

Borough of Palmyra
Council Caucus Meeting Minutes, 7:00 PM
Monday February 6th, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of January 17th, 2017 was called to order by Mayor Michelle Arnold at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Michelle Arnold, President Tim Howard, Mr. Cosky, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Gina Tait, Ms. Mindie Weiner, Mr. Lewis Yetter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Public Notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings 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, 2017.
- B. Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 10, 2017.
- C. Notice to All Council Members.

INVOCATION

Reverend Jean Bonds from Mount Zion AME Church, gave the invocation. She also stated that Mount Zion AME Church was founded in 1897 by a small group of people who met in their respective homes to worship and fellowship; in 1908 the congregation moved into the building which still stands today at 300 Penn Street, Riverton, New Jersey, where the congregation continues to fellowship. Rev. Bonds has been the Senior Pastor at Mount Zion AME Church for the last six years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 6th, 2017 Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive meeting minutes from December 5th, 2016. 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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a letter of gratitude received from Mr. Tim Troutman from Cinnaminson thanking the EMT Squad for all they do and the manner in which they carry themselves.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Arnold acknowledged Ms. Marva E Jones for outstanding service to our community with the following proclamation, which was read into the record:

Honoring Marva E. Jones

For Outstanding Service to our Community

WHEREAS, every community has a special person, an individual who cares so deeply for that community that she finds herself being overbooked with meetings and gets so involved in so many important issues that her influence is virtually embedded in the community; and

WHEREAS, just such a special person, born and raised in Palmyra, graduating from Palmyra High School in 1955, who worked for the Federal Government for 33 years, having received many awards, such as Distinguished Career Service Award, Paul Harris Fellow Award for Volunteerism, and the Burlington County Volunteer Award from the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, she is very active and devoted to her church, St. Paul UAME in Palmyra, and also, is a passionate and sincere advocate for many issues that impact our senior community; and

WHEREAS, having helped to establish the Tri-Boro Seniors currently known as the Senior Citizens Program and also served the Borough of Palmyra as coordinator of the Palmyra Municipal Alliance Program for over ten years.

WHEREAS, Marva E. Jones affectionately known as “Ms. Marva” is no stranger to Borough Hall where she frequently can be seen in the kitchen, copy room or attending Borough meetings and workshops

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Michelle Arnold by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of Palmyra, in the State of New Jersey do hereby recognize Marva E. Jones for her outstanding contributions to the Palmyra community, the Palmyra Senior Citizens Program and our sincere thanks for her dedicated service to our community.

Mayor Michelle Arnold

Mrs. Marva Jones thanked the Mayor, Borough Council and everyone for the acknowledgement.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

David Gerken, CGP & H – Mr. Gerken reported currently there are no applications in progress. Applications currently submitted and awaiting a response are as follows:

NJ Dept. of Transportation- Municipal Aid Program, requested 448,265.00 to reconstruct Orchard Avenue from West Broad Street to Jefferson Street.

NJ Dept of Transportation – Safe Streets to Transit Program, requested \$597,140.00 to implement a traffic calming measures within the Broad Street Corridor.

Burlington County Dept of Resource Conservation – Municipal Parks Development Grant Program, requested \$181,886.00 to redesign the Grove area also known as the band shell.

NJ Dept of Transportation – Transportation Alternatives Program, requested \$288,915.00 to implement a streetscaping program on West Broad Street from Public Road to Park Avenue.

All applications requested from NJ Dept of Transportation where funded by the Burlington County Bridge Commission.

Ms. Weiner inquired of Mr. Gerken, “What is streetscaping”? Mr. Gerken replied, streetscaping is replacing trees, lighting, pavers, sidewalks etc.

Mayor Arnold also acknowledged and thanked the Burlington County Bridge Commission for their continued funding support for various projects.

