

At the call of the roll.

AYES: Mr. Cosky, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, Mr. Yetter, President Howard

NAYES: None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a letter from Matthew Simon regarding Timothy F. McBride obtaining his Eagle Scout rank. Mayor indicated she would both send a note of congratulations and attend the ceremony on February 25th, 2017.

PUBLIC PORTION

This public portion is for discussion on professional updates, resolutions and ordinances listed on the agenda. **Please sign in at the podium, 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 citizen may only speak once during each public portion.

President Howard made a motion to open the public portion, Mrs. Russell second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion

Mr. Ventura – Cinnaminson Avenue Mr. Ventura stated about eight and a half years ago they were approached by the Borough about the project of placing a mural on the side wall of the Barber Shop. They were told to have the wall prep which was done. Mr. Venture, on behalf of the family, wants to know where the project stands. They are willing to wait until May 1st, 2017, however they must have some sort of idea as to what is going on with that project, as the business would like to paint the building in the spring if the project is not moving forward. Mayor Arnold responded the project is moving forward if, you could give us about 30 days, she would be back in touch with the Ventura family regarding the direction we will be going in to get the project moving forward.

Mr. Rader – Harbour Drive Mr. Rader indicated that on the agenda under discussion items is listed Council Committees, additionally on the agenda is listed Committee Reports. Do we have Council Committees? Mayor Arnold indicated “no”. Mr. Rader stated that for years the committee appointments have been made by the Mayor, change is good, especially when it improves something; however sufficient information was available to council prior to the reorganization meeting. If the majority of the council members wanted to change the assignment process, they should have made their intentions known prior to the reorganization meeting or when first contacted by the Mayor, not during the meeting, by we don’t understand, thus delaying the committee reports until next month. Mr. Rader suggested that maybe the committee assignments should be made by seniority. Mr. Rader then inquired is there a political agenda ahead of the Borough Agenda at Council meetings?

Mr. Norcross – Morgan Avenue Can you explain resolution 2017-59? Mayor Arnold indicated that the property owner purchased a storage container permit, when the company came to deliver the

container it would not fit, so they could not place the storage container, so we are refunding her storage container permit fee.

No one else from the public wishing to be heard, Mr. Yetter made a motion to close the public portion. Mrs. Russell seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda- Resolution 2017-59 to Resolution 2017- 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.

- **Resolution 2017-59**, Resolution Authorizing Refund of Storage Container Permit Fee to Carolyn Wargny of 919 Lincoln Avenue, Palmyra, NJ in the amount of \$128.00
- **Resolution 2017-60**, Resolution Appointing Robert Verry as Hearing Officer for Uniformed Employees
- **Resolution 2017-61**, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement with the Burlington County Department of Public Works, Division of Mosquito Control
- **Resolution 2017-62**, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,338,475.62

Ms. Weiner requested Resolution 2017-61 be removed from the consent agenda

President Howard made a motion to approve the consent agenda Resolution 2017-59 thru Resolution 2017-60 and Resolution 2017-62. Mrs. Russell seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

AYES: Mr. Cosky, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, Mr. Yetter, President Howard

NAYES: None

Resolution 2017-61 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement with the Burlington County Department of Public Works, Division of Mosquito Control.

Ms. Weiner indicated in general she has a problem with pesticides. Realizing that there are alternative methods to mosquito control, if given more time would like to maybe look at some alternative methods. Mr. Cosky asked if neighboring towns spray and we don't, wouldn't that residue still make its way into Palmyra? Mrs. Russell indicated that the spraying not only kills mosquitos it also kills other things for example bees. Mrs. Russell indicated that we must educate the public. Mr. Gural said this agreement only applies to aerial applications; it is a low flying application in woody swampy areas, it is not done over neighborhoods, for example down along the river, in the nature cove on the other side of Rt. 73. Additionally there are an inordinate number of West Nile virus infected mosquitos in Palmyra on an annual basis. We rely on the Burlington County Health Department to provide these services which benefit all municipalities in the county. Additional discussion was had regarding the time frame required to participate in this program.

Mr. Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-61, Mr. Yetter seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was.

AYES: Mr. Cosky, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, Mr. Yetter, President Howard

NAYES: None

MOTIONS

Approval of Treasurer's Reports November 2016 & December 2016

President Howard made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for November 2016 and December 2016, Mrs. Tait seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was.

