

**BOROUGH OF PALMYRA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 16, 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, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Howard, Mr. Yetter.

Absent: Mrs. Tait.

**INVOCATION:** President Norcross gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** President Norcross made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2, 2016, Mr. Kearney second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Howard abstain.

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Arnold read the proclamation into the record.

# ***P*roclamation**

## **NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.**

***WHEREAS,*** *The freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are direct results of the blood shed and continued vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *the sacrifices that such members of the United States Armed Forces and of the family members that support them, have*

*preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation making it unique in the world community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the United States Congress, in two thousand and four, passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services who have served and are now serving our Country, together with their families; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the months of May and June were selected for this display of patriotism because during these months, we celebrate Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day/Week, National Day of Prayer, Memorial Day, Navy Day, Army Day and Flag Day;*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Michelle Arnold, Mayor of the Borough of Palmyra, County Of Burlington do hereby proclaim the period May 1, through June 14, 2016 as a special time to show appreciation for our Military and proclaim it as*

## **NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH**

*in the Borough of Palmyra and encourage all citizens to join me in showing our gratitude by the appropriate display of flags and ribbons during the designated period.*

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**Michelle Arnold, Mayor**

**APPOINTMENTS.** Mayor Arnold appointed Howard Norcross, Dave Gerkens, Mark Remsa, Norman King, Steve Schwering to the BDA committee. Mayor Arnold is still looking for volunteers to sit on the committee.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**A. Board of Chosen Freeholders-Municipal Park Development Grant.** The Borough has received the grant funding for the park along the river in the amount of \$125,000.

**B. Department of Transportation-Broad Street Traffic Calming Grant.** Mr. Gural informed Council that this was the fourth attempt for the funding and that the Borough was denied the grant funds again. Mr. Gural suggested that Council may want to revise the plan.

**C. Thank you card-Harry Doherty Family.** A card was received from the Doherty family for the flowers that were sent upon the death of Harry Doherty.

**D. Resolution of Support for Charles Street School NJDOT Safe Route To School-Board of Education.** The Board of Education adopted this resolution to add to the grant request for Charles Street School drop-off and pick-up application.

**E. Letter of Retirement-Dave Austin.** Mr. Austin is retiring on May 26<sup>th</sup> and

will be returning later in the year as a part time employee.

**POLICE AWARDS.** Chief Pearlman discussed that the awards had been started under the direction of Chief Dreby. They are usually given during Police Appreciation Week which is May 15, 2016 to May 21, 2016. This year there are more citizens award which are given for citizens that step up and report something if they see it which helps the department. The following officers received awards:

Good Conduct-1 year of service: Patrolman Main, Patrolman Jankowski, Detective Arargil.

15 year pin: Patrolman Kendall, Detective Benedict, Lieutenant Campbell.

Officer Awards: Detective Arargil-Honorable Service, Sergeant Coveleski-Exceptional Duty, Patrolman Main-Lifesaving-CPR.

Citizens Awards: Christine James & Patrolman Laudenslager(Bridge Commission), Nicole Pierone, Dave Alven, Connor Norcross, Robert Weekley.

Mr. Tom McElwee presented Sergeant Coveleski with a Proclamation from the American Legion for his assistance in an off duty case. Mr. McElwee explained that this is only the second proclamation given in the last 55 years. Chief Pearlman thanked the Mayor and Borough Council for all the support of the department as well as the citizens for notifying the department when they see something suspicion. Chief Pearlman discussed that the Officers have start the program to have lunch with the students at the Charles Street School periodically. Patrolman Alex Alven rode in the Police Unity Tour by riding a bicycle to Washington D. C. along aside of about 300 other officers. The police department is sponsoring a trip to the Phillies game again this year for children from Palmyra.

A five minute break was taken.

**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 public portion, Mr. Howard second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Rader-Harbour Drive inquired if the Borough still employs the company that was hired to do the housing inspections for rentals and resales. Mayor Arnold replied that no not at the current time, Mrs. Kilmer is doing the inspections. Mr. Rader discussed that at the time of the ordinance the discussion was that the position was to be self-funded. Mayor Arnold explained that the Borough did go out for bids for the position but that the bid result was too high to consider and that the construction office will do the inspections. Mr. Rader inquired if the funds collected will go towards the payroll of the position. Mr. Gural explained that all funds collected go into the general fund and will be transferred later to the correct accounts. The fees collected per the ordinance will cover the cost to the Borough to do inspections.