John Hogue, ERM – Our primary activity is to finish the munitions work on the Palmyra Cove property, which was initiated over a year ago. That project is fully funded with State grant money which the Borough already has. What remains to be an obstacle is access to complete the work. ERM is awaiting word from Palmyra Nature Cove regarding dates of availability and for access to the adjoining property. Mr. Rosenberg is currently working on an access agreement with the adjoining property owners.

William Kirchner, ERI – Thanked the governing body for their recent appointment as Engineer for the Borough of Palmyra.

Projects which they are currently working on include, ERI has updated all information for Orchard Ave and Filmore Streets to support Mr. Gerken with the Borough of Palmyra’s application to NJ Dept. of Transportation.

The Broad Street traffic calming study which was completed in 2013, was also updated for the Borough of Palmyra’s application to NJ Dept. of Transportation.

The evaluation of Main Harbour Drive; the field work is about 90 % complete and they anticipate having the draft report to review with the administrator by the end on the month.

An update was given to the administrator regarding the miscellaneous signs for Broad Street. (Welcome to Downtown Palmyra/ Riverton sign down on 73)

ERI also inspected the turf at the Legion Field. The inspection revealed there was no unusual wear on the turf and with continued maintenance the Borough will probably get another five to eight years of use out of the field.

ERI is also getting the annual maintenance contracts in place so when things go wrong the staff has someone they can call to make repairs.

Mrs. Russell asked Mr. Kirchner to clarify why we can't have a sign placed on Broad Street. Mr. Kirchner explained the DOT indicated the sign on RT#73 and Spring Garden Street is in Palmyra, because it is Palmyra their policy is they do not place a sign in Palmyra when you are in Palmyra, therefore they list the next town over, Riverton. Our biggest problem is we can't put up signs on or in areas where we do not have jurisdiction. Ms. Weiner inquired if there is a sign in Palmyra indicating Riverton is the next town over, is there a sign in Pennsauken which says Palmyra is the next town over? Mr. Gural indicated he and Mr. Kirchner would look into for next meeting.

Anthony LaRosa, Maser Consulting – Mr. Larose indicated he attended a smooth transition meeting with William Kirchner and John Gural regarding the projects they were working on; they turned those projects over to ERI and included some backup information which should be helpful.

Mr. LaRosa reported they came to the same conclusion as ERI regarding the signage on Rt. #73 and Broad Street, indicating the Borough have not control over what DOT does or does not allow on their jurisdictional highways.

Mr. Larose reported that Maser Consulting had provided the final report for the Legion Field Facility conditions and the facility is in good condition, some minor recommendations were made. There is some graffiti which need to be removed immediately.

Jay DeFelicis, Maser Consulting – Mr. Winckowski indicated the bids were received and all bids exceed our cost estimate, therefore the decision was made to re-bid the project. Maser has agreed to rebid the project at no cost to the Borough. Mr. Gural indicated at the next meeting we will have a resolution to reject the bids and authorize Maser to move forward with the rebidding of the project.

Gregory Valesi, CME – Mr. Valesi indicated the project to construct an above ground storage tank at the Public Works yard in the Borough of Palmyra which would hold 2000 gallons of unleaded fuel and 1000 gallons of diesel fuel was simply to fuel the Municipality's vehicles. The project was bid in October of 2016 those bids were rejected due to cost. Since that time Mr. Gural has reached out to the Burlington County Bridge Commission to see if they would be interested in a shared service agreement to fuel their vehicles, obviously there would be some cost sharing involved which could make for a better project. Mr. Gural, Mr. Valesi and the B C Bridge Commission met to discuss the idea, also providing them with the construction plans, which they seem to be interested in working with the Borough on the project. The BCBC provided the Borough with their unleaded fuel consumption needs and will be getting the Borough their diesel consumption needs, once they provide that information it can be determined if the tanks need to be larger or if the Borough would need to just increase their delivery schedule. Once that information is received we will report back to Borough Council. CME is also obtaining the quotes from the BCBC Contractor to compare with our quotes to determine if there is

any cost savings for the construction. At that point the Borough may wish to enter into a cost sharing agreement with the Burlington County Bridge Commission so they can share in construction cost. Mayor Arnold inquired if Mr. Valesi had any idea of how long it would take to get the information. Mr. Valesi indicated that in about a month and half we would have some idea of how we need to proceed. Ms. Weiner inquired if we had any idea of how much the Borough would save by entering into this project. Mayor Arnold indicated that currently we could not determine that, however this project is so important to the Borough, as we would have control of our fuel cost.

