

**BOROUGH OF PALMYRA
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 18, 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 January 10, 2016.

B. Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, Courier Post newspaper on January 10, 2016.

C. Notice to all Council.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Michelle Arnold, President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.

Absent: Mr. Howard.

INVOCATION: Mr. Gural gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- President Norcross made a motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2016, Mr. Kearney second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, Ms. Tucker and Mrs. Tait abstained. President Norcross made a motion to approve the minutes from April 4, 2016, Mr. Kearney second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A. Mayor Arnold read a thank you card for the flowers from Brad Regn, upon the death of his mother.

PRESENTATIONS.-Commercial Utility Consultants-Stacia Scaduto-Energy Aggregation Program. Ms. Scaduto gave a power point presentation explaining the program and the various options that residents would have. Ms. Scaduto explained that Borough Council would have to adopt the ordinance to participate with Burlington County in the program and then an auction would be held for all the towns that participate and if the cost is lower, the Borough Council would approve a resolution to accept the supplier and program. Mrs. Tait inquired how Commercial Utility Consultants make their money from the program. Ms. Scaduto replied that she is a broker and that the suppliers pay them a commission based on usage and amount of savings. Mr. Yetter inquired if it would affect the maintenance contracts that homeowners have with PSEG? Ms. Scaduto replied that

nothing would change the contracts. Mayor Arnold discussed that the outreach programs would be held at Borough Hall and also through mailings. No one will be going door to door to have residents sign up. Mayor Arnold inquired as to how a new resident would sign up for the program. Ms. Scaduto explained that they would contact them and send it to PSEG. Ms. Scaduto explained that all the billing still stays with PSEG. President Norcross inquired if the residents being on the budget plan with PSEG would continue. Ms. Scaduto explained that current residents would still have budget plan, but residents not on a budget plan should wait a year to see what there total is for the year. Mrs. Tait inquired if there were a lot of towns signed up for this program. President Norcross inquired as to how many years the program is for. Ms. Scaduto explained that it set up at auction time and that most towns are for one to two years. Pennsauken is for 16 months due to the date of the auction. Mr. Yetter inquired as to what towns from Burlington County were involved. Ms. Scaduto replied that Pennsauken, Willingboro, Cinnaminson, Woodland, Riverton, Lumberton Southampton were involved currently.

PUBLIC PORTION- This public portion is for discussion on professional updates, resolutions and ordinances listed on the agenda. Please sign in and state your name and address for the record. Council will give all comments appropriate consideration. Each citizen will be allotted up to five (5) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions or concerns. Please direct all comments to the Mayor. Each resident may only speak once during each public portion.

President Norcross made a motion to open the presentation to the public for comment, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Nowicki-Morgan Avenue inquired as to what happens if you don't opt out of the program, will you automatically be enrolled. Ms. Scaduto explained that residents will have an opportunity to opt out of the program in the beginning by mailing in a card that will be sent to them to opt out of the program, after that they will have to call to opt out and it may take a few months to appear on the bill. Mayor Arnold explained that it is a county wide program and that all residents should be allowed to decide if they want the program.

Mrs. Butler-Arch Street discussed that Borough Council should not make a decision for the entire town. Mayor Arnold explained that the entire Borough has to be given the opportunity to join the program and that residents who do not want it can opt out of the program. Mrs. Butler inquired why should residents have to opt out, let those that want to join opt in the program instead. Ms. Scaduto explained that all residents are automatically enrolled in the program as part of the process and that those who want to opt out can. Ms. Scaduto discussed that the County will only agree to the pricing if it is a savings to the residents and towns after the auction. The more towns in the pricing the lower the rate should come in at auction. Mrs. Butler explained that she does not like that Council can make a decision for her on her electric and that she has nothing to do with it. President Norcross explained that only if there is a cost savings will Borough Council agree to the program and if the price does not beat PSEG pricing Burlington County will not agree to the program. It will be a cost savings to the residents and to the Borough. Mrs. Butler discussed that as a taxpayer, Council is taking away her right to accept or not and that she still has to join and then try and get out of it. Mrs. Butler inquired if the majority of residents do not want this program will council still vote for it. Mayor Arnold explained that if it is not passed then those that do want to join cannot, so this way council gives all residents the option of joining. Ms. Scaduto explained that everyone will receive a packet in the mail and enclosed will be a card to mail back or they can call the 1-800# listed to opt out of the program. Ms. Tucker discussed that Commercial Utility Consultants is rated #1 of energy providers.

