

Borough of Palmyra
Regular Council Meeting, 7:00 PM
Monday March 20th, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra 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:

- Posting written notice on the official bulletin board at the Palmyra Borough Hall on January 10, 2017.
- Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 10, 2017.
- Notice to All Council Members.

INVOCATION

Prayer was given by Reverend Charles Soper of Epworth United Methodist Church

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 6th, 2017, Regular and Executive Sessions. Ms. Weiner indicated she felt something was left out of minutes which should be included, regarding council committee meetings; Mayor Arnold indicated we would postpone approval of the regular meeting minutes until next meeting and requested a motion to approve the executive session minutes. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the executive session meeting minutes from February 6th, 2017. Mr. Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

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

NAYES: None

Abstain: Mrs. Tait

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a posting on our Facebook Page from Mary Tennison thanking the Public Works Department for prompt and friendly service.

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.

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

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

Bob Rader – Harbour Drive Mr. Rader asked what does, Resolution 2017-97 self-examination of the 2017 Budget, mean exactly, who is doing this self-exam? Mr. Gural explained that every so often if certain circumstances are met a municipality is permitted to do a self-exam of their budget (internally) along the assistance of the Auditor, instead of having to send it to the state for their review. The Borough has met all that criteria. Ms. Condo further stated that we are permitted every two years to do self-examination of the budget as long as we meet certain criteria, this is our second year and next year we will be under state review.

Brian Norcross – Morgan Avenue Mr. Norcross inquired, what is the \$3,000.00 change order for ERI for the Harbour Drive Project for? Mayor Arnold indicated it was for the additional traffic counts which need to be completed. Mr. Norcross also inquired about Ordinance 2017-1. He wanted to know what the policy was and if it complied with federal laws. Mayor Arnold stated we established a policy as to how the Veterans deductions would be processed so that it was not subject to interpretation. Mayor further indicated the ordinance does comply with all State and Federal laws.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to close the public portion. Mr. Cosky seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING (Public Hearing).

Ordinance 2017-1, An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington, State Of New Jersey, Establishing Policy for Property Tax Exemption on Dwelling House of One Hundred Percent Totally Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse.

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

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

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

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

A motion was made by Mrs. Russell to approve Ordinance 2017-1 as read. President Howard 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

Ordinance Adopted 03/20/2017

Ordinance 2017-2, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State Of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 90: Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the Borough of Palmyra Designating W. Charles Street and Park Avenue A Multi-Stop Intersection.

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

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

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

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

A motion was made by Mrs. Russell to approve Ordinance 2017-2 as read. Mr. Cosky 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

Ordinance adopted 03/20/2017

RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda

Resolution 2017-89 to Resolution 2017-99 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 2017-89**, Resolution Appointing Daniel Hubel to the Borough of Palmyra Police Department
- **Resolution 2017-90**, Resolution Authorizing a Refund, of the Kitchen Orientation Fee Paid Twice, To Yolanda McGee of Veterans Drive, Palmyra, NJ in the Amount of \$10.00
- **Resolution 2017-91**, Resolution Appointing Dave Austin as Shade Tree Officer for the Borough of Palmyra Effective February 22nd, 2017

- **Resolution 2017-92.** Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayments for Block 118 Lot 14
- **Resolution 2017-93.** Resolution Appointing Ernest McGill as Stormwater Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra
- **Resolution 2017-94.** Resolution Approving the Person-To-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License with Broad Package Privilege, License Number #0327-32-003-006 to Mark Oberg/Oberg L.L.C.
- **Resolution 2017-95.** Resolution Awarding a contract to ERI for the Borough Street Map/Inventory Update project in the amount of \$10,500.00 per their proposal dated February 28th, 2017
- **Resolution 2017-96.** Resolution Awarding a Contract Change Order to ERI for the Harbour Drive Evaluation Project for Additional Traffic Counts in the amount of \$3,000.00 per their proposal dated February 28th, 2017.
- **Resolution 2017-97.** Resolution Authorizing Self-Examination of the 2017 Budget
- **Resolution 2017-98.** Resolution Commemorating and Congratulating the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund on 25 Years of Successful Operations
- **Resolution 2017-99.** Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of March 2017 In The Amount Of \$1,968,175.21.