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 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

Bob Rader – Harbour Drive Mr. Rader indicated he did not understand what a calming project was and could someone explain that. Mr. Gural explained the calming project is to slow traffic on Broad Street, so people take notice and refocus their attention to the town. The objective is to install visual barriers which make the drivers refocus their attention to the town as they pass thru. Mr. Rader also inquired as to the amount of the lowest bid for the Riverfront Project. Mr. Gural indicated it was \$167,517.00, which included the base bid of \$93,723.00 and Alternate #1 \$73,794.00.

Monica Lloren – Hubbs Drive Mrs. Lloren asked Mr. LaRosa if Maser Consulting checked the electrical in the concession stand. Mr. LaRosa stated it was checked and all GFI's are currently working properly, the circuits are labeled 20 amps, maybe things should be staggered so as not to overload the circuits. Mrs. Lloren stated that the electrical panel room gets extremely hot in the summer and the room is not ventilated. Mr. Gural indicated that what we are talking about is not so much of a repair but more of a substantial improvement which probably will not be addressed until after the budget is complete and capital funds are available. Mrs. Lloren also inquired as to whom was responsible for the security cameras in the park, as they don't work. Mr. Gural indicated that the security cameras do work and no one should be touching that equipment and or reviewing that surveillance outside of the police dept...

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda

Resolution 2017-66 thru Resolution 2017-68 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 2017-66** Resolution Authorizing Approval to Submit a Grant Application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Broad Street Traffic Calming Project
- **Resolution 2017-67** Resolution Authorizing Approval to Submit a Grant Application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the orchard Avenue Reconstruction Project
- **Resolution 2017-68** Resolution Appointing Tanyika Johns as Deputy Registrar for the Borough of Palmyra

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the consent agenda Resolution 2017-66 thru Resolution 2017-68. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Weiner reported that the 2nd Broadway Breakfast was held at the Community Center, the kids performed the entire time and really enjoyed it, and additionally they raised a nice chunk of change for their club.

Mayor Arnold indicated Cub Scout Pack #9 will be touring the Palmyra Police Department on February 13th, which is a requirement for them to continue moving forward in the Cub Scouts. Also on the 21st of February the Cub Scouts Pack #9 will be joining us for our council meeting.

The Palmyra Charles Street School students testified before the Environmental and Solid Waste Committee to argue for a ban on polystyrene in New Jersey schools. Mayor Arnold commended the students and teachers for working on such a worthwhile cause.

Mayor Arnold indicated several suggestions have come in to "Name That Park" contest. The governing body will be taking recommendations thru February 21st, 2017. With the intention of making a decision so that it can be announced at the meeting of March 6th, 2017. Ms. Weiner asked if we could know the names which were submitted so far, Mayor Arnold indicated that she would forward that list to the governing body.

Doc Swan presented the Merriment and Magic Show at Palmyra High School; it was a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Mayor Arnold indicated there was a great turnout and the show was impressive.

Random Acts of Kindness slips were handed out tonight, as February is Random Acts of Kindness Month. The slips are to nominate and record random acts of kindness people have done to make you smile, to make your life easier, or to just brighten your day. These slips will be placed on our "Valentine Tree" in Borough Hall and the random acts will be selected and prizes will be awarded.

Palmyra Day is May 6th, 2017, stay tuned for additional information to follow. Any inquiries regarding information about Palmyra Day should be forwarded to Mayor Arnold.