Mrs. Bullock-Arch discussed that will PSEG know that Palmyra is a part of the program and that she understands that she can opt out of it in the beginning, but if she wants to opt out later in the year can she. Ms. Scaduto explained that 30 days after the first billing, they can call and opt out if they want to, it may take a few months to show up on their bill. PSEG still provides all services for repairs and outages.

Mr. Rader-Harbour Drive inquired about comparing statements from PSEG and the new provider. Ms. Scaduto explained that near the bottom of the bill the line that reads bgs energy will be replaced with the winner of the auction and that there will be a paragraph at the bottom of the bill telling the amount of savings with the new provider.

Ms. Tucker discussed that will there be someone to help senior citizens opt out who may not understand the process and will they reach out to the senior groups. Ms. Scaduto explained that they are happy to do outreach programs and will attend one of the meetings of the senior program if the Council would like them to.

Ms. Scaduto explained that they like to send the packets out with the Borough logo so that residents will read it and not just toss it as advertisements.

Mr. Kay-2nd Street inquired if a resident is locked into another provider can they switch. Ms. Scaduto replied that they will not automatically be enrolled, but that they can help with having them switched over.

Mrs. Merz-Cinnaminson Avenue-encouraged the use of solar panels for future savings in the Borough.

Ms. Veitenheimer-Rowland Street discussed that this same issue came up a few years ago and that the Borough did not participate. Mr. Gural explained that it is the same program with the County that never got off the ground and is now back.

Ms. Scaduto discussed that the auction will probably take place in beginning of June and have enrollment in August.

Mayor Arnold thanked Ms. Scaduto for the presentation and answers to the resident's questions.

President Norcross made a motion to close the public portion for the presentation and to continue the public comments, Mr. Yetter second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Rader-Harbour Drive-inquired about resolution 2016-124 settlement agreement and if it had any bearing on the legal fee resolutions that were passed at the last meeting. Mayor Arnold explained that they are two separate litigation lawsuits.

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.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING. (public hearing).

A. Ordinance 2016-3, An Ordinance To Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14). Mayor Arnold read the title into the record. President Norcross made a motion to open the public hearing on the ordinance, Mr. Yetter second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. No one wishing to be heard on the ordinance, President Norcross made a motion to close the public hearing, Mr. Kearney second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. President Norcross made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading, Ms. Tucker second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Norcross, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.

NAYES: Mrs. Tait.

B. Ordinance 2016-4, An Ordinance of the Borough Of Palmyra by Which The Borough Becomes A Member Of The Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program. President Norcross explained that he is recusing himself from the vote, since he works for the County. Ms. Tucker made a motion to open the public hearing on the ordinance, Mrs. Tati second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. No one from the public wishing to be heard, Mrs. Tait made a motion to close the public portion, Mr. Yetter second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Yetter made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading, Ms. Tucker second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.

NAYES: Mrs. Tait.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 BUDGET.

A. Resolution 2016-118, Resolution To Read Budget By Title Only.

B. Resolution 2016-119, Resolution Approving Self-Examination Of 2016 Budget. President Norcross made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-118 and 2016-119. Ms. Tucker second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.

NAYES: None.

President Norcross made a motion to open the public hearing on the 2016 budget, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Merz-Cinnaminson Ave. inquired about the large increase for the firemen retirement in the budget. Mr. Gural explained that the amount is set by the State not the Borough. Mrs. Merz suggested using more surplus to low the tax rate. Mr. Gural explained that maintaining the surplus is a way to plan for future budgets. The surplus that is generated this year helps in the future.

Ms. Veitenheimer-Rowland St. expressed her appreciation for not having a large tax increase this year, but wonder how other towns do it with no increase at all. Ms. Veitenheimer inquired as to why Palmyra's budget is so large and that spending needs to be toned down. Mayor Arnold inquired if Ms. Veitenheimer had any suggestions on where to cut. Ms. Veitenheimer discussed that a lot of outside programs are getting large donations that never did before and they should be cut down. Mayor Arnold explained that other towns use a lot of surplus to lower their increases and it is not a good idea.

No one else wishing to be heard on the budget, President Norcross made a motion to close the public portion, Ms. Tucker second the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

C. Resolution 2016-126, Resolution To Adopt The 2016 Budget. President Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Tucker second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.

NAYES: None.

RESOLUTIONS. Consent Agenda- Resolution 2016-120-Resolution 2016-125 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. Due to the request for discussion on the resolutions and conflict of interests, President Norcross made a motion to withdraw the consent agenda, Ms. Tucker second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

A. Resolution 2016-120, Resolution Of Subordination Of Mortgage For RCA Program.

Mr. Yetter made a motion to approve the resolution, President Norcross second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.
NAYES: None.