Mayor Arnold requested Resolution 2017-89 be removed from the consent agenda.

Ms. Weiner requested Resolution 2017-95 and Resolution 2017-96 be removed from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

Mrs. Russell requested Resolution 2017-99 be removed from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-89 Appointing Daniel Hubel to the Borough of Palmyra Police Department. Mr. Cosky seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

Oath of Office Administered by Mayor Arnold with Father, George Hubel holding Bible for Daniel Hubel and brother Alex Hubel and mother Mrs. Hubel standing in support.

I Daniel Hubel do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United State and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Government established in the United States and in this State under the authority of the people. I also do solemnly swear that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of Patrolman for the Borough of Palmyra in Burlington County, according to the best of my ability...So help me God.

Chief Pearlman commented Daniel comes from a family of Police Officers, his brother Alex Hubel is also currently working for the Borough of Palmyra Police Department. Mr. Hubel comes to us from the Mount Holly Police Department where he was working part-time

Mr. Cosky made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Resolution 2017-90 thru Resolution 2017-94 and Resolution 2017-97 thru Resolution 2017-98. Mr. Yetter 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 2017-95, Resolution Awarding a contract to ERI for the Borough Street Map/Inventory Update project in the amount of \$10,500.00 per their proposal dated February 28th, 2017

Discussion was heard regarding Resolution 2017-95;

Ms. Weiner indicated she felt like she still had a lot of questions and not understanding the resolution in its entirety. Ms. Weiner asked if this could be tabled until she could gather additional information. Mayor Arnold stated we have two meetings a month, the first is our work session where all professionals are present for questions and we discuss all matters coming before the governing body for vote. The second meeting is to take action on the items we have previously discussed. There is a two week period in between those meeting where you can gather additional information, if you need it, to be prepared for the next meeting. Mayor therefore indicated she will be moving forward with this item.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-95, Mr. Cosky seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was.

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

NAYES: Ms. Weiner

Resolution 2017-96, Resolution Awarding a Contract Change Order to ERI for the Harbour Drive Evaluation Project for Additional Traffic Counts in the amount of \$3,000.00 per their proposal dated February 28th, 2017.

Discussion was heard regarding Resolution 2017-96;

Ms. Weiner expressed as before, she felt like she still had a lot of questions. Ms. Weiner asked if this could be tabled until she could gather additional information. Mayor Arnold indicated we will be moving forward with this item also.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-96. Mr. Cosky seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: Ms. Weiner

Resolution 2017-99, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of March 2017 In The Amount Of \$1,968,175.21.

Discussion was heard regarding Resolution 2017-99;

Ms. Russell indicated she was “ok” with it.

President Howard inquired about a bill Maser Consulting submitted in the amount of \$13,746.25 on March 15th, 2017. What was for what? Mr. Gural indicated it was for escrow payment; provided by New Jersey American Water for inspections. It is not actually paid for by the Borough, the Water Company escrows those funds to reimburse our engineers who perform those inspections. This work was completed at the end on 2016 and the beginning of 2017 during the transition phase.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-99. Mr. Cosky seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

MOTIONS

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report – February 2017. 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

Habitat for Humanity dedicated the new house at 320 W. 6th Street on March 17th, 2017. Mayor Arnold indicated it was absolutely wonderful and handed the keys to the new homeowner; in attendance were members of the Governing Body and a bus load of students who participate in the Habitat for Humanity Chapter of Cherry Hill High School additionally a bus load of college students from Ohio State University, who choose to utilize their spring break to help finish this house.

Mayor Arnold indicated the 30 Mayors/30 Developers Seminar was rescheduled to May of 2017.