Ms. Weiner indicated there is a new group in town, "The Palmyra Improvement Group, which will be holding its first meeting this week. Mr. John Casparro indicated the group will be meeting at Central Baptist Church on February 16th, 2017 at 7:00 pm as they try to get everything organized and to see how many people are truly interested in the group.

Mrs. Weiner indicated the PCCPB has started its new winter class programs. The classes started last week but it's not too late to join. The Palmyra Community Center Program Board also has a new director, Lee Stoner, which is doing an awesome job.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

After much discussion between Borough Council, the Mayor and Mr. Rosenberg regarding Council Committee appointments, Borough Council and Mayor Arnold made the following Council Committee appointments:

Mayor

Michelle Arnold

Committee Chair: Communications, Negotiations, Public Events, Homeowners Association

Liaison

Committee Member: Public Safety/ Municipal Court, Administration & Finance

Borough Council President

Timothy Howard

Committee Chair: Youth & Recreation/Parks & Playgrounds,

Committee Member: Public Works/Sewer, Communications, Construction, Public Buildings & Grounds, Public Events

Borough Council

Frank Cosky

Committee Chair: Construction

Committee Member: Public Safety/ Municipal Court, Public Buildings & Grounds, Negotiations, Public Events

Bernadette Russell

Committee Chair: Board of Education Liaison, Shade Tree Liaison, Homeowners Association

Liaison

Committee Member: Business & Community Development, Communications, Construction, Green Team, Negotiations, Public Events

Gina Tait

Committee Chair: Public Buildings & Grounds, Public Events, Board of Education Liaison

Committee Member: Public Safety/ Municipal Court, Youth & Recreation/Parks & Playgrounds, Administration & Finance

Mindie Weiner

Committee Chair: Business & Community Development, Administration & Finance,
Homeowners Association Liaison

Committee Member: Public Works/Sewer, Green Team, Public Events

Lewis Yetter

Committee Chair: Public Works/Sewer, Green Team, Land Use Board Liaison

Committee Member: Business & Community Development, Youth & Recreation/Parks &
Playgrounds, Public Events

A resolution will be prepared for approval of the committee appointments for next meeting.

The all-way stop for Park Avenue and W. Charles St, requires an ordinance to amend Chapter 90: Vehicle and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Palmyra. Mr. Gural inquired, if all are in agreement Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Gural will prepare that ordinance for introduction for the next meeting. Ms. Weiner asked what is the down side to placing the four way stop at that intersection. Mr. Cosky indicated he was not aware of any down side or apposition to the four way stop and it is need for the safety of the children in the area. Mrs. Weiner asked if that means there will be another crossing guard assigned to the intersection. Mr., Gural indicated, "no" that if that we needed another crossing guard that would be at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Mayor Arnold and Borough Council indicated the ordinance should be prepared for the next meeting.

Mr. Gural, Ms. Johns and Ms. Condo put together a policy which was forwarded to the Governing Body for consideration and is being presented to Borough Council for approval regarding the Totally Disabled Veterans Deduction Policy. They felt the policy was necessary so everyone would have the same understanding of the Borough of Palmyra's position when determining and calculating what the totally disabled veteran's deduction would be and how it should be applied. After much discussion Borough Council indicated that an Ordinance was required. Mr. Gural was asked to prepare the ordinance and presented it at the next meeting.

Everyone having read Mr. Rosenberg's memo and having no questions regarding the appointment of Maser Consulting as special projects engineer. Mayor Arnold indicated that a resolution will be prepared for the next meeting to appoint Maser Consulting thru a non-fair and open process as special projects engineer.

Mayor Arnold also indicated a resolution will be prepared for next meeting to appoint Donna Condo as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) for the Borough of Palmyra as required by the state.