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

NAYES: None

Abstain: Mr. Cosky, Mrs. Russell, Ms. Weiner

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

The Broadway Breakfast will be held at the community center on Sunday January 22nd, 2017, from 8:30 to 11:30 am., the play is "Thoroughly Modern Millie", and tickets are \$5.00.

The 3rd Annual Give Back Lunch is being held at Orchard Friends School on Friday January 20th, 2017 from 11:30 to 12:30.

The Relay for Life Magic & Merriment Comedy /Variety Show is being held on February 4th, 2017 at Palmyra High School at 1:00 pm, additional information is available on our website, and this is to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Palmyra Fire Department is holding its 20th Annual Fish and Tackle Flea Market at Charles Street School on February 22nd, 2017 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm.

The Tri-Boro Girl Scouts are selling Girl Scout cookies at the Band Shell on Saturdays starting January 21st, 2017 thru March 11th, 2017 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Mayor Arnold also indicated it was her pleasure to attend the Fire Chief's Association where Rick Dreby was sworn in as the President of the Fire Chief's Association.

An event, the "4th for Jay" was held on Saturday in Riverton to honor Jason Wark who is suffering from brain cancer. Jason is a Riverton Firefighter, a former US Marine and a prison guard for the Burlington

County Department of Corrections. There was such an outpouring of love and support for this individual honoring him for the service he has given to the community.

On Saturday January 21st, 2017 there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at Melissa's Pan a Spanish and Caribbean food restaurant located on Cinnaminson Avenue, at 10:30 am.. Please come out for the opening.

The Mayor then introduced Linda Hughes the new Freeholder from Burlington County. As you are aware the Borough of Palmyra applied for a grant from the Burlington County Freeholders in 2014 the application was for the Burlington County Municipal Park Development Program, we were awarded the grant in 2015 for \$125,000.00. The Mayor and governing body authorized Maser Consulting to undertake certain initiatives. Insentiently the bid opening for that project is January 24th, 2017 at 10:30 am. at Borough Hall. The Mayor and Ms. Hughes then unveiled the sign to be placed where the project will be, notifying everyone that the park is coming. Mayor Arnold also notified everyone that we are still looking for a name for the park and a contest to name the park is in the works. Ms. Hughes, from the Burlington County Freeholders Office then added the Burlington County Municipal Park Development Program has been going on since 2009 and the Burlington County Freeholders have awarded over 25 million dollars to different municipalities during that time. Ms. Hughes then indicated it's so exciting to see what the various municipalities can do when they have sufficient funding.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Mayor held discussion regarding the appointment of an engineer for the Municipality. Mayor Arnold indicated the appointment for Borough Engineer was not confirmed by Borough Council at the reorganization meeting and there were (4) four companies which responded to the RFP/RFQ's; she further indicated the companies which responded were, Pennoni, Environmental Resolutions, Inc., CME Associates, and Maser Consulting. Mayor Arnold requested and asked council if they would appoint William Kirchner of Environmental Resolutions, Inc. as Municipal Engineer by way of resolution 2017-63.

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-63 appointing William Kirchner of Environment Resolutions Inc., as Municipal Engineer. Mrs. Russell seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was.

AYES. Mr. Cosky, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, Mr. Yetter, President Howard

NAYES. None

Mayor Arnold held discussion regarding the appointment of Municipal Prosecutor. This appointment had been tabled until further information could be gathered. After conferring with our Solicitor regarding the wording of such resolutions to appoint the Municipal Prosecutor, Mayor Arnold then request by way of resolution 2017-64 the appointing of Adam S. Malamut and Vincent Campo of Liebling Malamut, LLC as Municipal Prosecutors for the Borough of Palmyra for 2017.

President Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-64 appointing Adam S. Malamut and Vincent Campo of Liebling Malamut, LLC as Municipal Prosecutors. Mrs. Tait seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Cosky, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, Mr. Yetter, President Howard

NAYES: None

Abstain: Mrs. Russell

Mayor Arnold indicated that Council Committees appointments were not confirmed at the reorganization meeting, so there are no committees currently in place, and no committee work is being done. Mayor Arnold also indicated she has not received any communication from council regarding the committee appointments. President Howard indicated that he had spoken with council members individually and would like to meet with Mayor Arnold and Mr. Gural to discuss the Council Committee appointments.