B. Resolution 2016-121, Resolution Of The Borough Of Palmyra Supporting The Formation Of The TriBoro Chapter Of The Burlington County Regional Chamber Of Commerce To Foster Business Relationships Of Those Business In Palmyra, Riverton and Cinnaminson and To Foster Business Promotion Of These Businesses Throughout Burlington County And Region. Mayor Arnold explained that this would be a subcommittee of the Chamber of Commerce. President Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Kearney second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

C. Resolution 2016-122, Resolution Extending the Due Date For 2016 First Half Commercial Sewer Charges. Mr. Yetter inquired if this extends the payments till May 10th. Mr. Gural replied that since the bills were mailed out late for the commercial properties their due date is later than the residential. President Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, Mrs. Tait second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.
NAYES: None.

D. Resolution 2016-123, Resolution Approving The Payment Of Bills For March, 2016 In The Amount Of \$1,822,541.03. President Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Tucker second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.
NAYES: None.

E. Resolution 2016-124, Resolution Authorizing A Settlement And Approval Of General Releases In JGSC Group LLC vs. Borough Of Palmyra, et.al., Docket #Bur-L-1264-13. Mr. Gural explained that the former Director of the BID District after a series of discussions sued the Borough and a few employees. The settlement will be paid through the JIF and the Borough will be responsible for \$37,500. This resolution authorizes the settlement and the amount of the obligation. Mr. Burns discussed that this settlement is the result of the Borough defending its action and does not include anything that says the Borough was at fault. Mayor Arnold explained that it has been going on for three years and that it has cost a lot of money in time and legal services. A business decision was made to settle the matter. Mayor Arnold discussed that if there are personal feelings about what is going on they should remain off the dais and expressing those feelings could cost the Borough. Settling the lawsuit is the best sound business decision for the Borough. President Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Tucker second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.
NAYES: None.

F. Resolution 2016-125, Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2016-113, Resolution Of Award For Engineering Services To Maser Consulting For Lunch Room Improvements. Mrs. Tait inquired if the Borough was not going to do the project. Mayor Arnold explained that the Borough is going in a different direction. Mr. Gural replied that some of the improvements can be done in house and some will be done on an as needed bases. Mayor Arnold explained that there was public comment at the last meeting about the cost and that the Borough took it into consideration. President Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Tucker second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.
NAYES: None.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT. Mayor Arnold explained that this section of the agenda is for groups or individual to announce or discussed that events are happening with their organizations. Mayor Arnold announced the Rabies Clinic and Palmyra Day.

A. Rabies Clinic-April 23 1pm-3pm
B. Palmyra Day-April 30th
C. 30 Mayors/30 Developers Seminar-Mayor Arnold and Mr. Gural attend the seminar, which gave towns the opportunity to showcase what they had for developers and redevelopers. Mayor Arnold would like to hold meetings on redevelopment at 6:30pm before the start of the council meeting on May 2nd. This will give council an opportunity to focus on redevelopment. If the time is too short, then there may be an additional meeting each month for redevelopment.

D. Mr. Gravano-student representative announced that there will be a STEM night held on April 20th at the Charles Street School. Charles Street is holding a fundraiser for the Make A Wish Foundation. The popcorn fundraiser raised over \$700. and the Mr. PHS pageant is on May 2nd. The power puff football is still being considered but everyone is busy with testing and end of the year activities. Mr. Gravano discussed that when people look at a real estate listing for Palmyra the schools are not ranked very high and it makes an impact on where people buy. There is a website connected to the rankings that allows people to state the reasons that they think that the schools ratings should be increased and to give a review of the school. Mr. Gravano encouraged everyone to write a good review on the site.

E. Youth Summit-President Norcross announced that Mrs. Adams third grade class gave a presentation to the County Freeholders on the collection of the can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The students were given a Proclamation from the Freeholders and the Freeholders are allowing the plastic containers to be place at the County Building. The Youth Summit was attend by 38 students. They spent the day hearing from numerous speakers to help them to make the right choices to hopefully help them to be successful in their future and to help create a better bond with local law enforcement. Those attending listened to County Freeholder and Navy Reserve Lt. Commander Ryan Peters. Lt. Commander Peters enthralled everyone with his life experiences as a kid from Mount Laurel who went on to became a Navy Seal, a Lawyer and now County Freeholder. Local Palmyra Grads Dana Dreby and Jimmy C. Lindsay shared their life successes and showed that there can be success once you leave Palmyra H.S. Michael Hilton, an extraordinary individual who turned his life around from a street gang member to a NJ State Boxing Champion. Michael has recently moved into professional boxing, winning his first professional fight. Trace B. Simms is the founder and facilitator of the “Save Our Youth Program” at the Federal Correctional Institute at Fort Dix. After the students enjoyed lunch they participated in a police panel question and answer forum. The panel comprised of three (3) officers, Sheriffs Officer John Williamson. Officer Williamson spent 19 years with the Camden City Police Department and now works for the Burlington County Sheriff’s Department. Palmyra Patrolman Omar Kendall, Omar is a Palmyra HS Alumnus and Palmyra HS sports hall fame honoree. Patrolman Kendall has been with the Palmyra PD for 15 years. The third officer on the panel was Palmyra Patrol Officer Destinee Quintero. Destinee is one of the youngest and newest members of the Palmyra PD. Destinee was hired in 2015 and comes to us from Ocean County. During the forum the officers on the