Ms. Veitenheimer-Rowland requested that the air conditioner be turned on.

No one else from the public 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.

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING. (public hearing).**

**A. Ordinance 2016-5, An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Palmyra Regulating The Use Of The Borough Of Palmyra Logo. President Norcross made a motion to open the public hearing on the ordinance, Mr. Kearney second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. No one from the public wishing to be heard, President Norcross made a motion to close the public hearing, Mr. Howard second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. President Norcross made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading, Mr. Kearney second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

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

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

**B. 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 open the public hearing on the ordinance, Ms. Tucker second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. No one else wishing to be heard, President Norcross made a motion to close the public hearing, Mr. Howard second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

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

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

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING. (public hearing June 20, 2016).**

**A. Ordinance 2016-7, An Ordinance Of The Borough of Palmyra, In The County Of Burlington, NJ Providing For Various Capital Improvements And Related Expenses In And For The Borough, Appropriating \$1,103,700. Therefor Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,048,515. In General Improvement Bonds Or Notes Of The Borough Of Palmyra. President Norcross made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, Mr. Kearney second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

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

**NAYES: None. The ordinance was passed on first reading and will be heard on second and final reading after the public hearing on June 20, 2016 at 7pm.**

**B. Ordinance 2016-8, An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington, State Of New Jersey Providing for The Acquisition Of Jetter/Vacuum Combination Truck For Use By The Borough's Sewer Utility Appropriating \$380,000 Therefor Authorizing The Issuance Of \$361,000 In Sewer Utility Bonds Or Notes Of The Borough To Finance The Same. President Norcross made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, Ms. Tucker second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

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

**NAYES: None. The ordinance was passed on first reading and will be heard on second and final reading after the public hearing on June 20, 2016 at 7pm.**

**C. Ordinance 2016-9, An Ordinance of the Borough Of Palmyra, County Of**

Burlington, New Jersey; Amending Various Fees Including Fees Associated With The New Jersey Uniform Construction Code. President Norcross made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, Ms. Tucker second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

**NAYES:** None. The ordinance was passed on first reading and will be heard on second and final reading after the public hearing on June 20, 2016 at 7pm.

**RESOLUTIONS. Consent Agenda-** Resolution 2016-137-Resolution 2016-147 will be enacted as a single motion, if any resolution needs additional discussion it will be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately. Mr. Howard inquired about the bill for Gail Denney for Palmyra Day. Mayor Arnold replied that it was for the port-a-pot company. Mr. Howard inquired about the hotel bills and what they were for. Mr. Gural explained that the bills were pertaining to the NJ Conference of Mayors and also the Municipal Court Administrators Training and Conference. President Norcross made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Tucker second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

**NAYES:** None.

- A. **Resolution 2016-137**, Resolution In Support Of An Update To The River Route Corridor's Regional Strategic Revitalization Plan.
- B. **Resolution 2016-138**, Resolution Appointing Marie Nagle As Full Time Effective May 13, 2016 At An Annual Salary Of \$29,538.60.
- C. **Resolution 2016-139**, Resolution Awarding A Contract For The Purchase Of a 2016 Ford Police Interceptor To Winner Ford And Accessories Award to EAI Per State Contract #81336.
- D. **Resolution 2016-140**, Resolution Authorizing The Mayor to Execute An Inter-Local Agreement Between The Palmyra Board Of Education And the Borough Of Palmyra For The Provision Of A School Resource Officer.
- E. **Resolution 2016-141**, Resolution Authorizing The Payment Of Bills For April, 2016 In The Amount Of \$1,925,319.04.
- F. **Resolution 2016-142**, Resolution Authorizing The Tax Collector To Cancel Sewer Taxes On the Property Listed Due To Change In Dwelling Units.
- G. **Resolution 2016-143**, Resolution Declaring 1997 GMC Dump Truck Vin#1GDJK34F9VF014414 As Surplus Property To Be Auctioned On GovDeals.com.
- H. **Resolution 2016-144**, Resolution Appointing Dave Austin As A Part-time Employee Effective May 26, 2016 At His Current Hourly Rate Of \$21.13 Not To Exceed 32 Hours Per Pay Period And No Minimum Number Of Hours.
- I. **Resolution 2016-145**, Resolution Appointing Doretha Jackson As Deputy Municipal Clerk Until July 29, 2016.
- J. **Resolution 2016-146**, Resolution Appointing Tracy Kilmer As Combined Housing Official and Inspector At An Annual Salary Of \$5,000. Until December 31, 2016.
- K. **Resolution 2016-147**, Resolution Appointing Ronald J. Jakubowski As Full Time Public Works Employee Pursuant To Terms And Conditions Provided In Offer Of Employment Dated May 16, 2016.