ERI was just appointed Municipal Engineer which was the position which Maser Consulting held last year and is currently holding in a holdover capacity until the Municipal engineer is appointed for 2017. There are projects which Maser is currently working on that if the governing body wishes to have them continue working on they would have to be appointed as a Special Projects Engineer for the Borough. That appointment would have to be awarded by a Non-Fair and Open award as Maser Consulting did not RFP/RFQ for the position of Special Project Engineer. Mr. Gural will ask Mr. Rosenberg to prepare a Resolution for council's consideration to appoint Maser Consulting, by a Non-Fair and Open Contract, as a special project engineer for the Borough of Palmyra for 2017. Mr. Gural will also forward a list of the current projects which Maser Consulting is working on, to the governing body.

Mr. Gural explained, at the previous meeting the governing body appointed Palmyra members to the Tri-Boro CERT Team; which originally evolved from the Burlington County CERT Team. Due to an incident which involved an injury to a member of the Tri-Boro CERT who submitted a workmen's comp claim to our insurance, which was denied. It was thought that the Burlington County CERT Team should have be responsible for that workmen's comp claim as there are laws which indicate that emergency responders are entitled to workmen's compensation, however they also denied that claim. Our insurance policy and the JIF Insurance Fund is not willing to cover a member of the Tri-Boro CERT team as there are members from other communities involved and their feeling is that all the participating communities should share that responsibility. This is what brings us to where we are today. After much discussion with other participating municipalities and several insurance companies what was decided is a shared service agreement is needed amongst the participating municipalities. The first step we have completed by specifically identifying and designating our members to the Tri-Boro CERT Team, they will be covered by our insurance carrier. In the absence of a certificate of insurance from the other participating municipalities we could also be held responsible not just for workmen's compensation claims but also for a general liability claims. Mr. Gural is requesting permission to seek a shared service agreement with the two other municipalities which defines everyone's responsibility but

also requires those municipalities to provide worker's compensation insurance along with general liability insurance for each member from their community, which is not a Palmyra member.

Eva Schultz, of the Tri-Borough Ambulance Squad, indicated they have an agreement with Cinnaminson Township regarding service and would like an agreement with the Borough of Palmyra as well. Mr. Gural indicated he did not know the contents of the agreement but would reach out to Cinnaminson Township and would get back to the governing body with additional information.

Our Code Enforcement Officer, Rick Dreby will be resigning effective January 31st, 2017. Because of the timing of this resignation and the budget not being complete, now is the time to decide if you want that position full time as compared to part time as the position currently is. After much discussion it was decided that perhaps someone on staff could fill that void until budget time when the governing body can consider it again when they would have more information regarding our financial standing at that point.

Mr. Gural indicated it was brought to our attention that Field Turf, a manufacturer and installer of artificial turf fields, who installed our turf field at the Legion Park is being investigated for providing a faulty product from a manufacturing and installation perspective. There is a federal class action lawsuit pending against this company in which Palmyra is named as a location where this product was installed. Mr. Gural would like permission to forward the information to Mr. Rosenberg so he may advise the governing body as to what options are available to the Borough.

Earlier we spoke about Tony's Barber Shop. The Mayor has indicated she will be getting back to Mr. Ventura regarding the mural painting.

Mr. Gural spoke with council regarding the meetings format. The Mayor indicated the first meeting of the month, the caucus council meeting, will be a work session, information exchanges and discussion of the items to be presented and voted on at the regular council meeting on the third Monday of the month. At the regular council meeting, council will address ordinances and resolutions. If something comes up in the mist we will address it. This will also let the public know the timing of discussion items and action items.

Mayor Arnold indicated she would like to form an Environmental Committee which could evolve into an Environmental Commission, to address environmental issues of concern to our community. Some of these committees are also referred to as "green teams". Mayor asked Ms. Weiner and Mrs. Russell if they would be interested in taking the lead on that committee with the help of Mr. Yetter. Ms. Weiner indicated she would like to help or work with that committee however did not feel as though she could take the lead at this point. Mayor Arnold then asked Mr. Yetter if he would take the lead and he agreed.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gural indicated that transition meetings are under way with the professionals, Mr. Rosenberg is already up to speed and he will begin the transition from Maser Consulting to Environmental Resolutions tomorrow.