Mayor Arnold and Mr. Gural will be attending.

President Howard indicated the Evergreen Baptist Church is honoring and recognizing our Police Department, Fire Department and EMS Squad on April 23rd, 2017 at 11:00 am at the Evergreen Baptist Church, 3rd and Markets Streets in Palmyra, NJ. After the recognition, dinner will be held for those in attendance.

Ms. Weiner stated, a new financial class is being offered, starting this week, by the Palmyra Community Center Program Board. A personal finance instructor from Rowan will be teaching the class, which is Wednesday March 22nd, 2017. He will be speaking about home budgets and savings. Additionally there will be a second class offered which will cover IRA’s, 401k and things of that nature.

Mrs. Russell commended the Palmyra High school students for their excellent performance this past weekend of the play “Thoroughly Modern Mille”.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Rosenberg explained, regarding the new fire truck, the public Non-binding Referendum process to the governing body. If the governing body decided to proceed with a non-binding referendum, the

governing body must adopt a resolution or ordinance, which must be submitted to the Burlington County Clerk for inclusion on the ballot for the general election. The governing body would create a question and short interpretive statement, explaining in more detail the question, which would then be submitted to the county clerk 81 days prior to the general election. As a matter of law it is non-binding. There is no cost associated with this process. President Howard indicated the Chief, Mr. Dreby stated that the price would change making the cost approximately 30,000.00 more on or about November 1st, 2017. The election is November 7th, 2017, so if we hold off until after the election it will cost us more to obtain the truck. Chief Dreby verified the information President Howard stated and also indicated the request for a new truck has historically never been put out for a public referendum. Chief Dreby also stated a presentation was done during the budget process explaining the need for the new ladder truck and to move forward as quickly as possible due to the age and condition of the truck we currently have. Mrs. Russell asked if the power point presentation could be put on our website. Mr. Gural indicated yes.

Mayor Arnold indicated she would like to start holding Redevelopment Agency Meetings, starting next month, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled meetings. Mayor Arnold and Mr. Rosenberg directed Ms. Jackson to properly advertise the Redevelopment Agency Meetings until the end of this year, all starting at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month prior to the Council Caucus Meeting, to be held in Borough Hall, 20 W. Broad Street, Palmyra, NJ 08065

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gural informed the governing body of the Burlington County JIF Elected Officials Liability Seminar to be held Wednesday, March 29th, 2017 at O'Conner's in Southampton. Be mindful that we receive a 250.00 credit for every elected official that attends.

Mr. Gural indicated the discussion we had during the budget meeting regarding establishing a Recreation Trust Fund; good news we previously established, via Dedication by Rider, that Recreation Trust Fund back in 2001, therefore half of the work is already done. The CFO would still have to set up a specific Recreation Trust account. Mr. Gural again notified council of the importance of this program, as over the weekend we had another incident at the center with a group, which that left a lot of trash and some minor damage. If there were a staff person in the building would could have eliminated that type of problem.

Mr. Gural stated he had reached out to the Bridge Commission regarding the fuel storage tank project, and we do have the final numbers after investigating the potential cost of the project. Mr. Gural has asked them for final word regarding their participation, and are hoping to have more information in the coming weeks.

The Workable Relocation Assistance (WRAP) Plan Mr. Gural stated is a plan we are required to file with the state, regarding how we are going to handle occupants of homes the Borough has ordered to vacate because the property is in such disrepair that it is not habitable. It involves the Borough having to create a WRAP Plan and potentially pay to house an individual or family which we have displaced from their home. Mr. Gural indicated that the current problem may be fixing itself, however Council needs to know because it may still become an issue. Mr. Cosky inquired how long we are responsible to house someone. Mr. Gural indicated 30 days.

Mr. Gural announced the Governor's Award Dinner/ Occupational Safety and Health Awards Program Dinner will be held on April 18th, 2017. Due to the efforts of Tracy Kilmer the Borough has been recognized for a number of years for our outstanding Safety Program. If anyone is interested in attending please let Tracy Kilmer know and she will get you registered.