## **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT.**

A. Tri-Boro Chamber of Commerce Resolution Signing and Curran's kick-off event. Mayor Arnold announced that the kick-off event is on June 23 at Curran's.

B. Unity Tour-Chief Pearlman announced that Patrolman Alven rode with the group from Moorestown. There were about 300 riders that start in North Jersey and ride to Washington D.C. This year the tour also stopped in Edgewater Park.

C. Police Community Event-Chief Pearlman informed Council that on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Ethel Hardy Park the department will hold an event from 5pm-8pm, there will be a moon bounce and hot dogs for the kids.

D. Mayor Arnold announced the Seniors Spring Fling for May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Community Center starts at 1pm.

E. President Norcross discussed that there was a Splash Color Run held at the Charles Street School and that there were about 300 participants including Mayor Arnold and Mayor Wells of Riverton.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

A. Cell phones-Mayor and Council-Chief Pearlman presented the Mayor and Councilmembers with Borough cellphones. Mayor Arnold explained that the numbers and phones will stay with the Borough after a member leaves office. Mr. Burns reminded members that the cellphones are subject to the OPRA regulations and that they should create a separate Apple account for the Borough phone.

B. Safe Routes To School application-resolution will be on the next meetings agenda.

C. Rental and Certificate of Occupancy Ordinances and Fees-Mayor Arnold discussed that Resolution 2016-146 appointed Mrs. Kilmer tonight as the inspectors for rentals and resales. The fees collected will pay for the inspections. Mr. Gural explained that the fee schedule will need to be adjusted. Mayor Arnold requested that the Construction Committee meet to review the fees and cost associated with the inspections.

D. West 4 St. Mayor Arnold discussed that the Borough was waiting on a Resolution of support and approval from the Board of Education. The Board of Education Safety Committee recommend the project to the Board of Education, but the Board of Education will not issue a resolution. The Board of Education will also not allow the Borough to use one of the schools for the public outreach meeting. Mayor Arnold explained that the issue will need to be addressed at a regular council meeting instead of a separate public meeting. President Norcross inquired if there will be enough time to accomplish everything before the start of the next school year. Mayor Arnold discussed that she would like to see action taken at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Howard discussed that everyone has been waiting for a public outreach meeting and that residents who came to the Council meetings on the issue were told there would be a separate meeting. President Norcross also discussed that at the last meeting a public outreach meeting was discussed and how is the Borough going to inform the residents that the plan has been changed. Mayor Arnold explained that the plan was to have a joint meeting with the Board of Education provided that they approve a resolution. If the Borough holds a separate meeting they will have to pay the engineers and attorney to attend the meeting and it would have to be advertised. President Norcross explained that Council owes it to the residents to notify them of the change of the meeting for when it will be discussed. Mr. Burns discussed that Council is not setting a precedent by notifying the residents in the area, but that it could come back at a

later date with not notify residents of another project. Mr. Howard inquired about the meetings with residents that are held for other projects such as the South Broad Street project. Mr. Gural explained that those meetings are held with the engineers for the residents that the project affects, such as just the residents that face the street that the project is about. It is not a formal meeting of Council. Mr. Howard Norcross (audience) explained that Council could just do an ordinance tonight on first reading and that the ordinance will be published in the paper and that would be the regular notification to everyone. The second reading could be advertised for June meeting which leaves the entire summer. Mr. Gural discussed that an ordinance could be introduced and that it would address Council's concerns that the public be noticed. Council discussed the various dates of a second reading for the ordinance and if additional notification should be done. The ordinance will be introduced tonight and second reading will be on June 6 with the public hearing.

E. Riverbank Park-the engineers are looking for any further suggestions from Council on what they would like to see included in the park.

F. Personnel Matters-an advertisement for help wanted for a technical assistant in the construction office has been sent to the League of Municipalities and the newspaper. There is also an ad for a new police officer. Ms. Wiener is resigning at the end of May as the scheduler for the Borough for the Community Center.