There is a meeting scheduled this Thursday at 2:00pm regarding the Fuel Storage/Distribution System. Mr. Gural, Mr. Henry, and John Jeffers the Executive Director of the Burlington County Bridge Commission, Pennoni and representatives from Consulting and Municipal Engineer will be meeting to discuss the a potential shared services agreement regarding the Fuel Storage/Distribution System construction and distribution. Mr. Gural indicated thru conversation recently had the Bridge Commission seems to have a real interest in this possibility. The design has already be completed, as the project has been bid before, however the storage tanks will have to be increased. Mr. Gural will get back to the governing body with the outcome of this meeting at our next meeting.

Mr. Gural explained, that the YMCA approached us with a grant opportunity they received; the YMCA CIVIC Engagement Program Grant; which would benefit at least 15 Palmyra High School students, primarily freshmen and sophomores. The program is a student leadership program, it's a three year program which would expose those students chosen to all types of civic minded programs. There is no cost to the Borough as the YMCA would pick-up all the costs involved. The YMCA sent the Borough a letter which the Mayor executed which indicated we would participate in the program. That letter was forwarded to you also. Hopefully we receive the grant.

The governor signed the Recycling/ E-waste Bill S981 into law. It basically indicates that the borough cannot accept or store electronic items at our public works yard. Also the landfill will not take electronic items them in bulk but will only take them from tax payers.

The Broad Street Traffic Calming/ Access to Transit Stop and the Orchard Avenue industrial road improvement are both applications submitted to NJDOT Safe Streets to Transportation, the applications are funded by the Burlington County Bridge Commission. The Borough submits a request for assistance the economic authority of the county, Burlington County Bridge Commission and they granted us the assistance to pay the grant writers namely C G P & H. who prepare the grant applications. We get the grants prepared at no cost to the Borough. The Broad Street Traffic Calming Grant promotes various striping and things of that nature in our downtown area. We are also seeking, by way of a Municipal Aid Grant, the complete reconstruction of Orchard Avenue. Kerbeck has agreed in principle to participate in the cost of those improvements of that road. What we are looking at is a partnership with the State and NJDOT to improve the residential session of Orchard Avenue which is one block, with the Borough contributing to the cost of reconstruction of the industrial area of Orchard Avenue which is the four short blocks and Kerbeck agreeing to participate in the cost of that part of the project.

Tracy Kilmer our safety coordinator, is handling the Burlington County JIF Safety Incentive Program so she may ask you to sign on behalf of particular department. We have won many awards in the past for her efforts with this program. Work safe play safe

We are again renewing our shared service agreement, which expired in December of 2016, with Cinnaminson Township for brine solution. Brine solution is a solution placed on the road prior to snow which keeps the snow from freezing on the roadway, making it easier to plow. Cinnaminson Township has agreed to renew and is putting forth their resolution at their next meeting after which they will forward the agreement along with resolution to us for execution.

The CDBC Small Cities Grant we applied for ADA accessible sidewalks and walkways in the Harbour has not been granted, although we have not received official notification.

The Borough Hall Conditions report by Maser Consulting has been distributed to Council. This is an overview of the future maintenance required of this facility to keep it in good condition. We are also waiting, and Maser will finish it, for the report on the conditions of the Legion Field Facilities.

Mr. Gural indicated, council has been very responsive in signing up to participate in the various educational programs offered by Rutgers & NJLM Education Programs for Elected Officials .The Burlington County JIF Elected Officials Liability Seminar being held in March 29th of 2017 many of you have already sign up for, this is very important as the Borough receives a 250.00 credit for all that attend. Additionally the Bowen Budgeting Seminar will be held January 26th, 2017, for those of Council who are interested. This program is one of the best municipal budget preparing seminars.

Mr. Gural indicated he has spoken with the executive director of Habitat for Humanity and they are willing to proceed with the transfer of the Tri-Borough Vets Property. Their intent is to subdivide the property so they can built two homes on that lot. With the permission of council Mr. Gural will be forwarding that paper work to Mr. Rosenberg to prepare the appropriate paperwork so that we may sell it to Habitat for Humanity for one dollar.

The four way stop at W Charles Street & Park Avenue will require an ordinance to complete the process. If it is the desire of council to proceed with the four way stop we can introduce the ordinance at the February 21st meeting. Council agreed.