Chief Pearlman explained, the police new hire reimbursement agreement is for newly hired police officers. He stated that it is similar to title 40 statue, which indicates if the officer left the municipality which hired them before two complete years of service then the municipality taking in the officer would be responsible to reimburse the municipality the officer was leaving for the cost they incurred to

train that officer. The Chief is looking for an agreement which would allow us to make the payment to the other municipality however would allow the officer to reimburse us over a period of time, thru payroll deductions. Additionally if we hire a new candidate out of the academy and they leave here before 2 years of service they would be responsible for the cost incurred to train and ready them for duty. After additional discussion it was decided we would move forward with some sort of agreement. Mr. Rosenberg and Chief Pearlman will be putting together something for the governing body's approval.

Mr. Gural indicated we have the ability to recoup a small fraction of the monies which we disbursed by way of a housing rehab program grant. The property, 448 Delaware Avenue, is in foreclosure and is again up for short sale and they are willing to pay part of the lien amount owed. Mayor Arnold indicated that usually we recoup nothing. A resolution will be prepared for the Governing Body's consideration at next meeting.

Mayor Arnold indicated in your packets you received a copy of the agreements with Cinnaminson for Brine Solution & Confined Space. Mr. Gural indicated the confined space agreement is still being worked on however the agreement for the purchase of Brine solution is ready for consideration and a resolution will be on the agenda at next meeting for consideration.

The code enforcement vacancy and agreement with the Riverfront at Palmyra we will discuss in closed session. (Personnel/negotiations)

Fuel Storage/Distribution Project and Security Cameras issues the Burlington County Bridge Commission offered to help us with as we have been working on putting new cameras at Legion Field, in Borough Hall and at the sewer plant for quite some time. Because CME is already working on the project with BCBC Mr. Gural felt that the project should be turned over to CME and allow them to develop it like any other project. Mr. Gural and CME Team will come up with a proposal for Borough Council to consider sometime in the future.

The Riverfront Park bid opening held on January 24th, 2017 and the artificial turf at Legion Field were discussed previously.

Mr. Gural wanted to make Borough Council aware that each of them are registered members of The Burlington County Regional Chambers of Commerce and their names will appear in the BCRCC directory, additionally Council will receive emails from them regarding the services which are available.

Mr. Gural stated a date must be set for the budget workshop meeting and budget adoption. Keep in mind that the meeting must be advertised prior to being held. Mr. Gural suggested March 11th, at 8:00 a.m., council agreed.

Mayor Arnold also indicated that the JIF Meeting will be held on the 29th of March, which starts at 6:00 pm, dinner provided, and remember for each of us that attend the Borough receives a 250.00 credit on our insurance bill.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gural stated that we are trying to get the monthly bill list to council sooner. He indicated this takes a greater efforts from our professionals as well as staff to make happen. We are working on the process with the hopes of getting that information to the governing body a couple of days sooner.

Mr. Rosenberg has prepared the agreement of sale for the Tri-Boro Vets property to Habitat for Humanity, there is an amendment to include that the sale is contingent upon Habitat for Humanity being able to construct two homes on the property. Habitat for Humanity is going to make application, to the Land Use Board. Mr. Rosenberg asked if we should give them until June 30th, 2017 to obtain the required approvals. Mayor Arnold indicated yes and it can be extended if need be.

Mayor Arnold indicated the following topics have already been discussed, Palmyra Signs on Rt. 73 and Broad Street, the industrial area road repairs and the striping and stop sign at New Jersey Avenue & S. Broad Streets.

Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Rosenberg's memo address the Verizon Right of Way and there really nothing to discuss until the questions are answered.

Mr. Gural is currently working on the CERT Shared Service Agreement with Cinnaminson and Riverton and will get back to the governing body when he has additional information.

Mr. Gural stated the governing body may wish to hire a consultant to handle the Trash collection/removal contract which is upcoming. Additionally the MACCS contract is due to be renew as well. This is the condominium trash removal, a shared service with Maple Shade as the lead agency, we use to collect the trash from the Harbour, Riverfront and Willow shores. The shared service agreement must be approved by resolution and will be on the agenda at next meeting for council consideration.