Mr. Gural indicated the Tree Services Bid is almost ready to go out, this contract is going to be for two years instead of one and should be out soon.

Mr. Gural stated the CERT Agreement is still being worked on and has not been finalized just yet. Once it is finalized it will be forwarded to the governing body for consideration.

The MEC Investigation/Remediation at Palmyra Cove Nature Park/NAI has begun today, both men and equipment are on site at the Nature Cove and the NAI properties additionally the survey is complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmen Yetter indicated the green team has not had a meeting since our last council meeting. Public Works had many complaints regarding the plowing in of driveways after the storm, there is really no way they can avoid plowing in a driveways, it's going to happen. They clear as many as they can but they can't do every driveway in town. Mr. McGill is going to look into the possibilities of plowing in other patterns than what has always happened in the past. We also are looking at possibly of purchasing another piece of equipment which will help with the snow removal at corners especially along the school routes.

Councilwoman Russell stated that the Shade Tree Advisory Committee has not yet met. Ms. Russell also indicated she had attended the school board meeting and they were doing their winter roundup congratulating the winter sports teams regarding their efforts for that season. President Howard inquired from Ms. Russell, he read that the school budget was going to go up, are they having a separate meeting for their budget? Ms. Russell indicated that yes, the budget always goes up due to salaries and benefits etc., and their process for budget completion is different than ours. The school board begins that process in May as there are a number of meetings they have to have with the public. Mr. Howard asked if the 6th graders going to the high school had anything to do with the increase in the budget. Mrs. Russell indicated if the 6th grade students go to the high school it has nothing to do with the potential increase in the budget. The board was just looking for a leveling as there are more students at Charles Street School than at the High School. Mrs. Russell indicated that anyone who has a concern regarding the 6th graders going to the high school should go to the school board meetings and speak up about it.

Councilwoman Weiner stated the Business and Community Development Committee did not meet this week, our meeting is scheduled for next week. The finance committee did not meet again this month we met prior to the budget.

Councilwoman Tait indicated the finance and admin committee did not meet this week. Mrs. Tait also asked council if they could get back to her and let her know which public events they would like to work with as soon as possible, so that whatever is left can be divided out to council. Mrs. Tait also stated the date of the Easter Egg Hunt has to be changed from April 8th, 2017 to April 15th, 2017 as April 8th is opening day for baseball season. Mayor Arnold asked Mrs. Tait if when she is available, they could set up a date when they can go over the public event dates and the list of who wants what public event.

Councilmen Cosky stated he met with Tracy last week and she runs a very tight ship. If you plan on making some change to your home which may require a permit please check with the construction office prior to taking on the project, because if it's done without the proper permits you will be issued a violation. Mr. Cosky will be meeting with the entire construction committee Mr. Howard and Mrs. Russell on the 28th of March.

President Howard indicated they will be having a youth and recreation committee meeting next week. President Howard asked if we were doing committee reports at every meeting. Mayor Arnold indicated yes.

Mayor Arnold stated she and Mrs. Tait would be getting together to finalized the list of dates for public events. Mayor Arnold indicated the National Honor Society is being inducted this week at Palmyra High School and the Communications Committee will be meeting this week. The Public Safety Committee must also re-schedule a meeting with the Chief and the Lieutenant and one with the ambulance association. Mayor Arnold also indicated she attended the Palmyra Harbour Condo Association meeting, where they had a lot of things to say about the snow removal and also regarding crosswalks, corners and curb cuts. Mayor Arnold asked Chief Pearlman if there was something he would like to speak about regarding the monthly police report. Chief Pearlman indicated that in February of this year the department responded to a call with the Fire Department to an address in town, only to find a grow house with over 252 marijuana plants, there was no press release at that time as there was an ongoing investigation which was not complete. Mayor Arnold also indicated she will be attending a seminar on March 27th, 2017 for Small Business owners and, being hosting by Congressman Norcross.

