grids. Mr. Rader discussed that owners of the properties are making out with the Borough doing the clean-up. Mayor Arnold explained that both efforts need to move forward at the same time, looking for a redeveloper and the clean-up. Mr. Gural explained that the Borough does not own any of the site and that

National Amusements (flea market) and Fillit are the largest property owners. Mr. Kerbeck has acreage also, but the Borough cannot make an owner redevelop their property.

Ms. Veitenheimer-Rowland Street inquired as to how many people are taking the defense driving class. President Norcross replied that it would be about 35 per class. Mr. Gural explained that if the fire department is included it would be 66 employees plus fire department. Ms. Veitenheimer discussed that estimated sewer bills are not a good idea as a resident then has to come up with a large amount in October.

Mr. Hawk-Columbia Avenue discussed that he agrees about the need to redevelop Route 73, but does not think that a map should be released to the public. The map would show where the explosives are located and teenagers would want to explore the area. Mayor Arnold assured Mr. Hawk that the Borough would not release any sensitive material.

Mrs. Yetter-Garfield Avenue inquired if there is any danger to the general public that visits the Nature Cove. Mr. Gural explained that there is no access to the public in the area that is being investigated for the explosives. There are large signs around the area, that will warn anyone that they are off the Cove property.

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

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

A. Mayor Michelle Arnold will be available on January 26 from 4pm-6pm in her office at Borough Hall for anyone that would like to speak with her or has concerns.

#### **CLOSED SESSION.**

**Resolution 2016-61, Resolution Excluding the Public From Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 Of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P. L. 1975. (Fillit litigation, personnel).** President Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Yetter second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Howard, Mr. Yetter.

**NAYES:** None. Council went into executive session at 9:50pm.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Mrs. Tait made a motion to adjourn at 11:07pm, President Norcross second the motion. All members present voted in favor on the motion.