Mr. Gural indicated he has the JIF 2016 State of the Fund and Quarterly Loss Ratio reports if anyone is interested in taking a look at.

Mrs. Russell asked how they should council be disposing of the various paper reports which they receive at the meetings. Mr. Gural stated they should be recycled, however make sure they properly dispose of any confidential information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Arnold reported the following as no committee work is being done currently.

Palmyra Day will be May 6th, 2017, and anyone wanting more information should contact her.

Two new businesses opened in the Borough, Batters Alley on Morgan Avenue and Form Tube Direct on Market Street; the Mayor welcomed them to Palmyra and encouraged everyone to do the same.

Mayor stated, the Police department has taken on the effort of the Municipal Alliance Program. Mayor Arnold, the superintendent of Palmyra Public Schools and the Chief are working on an alternative solution to that for next year, more to follow.

Mayor Arnold also indicated she and Mr. Holloway are working on requirements for the student representative to serve as liaison to Borough Council, additionally they spoke about the mural to be painted on the Barber shop and the possibility of some student involvement. Mayor Arnold and Mr. Holloway also spoke about the fair funding formula for the schools, Mayor Arnold is a strong advocate of the fair funding formula hoping to make sure the Palmyra School District gets our fair share. The strength of our school systems also drives our property values.

The School Resource Program continues to be a huge hit. The reports Officer Kendall does are great, keep them coming.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion

John Casparro – Morgan Avenue Mr. Casparro asked why the Palmyra Sun was not mentioned as a source of information. Ms. Weiner indicated the Bridge was an internal publication which the Borough put out to the residents of the Borough of Palmyra. Ms. Weiner also stated when the communication committee gets together they will decide how to disseminate information out to the community and she is hopeful that they will be using the Palmyra Sun whenever possible. The Mayor also indicated that the Palmyra Sun had offered her the opportunity to write a Mayor's column in the paper, indicating that would give us a direct input or source in the paper. Mr. Casparro also asked if the 28 percent increase in the school funding, is ever seen as a tax refund to the residents or does it go directly to the school? Mayor Arnold stated it goes directly to the school. Mr. Gural stated all state aid has to go directly to taxes. Mrs. Tait indicated that it has not been passed yet.

Bryan Norcross – Morgan Avenue – Mr. Norcross indicated the program which Officer Kendall is handling at the school is great. Mr. Casparro brought up something last year regarding the traffic on Fourth streets and Morgan Avenue; Mr. Norcross wants to know what Council is planning on doing about it. Mr. Norcross indicated that the intersection should be looked at for a four way stop as it is a safety issue for the residents of the area. Mayor Arnold indicated she would take his comment to the public safety committee and she get back to him after they have had an opportunity to discuss the matter. Mr. Norcross also asked the Mayor if she had received his suggestion for the naming of the park contest. Mayor Arnold indicated she had, and they are hoping to have the name by the first meeting in March.

No one else from the public wishing to be heard, President Howard made a motion to close the public portion. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Yetter indicated he was glad we got the council committees straighten out and is looking forward to working together and getting on with the business of the Borough.

Mrs. Russell indicated the same.

Mrs. Tait – no comments

Mr. Cosky stated he also was happy that the council committee assignments are completed, and was also happy that we had the opportunity to recognize Mrs. Marva Jones for her outstanding work in the community and with the seniors.

Ms. Weiner – no comments

President Howard stated “I don’t know how you pulled it off on Ms. Marva, but great job!”

Mayor Arnold thanked everyone for coming out this evening. She further stated this is your community and we are here to serve you; as always your input is welcomed and appreciated. Mayor Arnold said “be kind to one another and be good neighbors”.

Resolution 2017-69 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

President Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-69. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

Borough Council went into closed session at 9:40 pm

CLOSED SESSION

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion

Council back in session at 10:33

President Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Yetter second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 10:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R. Jackson

Acting Municipal Clerk