panel along with some input from Chief Pearlman and Council President Norcross answered questions posed by the students. This provided answers to how and why the police operate on a daily basis. It also provided information that helped show that the police officers were no different than everyone else, having families and activities outside of police work.

F. Mr. McElwee-War Memorial Committee invited the Mayor and Borough Council to attend the Memorial Day Event starting at 10am at the War Memorial.

G. Mayor Arnold reported that there will be a Memorial Service on May 18th at 7pm for the Firefighters and EMS. Chief Pearlman discussed that on the same day at 10am is the Memorial Service for the Fallen Officers. Chief Pearlman advised Council that he has started a new program with the school. The officers will be having lunch with certain grades during the month at Charles Street School to help with Community Policing. Mayor Arnold inquired about the Chaplains program for the department. Chief Pearlman explained that he has been attempting to reach out to all of the churches. There was a meeting schedule with 7 of the churches, but only 2 of them showed up. Chief Pearlman is trying to work with Riverton and Cinnaminson for a joint effort. Mayor Arnold requested that Borough Council consider adopting an ordinance to allow the Chaplains program for the police department. Ordinance 2016-6, An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Palmyra Creating The Position Of Police Chaplain For The Borough Of Palmyra Police Department In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-141. President Norcross made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, Mrs. Tait second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.

NAYES: None. The ordinance was adopted on first reading and will be heard at a public hearing on May 16, 2016 at 7pm for second and final reading after publication according to law.

DISCUSSION ITEMS.

A. West 4th Street update-Mr. Gural discussed that the next step will be the traffic studies at the intersections. After that the public outreach meetings will be scheduled in mid-May. Mrs. Tait inquired how residents will be informed about the meetings. Mr. Gural replied that it will be a joint effort between the Borough and the School. Mr. Yetter recommended that the public meeting be held at the school.

B. SRO update-Mr. Gural discussed that the agreement was reviewed by the school and that he has not received any additional comments. He will forward the agreement to the Mayor and Borough Council. President Norcross requested that he be included in the emails as the liaison to the Board of Education.

C. Operating Agreements-Mayor Arnold explained that with different groups using the Borough facilities there should be an agreement between the Borough and the group. The agreement would define the responsibilities of all groups using the Borough property.

D. COAH/Affordable Housing Planning Sub-committee. Mayor Arnold inquired if any member of council would like to be a part of a sub-committee. Mr. Gural explained that it will help with the negotiations that are going on all over the state about COAH that the Borough is taking the matter seriously. President Norcross, Mr. Yetter and Mayor Arnold will be on the committee.

E. Broad Street sign-Mr. Gural explained that this is just a reminder to contact businesses.

F. Steering Committee for Brownfields- there are 9 members on the committee and Mayor Arnold is looking for volunteers from the public to serve. Mr. Howard Norcross volunteered to be a member.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT.

A. RFP-housing inspector-Mr. Gural reported that one proposal was received and the amount requested is unacceptable. There will have to be further discussion on the position.

B. Defense Driving Update-all of the staff and fire dept. was offered the class and the majority of the employees attended.

C. Employment Opportunities-the Borough has advertised for a public works employee and also for a police officer.

D. Route 130/Delaware River Corridor Strategic Plan/RiverRoute presentation-Mr. Gural discussed that he had received a letter from Mark Remsa that it was the 21st anniversary of the plan and that they are planning on updating the program and would like to make a presentation to Council. Mayor Arnold discussed that in the last two years she has participated in the meetings and would like to see the committee make more efforts on development of business.

E. 2016 Capital Ordinance-Mr. Gural would like to have the ordinance introduced at the May 16th meeting.

F. Commercial Sewer Bills-Mr. Gural explained that during budget time the upper limit anticipated on the revenue was \$845,000 and lower limit was \$839, 00, after the billing was completed the raised revenue will be \$842,000.