The Palmyra Fire Department has undertaken a study, a determination of need, regarding their existing ladder truck. Their intent is to move forward with a potential acquisition of a new Fire Truck, which cannot be done without the governing body's permission. The truck could cost \$950,000.00, moving forward from here it will be necessary for them to meet with the governing body to explain their need for the acquisition. This would be a capital purchase so you would have to allocate 5% of the cost, the down payment, in the Municipal budget, the balance of the cost would be funded thru a capital

ordinance. Mr. Roun indicated they are getting their final information together so that they can make a full presentation for the governing body in at the budget meeting.

Mr. Gural indicated the heat pump is going to be replaced in the Police Department in the coming weeks.

Mr. Gural, Tangy Johns and Donna Condo are working on a Veteran's Deduction Policy. The draft that policy will be presented at the next meeting for Borough Council consideration.

Mr. Gural stated we received a proposed agreement from Verizon regarding Verizon Wireless access to right-of way. That proposed agreement is being forwarded to Mr. Rosenberg for review. Once his comments are received Mr. Gural will get back with the governing body with that information.

Mr. Gural indicated the position Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) is apparently are required position the Borough is supposed to have. Donna Condo is familiar with it and has volunteered to handle it. He will be forwarding the information to Mr. Rosenberg for his review before the governing body makes any decision

We are in the process of updating the Website, any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. Once we have committee assignments we will update the Governing body page as it is most critical for the public to know how to reach the Governing Body with any concerns. Phone numbers and extensions for the Governing Body have already been updated.

Mr. Gural again indicated the Riverbank Park Project bid opening is January 24th, 2017 at 10:30 am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Assignments have been made therefore the following report was given by the Mayor:

The construction office had 19 resale inspections for the month of November, indicating movement in the market place. Mayor also stated when you are having work done or solar panels installed contact the construction department to find out what permits are required. Additionally if you are having solar panels installed check with the construction dept. to make sure the correct amount of panels are being installed. There recently was a fire in the Borough at a home which had panels installed and it is hard for fire fighters to access properties with panels. The construction department also conducted 12 resale inspections and 3 rental inspections in December of 2016.

The sewer/ public works department indicated more sludge, nighttime calls, and service calls were handled in November than December. Additionally in November 2016 Mr. Pettite went full time and Mr. Benson and Mr. Pettite saved the Borough six days' worth of outside maintenance work .The New Jersey Avenue pump station magnesium tank was winterized, and take note a new pump will need to be installed in early 2017 with an estimated cost of \$2,500.00. Ron J also crossed trained in the Sewer Department. In December Mr. Benson and Mr. Pettite saved the Borough two days' worth of outside

maintenance work, and miscellaneous vehicle repair work is being handled by Mr. Jakubowski also saving the Borough money.

The Mayor indicated the Palmyra Police report indicates calls for service are down which she is attributing to a greater presence of the force on the streets. Mayor Arnold and Chief Pearlman were over many statistics comparing 2016 to 2015, the numbers indicate positive change. Mayor Arnold also indicated the report by Officer Kendall regarding his work at the school with the children was just awesome.

Mrs. Russell then stated she saw an article in the Burlington County Times in regards to making it easier for businesses in different towns. Mrs. Russell indicated the topic of a meeting she attended in December was what we could do to make it easier for business to come into our town, once committee assignments are completed she has the contact of a person who would be interested in coming and talking to council in regards to what we would like to do and how we can make it easier for business in town.

PUBLIC COMMENT Please sign in at the podium 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 citizen may only speak once during each public portion.

Mrs. Tait made a motion to open the public portion, President Howard second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Holloway – Broad Street – Thanked the Borough for the beautiful decorations put up during the holiday season, and wanted to remind council that there are two residential blocks past Market Street on Broad Street that would like to be included when decorations are placed on the light poles, they always seem to be forgotten. Additionally Mrs. Holloway inquired why there is not a street sign on Rt.73 indicating where Broad Street is. Mrs. Holloway indicated most people pass Broad Street then get to the bridge and have to turn around. Mayor indicated she would get back to Mrs. Holloway after talking with Mr. Gural regarding the street sign.