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.

Mr. Yetter made a motion to open the public portion. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

Brian Norcross – Morgan Avenue Mr. Norcross noted he sat at the budget meeting and there were a lot of questions which can up regarding the community center programing board and the Halloween Committee not providing the proper documentation. Being a prior councilman and last year sitting in the budget meetings, I thought it was pretty clear, that if you were sitting on a board or had a particular interest in a group you could not speak when you were sitting on the dais. Mr. Norcross indicated he felt that it should be referred to the ethics commission to see what is allowed and what is not. Mr. Norcross indicated when you sit on multiple committees, applauding those who do, there is a conflict regarding weather or not someone should or could speak at particular times, especially from the dais. As a resident it was embarrassing to sit at the budget meeting as see that go on within council. Mr. Norcross also inquired about the Fourth Street and Morgan Avenue study. Mr. Norcross indicated he saw the traffic counters down just wanted to know where council was going with installing four way

stop signs. Chief Pearlman indicated he would send a memo to Mayor and Council regarding the traffic study and counts which they completed on Fourth Street and Morgan Avenue. Chief Pearlman also indicated there does not appear to be a speeding issue of concern. Chief Pearlman stated council may wish to have the engineer give them the numbers which allow for a four way stop to be installed. Mr. Gural indicated that in order to change that intersection we would have to have our engineer complete a study to evaluate that intersection to determine if a change to the signage is needed, that is a requirement of NJDOT. Mr. Norcross also expressed a concern regarding the ladder fire truck being able to get down Morgan Avenue because it is narrow and because people park on both sides. Mayor Arnold indicated it would be discussed further at the public safety committee meeting and will be placed back on the agenda for our next meeting as a discussion item. Mr. Norcross then thanked public works for the job they did during the storm however inquired as to whether or not we had a policy in place, that when there is a storm residents are supposed to park on one side of the street and when the street is plowed the cars are to be moved to the other side of the street so that public works could plow the other side. Mr. Gural stated that at one time that was the policy however it was found to be unenforceable from a police standard, currently they are snow emergency routes which you cannot park on when it is snowing, they are Broad Street, Cinnaminson Avenue, Temple Blvd., Highland Avenue, Market Street and Public Road. We ask residents to utilize their off street parking so that public works can plow, however everyone does not have off street parking.

Kathleen Russel – Firth Lane Ms. Russell indicated there is no reason for people to be parked on Firth Lane during a snow event. Regarding the Halloween Parade Committee, I understand what Mr. Norcross said about people being on Council and sitting on committees. Ms. Russell apologized for the required paperwork being turned in late, however noted the organization is currently transitioning officers. Ms. Russell indicated there were suggestions on Facebook that monies were missing from their budget and she would like it “out there” that no money is missing from their budget. “We are a total volunteer committee, and we do this because our town loves this”. Ms. Russell indicated the budget for the Halloween Parade has increased over the years, indicated the first one was about 7 to 8 thousand dollars, last year was about 11 thousand dollars and we are hoping to spend about 15 thousand maybe 17 thousand dollars this year. Ms. Russell indicated this is done to increase the number of people attending with the hopes of getting more donations and displaying Palmyra as a great town. Ms. Russell also indicated she agreed with the Norcross in that people who serve on committees and then get elected to office are then lost to that committee, there is not another 3% coming in to replace them. Ms. Russell stated the Facebook page of the Halloween Committee currently has 900 followers and 600 on a daily basis. Ms. Russell said the budget has been presented to the administrator and he is satisfied with the budget we presented, as Mindie does a beautiful job, and every penny is accounted for. Ms. Russell stated she did not know if there was additional information needed however did indicate the thought she had to sign a letter. Mr. Gural indicated they would go over it at a later time. Ms. Russell indicated some finances were left over from last year, as last year there was a cancellation due to rain. This year they are looking into purchasing additional rain date insurance. Ms. Russell indicated she would coordinate with the Chief Pearlman to schedule a rain date on the calendar. This year the Halloween Parade will be on a Monday night, October 30th, 2017. Mr. Russell stated that carried over from 2016 is \$7,000.00, total receipts for last year was \$17,000.00 and the committee spent \$11,000.00 and that had

a last contribution from Med Express of \$1,500.00. Mrs. Tait indicated that Kathleen Russell is taking over a President as Mrs. Tait has stepped down.