G. Athletic Organizations and Usage and Improvements To Legion Field/Concession Stand. Mayor Arnold discussed that she encourages the use of the fields to athletic organizations but that they need to go through the chain of command so that the Borough knows who and when the fields are being used. There will be additional improvements to the fields as well.

H. Municipal Alliance-SRO to direct activities-Chief Pearlman informed Council that he had looked at the program requirements and attempted to get some funding from the program. He has sent emails and has had no response from the school or Mrs. Birch. The school has not spent any of the money from the program and he is recommending that the SRO being appointed to the school run the program.

I. Operating Agreements with Non-Profit Organizations.-Mayor Arnold will meet with Mr. Burns and Mr. Gural next week to talk about an outline for the agreements.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT.**

A. Tony's Barbershop-Mr. Gural reported that the work is done except for the inspections.

B. Community Center improvements update-the accordion wall is being done this week and also the floor to install the volleyball poles for the net.

C. Borough Hall front brick steps repairs-plans are complete and the engineers are obtaining quotes. If the quotes are too high the project will have to go out for formal bid.

D. Playground inspections and repairs-Environmental Resolutions completed the annual inspections and there are just a few minor items that need to be repaired. The majority of the equipment is in good repair.

E. Community Forestry Management Plan-the funds and agreement have been received and the shade tree committee will proceed with the plan.

F. Storm Jonas and FEMA reimbursement is about \$17,000 to the Borough.

G. Delaware Avenue short sale/housing agreement-Mr. Burns is working on an agreement with the homeowners' attorney.

H. 620-622 Highland Ave Redevelopment Study has been completed and the Land Use Board will review the study at their meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

I. YMCA Summer Camp-the YMCA will be moving in their supplies shortly and are having training session this month. The Borough has given them a donation to pay for scholarships for Palmyra residents to attend summer camp. They will also place a storage unit in the parking lot for their bike program.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Public Works/Sewer- Mr. Yetter reported that a meeting of the committee will be held next week at the public works garage. Mr. Henry discussed that the clean-up month went well and that they extended it for two weeks due to Palmyra Day. Mr. Henry discussed that the department is still short staff and that the sewer plant is running good.

Shade Tree- Mr. Howard reported that the committee had a meeting and has received the report on the trees in the Harbour.

Youth Recreation- Mr. Howard reported that Little League and Soccer are playing now and the fields look great.

Construction- Mr. Kearney discussed the fee ordinance that was introduced.

Public Safety- Chief Pearlman reported on the monthly report and that the department has been busy. Indictable offense are up from last year, disorderly persons are up also. Juvenile arrests are down. Car stops and property checks have increased. The Senior Police Academy was held, Palmyra Day was a success and a lot of old medication was collected. National Night Out will be held on August 2, the band Friends will be playing. Ms. Tucker inquired as to how many indictable offenses were Palmyra residents. Chief Pearlman replied that the reports are not broken down by residents. Chief Pearlman reported that there are still a lot of shoplifting complaints.

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 comment, Mr. Howard second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. McElwee-Columbia inquired how the Borough was going to let parents know about the meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> Street, there are students who attend from Riverton and Beverly as well as Palmyra. Mr. Gural explained that the ordinance if introduced tonight would be published in the newspaper and be held for a public hearing at one of the June meetings. The Borough is required to publish all ordinances in the newspaper before adoption and that way the public is aware of what is being considered. Mayor Arnold explained that the public will actually have two opportunities to speak on the issue, one under public comment and another one under the public hearing on the ordinance. Mr. McElwee inquired if there was a plan for the Tri-boro Vet property. Mr. Gural replied that the Borough is still considering all the options. Mr. McElwee informed council that there is a mini-clinic for veterans and their spouses at the Community Center on June 11.

Mr. Howard Norcross-Temple discussed that there are rumors that out of town groups are using Legion Field and he inquired if they are being charged. Mr. Howard replied that the only one that he knows of his flag-football and they have a large percentage of Palmyra kids. Mr. Norcross explained that soccer teams have been using the field. Mr. Howard will



look into the matter. Mr. Norcross invited the Mayor and Council to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am sharp at the War Memorial.

Mrs. Nowicki-Morgan inquired if the Deputy Clerk position is a new appointment and why is the appointment only for two months. Mayor Arnold explained that there has always been a Deputy Clerk and that Mrs. Jackson is appointed only for two months so that she may be trained to replace Mrs. Sheipe when she retires. Mrs. Nowicki inquired if the contract with the Harbour for snowplowing has been revisited. Mrs. Nowicki requested that Council use the microphones or sit closer to the microphones.