Mr. Koltonuk – Broad Street– Mr. Koltonuk indicated he was having an issue with a street person who is pan handling and lounging on the sidewalk outside his storefront. Mr. Koltonuk indicated something has to be done to keep them off the sidewalk in front of the stores. He further indicated what he pays for rent is way too high and Borough Council needs to come up with some ways to help the Business Community. Chief Pearlman indicated panhandling is not illegal. You can't arrest someone for being on the street unless they are doing something illegal or they are violent, you can't violate their civil rights. The Mayor indicated they would have some additional conversations regarding this and she would get back to him.

Mr. McElwee – Columbia Avenue – Mr. McElwee ask Mr. Gural if the veteran deduction policy was going to make the deduction bigger. Mayor Arnold indicated the Veteran's deduction policy is to set in

place a policy for all to follow when determining how the totally disabled Veteran's Deduction should be handled. Mr. McElwee also indicated that if someone wanted to get rid of their Girl Scout cookies the Yellow Ribbon Club would gladly take them and send them to the troops, last year they sent over 2000 boxes. Mr. McElwee also attended the ceremony "July 4 Jay" in Riverton on Saturday for Jay, it was very nice to see them present him with a coin from the Warriors Watch Riders.

Mr. Rader – Harbour Drive – The budget meetings will be starting in March. When are the printouts available for council? Mr. Gural and Mayor Arnold indicated that question could not be answered as information was still being gathered. Mr. Rader asked if about 100 line items was a reasonable estimate. He further indicated that perhaps before the budget hearings begin each council member should indicated they have had adequate time to review the handouts, as it is a very complicated process.

Mr. Roun – Maryland Avenue – Mr. Roun expressed the thought that perhaps we would want to dedicate the Riverfront Park in the name of a currently retired and/ or in the past deceased service workers of the Municipality.

Mrs. Veitenheimer – Rowland Street – On Resolution 2017-62 what is the dollar amount of the bills paid? Ms. Jackson responded \$1,338,475.62. With the change of the municipal engineer how much overlap will there be and how much more will it cost the taxpayers? Mayor Arnold indicated she could not answer that question at the moment. Is this considered a redo of everything Maser Consulting did this year? Mayor Arnold indicated there will be some overlap but don't feel it will be a complete redo. Ms. Veitenheimer indicated she was "very disappointed with this and you really have to consider the taxpayer instead of this political switching around".

No one else from the public wishing to be heard, Mrs. Russell made a motion to close the public portion. Mr. Cosky seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Weiner – We usually get our council packets on Friday, is there some way the packet can be disseminated earlier than Friday. It would be beneficial to all if we had the package at least one day earlier.

Mrs. Tait – no comment

Mrs. Russell – Is it possible to have a hard copy on Friday as well as the electronic copy? Mayor Arnold indicated there is a computer setup in the conference room that she may print a hard copy if she desires. Mr. Gural indicated their access to the network won't be available for another two weeks, so we will try to accommodate this request until they are set up.

Mr. Yetter– no comment

Mr. Cosky– Mr. Cosky thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and for their comments. It's good to see the interest of the public, hear their comments and it's important for us to know where we need to go.

President Howard – President. Howard indicated the Palmyra High School had a good turnout for the MKL day of service, Ms. Foster's team did a great job they made 11 blankets and have 4 more to complete if anyone would like to come back and help. Mr. Howard visited a number of locations all

around the county and it was good to see the student turn out for the day of service, and also to see the number of different service projects being performed. The emergency service team and fire department did an awesome job handling the fire.

Mayor Arnold – Mayor Arnold indicated it is a new year and we are a new council we have a lot of new ideas. Mayor Arnold stated she is looking forward to coming together as a team, putting these committees together and getting on with the business of the Borough. Without committees no committee work is being done and vouchers are not being signed. It is the Mayor’s hope that we can get this resolved quickly and move on. As always Mayor Arnold stated be kind to one another and be good neighbors.

Resolution 2017- 65,

Resolution Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P. L. 1975. Litigation, Contracts, Negotiations

Mr. Yetter made a motion to approve resolution 2017-65 Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P. L. 1975. Litigation, Contracts, Negotiations the motion was seconded by President Howard.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Cosky, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, Mr. Yetter, President Howard

Council we into closed session at 9:35

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Cosky made a motion to open the public portion, President Howard second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Council back in session at

Mr. Yetter made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Russell second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:54

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R Jackson

Acting Municipal Clerk