Bob Hawk – Columbia Avenue Mr. Hawk stated when coming down Garfield Avenue from the 800 block, when it snows, it turns into a one lane street because they make do not clear the point, it should be open so you can make the right hand turn onto Columbia Avenue. Mr. Hawk also indicated no one stops at the stop signs at Spring Garden Street and Parry Avenue, maybe we can make the stop sign bigger or place an overhang sign indicating a stop is coming. After much discussion Mayor Arnold indicated council would look into it.

Lee Stoner – Charles Street Ms. Stoner stated she was here representing the Palmyra Community Center Program Board, which she believes has submitted all the requested documents. Mr. Gural stated in the documents which were received today, both the Palmyra Community Center Program Board and the Halloween Committee have fulfilled the requirements as previously identified. Ms. Stoner asked, and the official information as well? Mr. Gural indicated, yes. Mrs. Tait then stated she had stepped down from the board and is now a volunteer and Elizabeth Beech is the new president. Ms. Weiner indicated she also is no longer a member and is actively looking for a treasurer for the Halloween Committee. Mrs. Tait indicated that these two programs are so important, because there wasn't a Halloween Parade, and we brought it back, and it's growing bigger each year. Mrs. Tait also stated she is so proud of the Community Center Program Board because we have be able to bring programs into the community that people have asked for. We need volunteers to help with these programs. Ms. Weiner thanked the new board members for stepping up when the needed to let go. Mrs. Russell indicated there are a lot of people these programs need to pull in and it takes a town, to keep it a town and to raise all the children that are in it.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to close the public portion. Mr. Yetter seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Yetter stated I don't think we ever cleared up the issued of whether you can sit on the Palmyra Community Center Program Board, or Halloween Parade Committee and serve on Borough Council at the same time. Mrs. Tait stated as far as she understands you can. Mayor Arnold stated that we did have an opinion last year, and we were working with that opinion in moving forward, and if the Borough is expending funds and donating to those organizations of which you are sitting on a board where you can chose or decide how those funds are being spent, therein lies the conflict, but we no longer have to worry about that as it's all cleared up.

Mrs. Russell said everyone have a good week.

Ms. Weiner no comment

Mrs. Tait no comment

Mr. Cosky stated he had attended the home dedication on 6th street and it was good to see so many young people willing to come out and give their time to help another individual get into their new home. It's an incredible program you have to be approved, take classes to learn how to budget your money, its income based, and you have to help with the actual construction, are required to pay a portion of income to pay the taxes, homeowners insurance and to pay back Habitat for the home.

Mr. Howard thanked everyone for coming out and showing an interest in the things going on in town. Mr. Howard also indicated it was an incredible turnout for the dedication and it was nice that the neighbors came over to the house to meet their new neighbor.

Mrs. Arnold stated that the four way stop at Cinnaminson Avenue and Temple Blvd., the Palmyra Harbour Condominium Association was extremely appreciative of, and it has had such a positive effect on their community. Mayor Arnold also indicated that the Borough, could not do what they do in the community without the volunteers and the 5013c organizations; "you are so much appreciated." Mayor Arnold stated her position is not a popular one, as she is not here to favor anyone, when there are rules and regulations in place it is our job as the governing body of the Borough to follow them and to be good stewards of taxpayer monies. Mayor Arnold then thanked everyone for coming and indicated we should be kind to one another and be good neighbors.

Having nothing for executive/closed session Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

ADJOURNMENT at 8.30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R Jackson

Acting Municipal Clerk