Mr. Rader-Harbour Drive inquired if the plan for the Riverbank will be available for the public to review before its finalized as he would like to see it first. Mayor Arnold requested that Mr. Gural post the plan on the website. Mr. Gural discussed that he is waiting for the new plan update from Maser Consulting and as the project gets complete he will have plans available for the public. President Norcross discussed that the project is being funded by a grant. Mr. Gural explained that the soft cost such as engineer are not included, but have been rolled into the bond ordinance that was introduced tonight. The grant is for \$125,000 from the County's park system. Mr. Rader explained that it is still taxpayers' funds being used by the County.

Ms. Veitenheimer-Rowland inquired as to why the Mayor and Borough Council does not have a local telephone number on their cellphones. It will be a toll call for her to contact them. Mayor Arnold explained that Ms. Veitheimer can call Borough hall and leave a message on a Councilmembers extension and that they will call you back. Mr. Gural explained that the extensions on the Borough phone can also be redirected to their cellphones. Chief Pearlman will check with Verizon about the 856 area code, but that most of the cell numbers are 609 area codes. Ms. Veitenheimer inquired as to why the Board of Education does not want to be a part of the meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Arnold explained that they do not want to take the responsibility for it, but that they were the ones who presented it to Council and their public safety officer is the one who requested. President Norcross discussed that Ms. Veitenheimer should go to the Board of Education meeting and ask them. Ms. Veitenheimer discussed the Municipal Alliance and if the Borough can get the funds returned from the school. Mr. Gural explained that the Borough has control of the funds and only pays out when something is completed. Ms. Veitenheimer discussed that she remembers the school making a presentation about needing the money and that it is a shame they did not follow through.

Chief Pearlman informed Council that there is a ceremony for Fallen Officers on May 18 at 10:30am at the Westampton Central Communications. They will be honoring three officers this year.

Mr. McElwee-Columbia requested that some type of citation be given to the essay winner from 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mr. Howard Norcross-Temple- informed Council that there is also a ceremony for EMS and Fire Volunteers on May 18<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

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 June 6, 2016).**

A. **Ordinance 2016-10**, An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 90 Section 90-10 Providing For Directional Change On West 4<sup>th</sup> Street Between Race Street And Delaware Avenue. The ordinance was read by title. Mr. Howard inquired if Maser Consulting Engineers will be present at the meeting. Mr. Gural replied that the professionals will be at there. 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, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Howard, Mr. Yetter.

**NAYES:** None. The ordinance was adopted on first reading and will be heard on second and final reading at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting after publication according to law.

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

Mr. Yetter discussed that some of the residents who normally attend the meeting to hear updates on 4<sup>th</sup> Street are missing this evening. Mr. Yetter informed council that there is an assembly tomorrow at Charles Street School from 9am-10am on Going Green. Mr. Henry explained that the cost of the assembly is split between public work clean communities and the school.

Mr. Howard thanked everyone for reaching out to him and his family upon the death of his mother. The community center board is meeting on May 25 at the community center.

Mr. Kearney discussed that he is still confused by the Board of Education decision about 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

President Norcross explained that the Board of Education at their last meeting only stated that they were to look for an email about 4<sup>th</sup> Street. President Norcross informed Council that the Board of Education will have a resolution on their next meeting about the PARCC testing. The impact on the school performance listings hurts the property values in the Borough. President Norcross reminded everyone to take the survey that Mr. Gravano (student representative) had discussed about the schools that can be found on the internet and write a review about how good the schools actually are.

Mayor Arnold discussed that a report was received from Mr. Dreby, code enforcement and that if someone sees a vacant property or a property that needs some cleaning up to call and let the Borough know. Mayor Arnold reported that there is a lot of vacant properties being sold in the Borough.

#### **CLOSED SESSION.**

**Resolution 2016-148, Resolution Excluding the Public From Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 Of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P. L. 1975. Litigation, Contracts.**

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

**AYES:** President Norcross, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Howard, Ms. Tucker.

**NAYES:** None.

Council went into executive session at 9:18pm.

Council returned to public session at 10:05pm.

**ADJOURNMENT.** President Norcross made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Tucker second the motion. All members present voted in favor on the motion. Council adjourned at 10:07 pm.