G. Wi-Fi update there is now access in the courtroom and police training room.

H. Financial Disclosure Forms due April 30th.

I. Engineer Report-Mr. Gural gave the report for ERI, they received a letter from DEP that the Borough is cleared with the new sewer plant improvements. The DEP will stop their oversee of the plant. South Broad Street will be completed this week and 2nd Street will be paved next week. The larger potholes in the Borough will also be repaired next week. Mr. Gural gave the report for Maser Consulting, the front steps will be started near the end of June and should be completed in about 30 days. They are still working on the tank removal paperwork from behind Borough Hall. Maser Consulting is updating the drug free zone map to include all of the parks and the new park at the riverfront.

J. Agenda Distribution-Mr. Gural discussed that the agenda packets will be emailed to all councilmembers with back up packets on the shared file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Public Building/Grounds- Ms. Tucker reported that the bathrooms at Legion Field are now open.

Parks/Playground- Mrs. Tait reported that opening day was Saturday and that flag football started on Friday nights.

Public Works/Sewer- Mr. Yetter reported that the meeting is scheduled for the end of the month and that he had inquired about the Borough doing a day for recycling of electronics from Ann Moore at the County Recycling. They had recommend waiting to see if the State adopted a bill on the electronics, if not the Borough would have to pay someone to haul the electronics away.

Construction- Mr. Kearney reported that he had met with Tracy about the UCC fees and that they are working together.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Please sign in and state your name and address for the record. Council will give all comments appropriate consideration. Each citizen will be allotted up to five (5) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions or concerns. Please direct all comments to the Mayor. Each resident may only speak once during each public portion.

President Norcross made a motion to open the public portion, Ms. Tucker second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. O'Brien-discussed that in the beginning of December he had sent a letter to council about amending the chicken ordinance and that he understands that it was tabled. Mrs. Tait explained that it was discussed at the last meeting and that the letter was read. Three councilmembers were appointed to review the ordinance.

Mr. Boyell-Moorestown-explained that he is a property owner in the Borough and thanks council for the repairs to the building.

Mrs. Nowicki-Morgan Avenue-thanked Mrs. Tait for voting no on the energy ordinance. As an educator Mrs. Nowicki explained that she thinks that the School Resource Officer is a wonderful idea. Mrs. Nowicki inquired if there is any update on the K-9 program. Mayor Arnold replied that there has been no further discussion on the K-9, the Borough is concentrating on the SRO and will talk about the K-9 later in the year. Mrs. Nowicki thanked Chief Pearlman and the department for the Senior Police Academy and also President Norcross for attending for the Sheriff's Department. Mrs. Nowicki discussed that Chief Pearlman works very hard to have a high qualified department and that she hopes Borough Council continues to support him.

Mr. Rader-Harbour Drive informed council that a long time resident passed away Anthony Giampaolo. He was a World War II Veteran, a member of the American Legion and Knights of Columbus. Mr. Giampaolo was also a previous member of Borough Council and founding member of the War Memorial. Mr. Rader expressed that he would have like to seen a moment of silence for Mr. Giampaolo. Mr. Rader inquired about the lawsuit resolutions that were passed after the executive session and why weren't they scheduled for the next meeting. Mayor Arnold explained that the matters were discussed in executive session and that there is information that needs to be acted on after the executive session. The meeting was reopened to the public before the resolutions were adopted. Mr. Gural explained that due to the time sensitive of the matter the resolutions had to be approved that evening. Mr. Burns discussed that the lawsuit was filed against the Borough and employees as well as the past Mayor. The employees and past Mayor are entitled to defense from the JIF and the Borough and that council approved the legal fees for them.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS.

President Norcross discussed that he had been approached by a resident that only one car can pass at South Broad Street after the construction. Mr. Gural explained that an outreach meeting was held with the residents to explain the project. The intersection had a serious drainage problem and the design was one way to figure it out. Also the previous parking was on NJ Transit property and the parking now is on the Borough properties. There are no plans to make the street one way and that they are still waiting for permission for a guide wire from NJ Transit so that the pole can be moved.

Mayor Arnold discussed that she wants the public to call her and talk to her about anything. She will take the information and consider everything. Mayor Arnold requested that residents be considerate and curb their dogs correctly. Also to be aware of your surroundings and if you see something say something. Mayor Arnold also discussed that everyone needs to be cautious when public works is out working and to be careful when going around them.

Mr. Burns advised council that he will not be available on May 2nd for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT. Ms. Tucker made a motion to adjourn, President Norcross second the motion. All members present voted in favor on the motion. Council adjourned at 9:34pm.