

**BOROUGH OF PALMYRA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 20, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

Public Notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act has been given by the Municipal Clerk in the following manner:

A. Posting written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Palmyra Borough Hall on January 10, 2016.

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

C. Notice to all Council.

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

Absent: Ms. Tucker, Mr. Howard.

**INVOCATION:** Mr. Gural gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** President Norcross made a motion to approve the minutes from June 6, 2016, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. President Norcross made a motion to approve the executive minutes from May 16, 2016, Mr. Yetter second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, Mrs. Tait abstain.

**PROCLAMATION-** Girl Scout Gold Award-Jenna Kearney and Mentor-Carmen Knowles. Mayor Arnold read the proclamations into the record:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** Jenna Kearney was honored for receiving the greatest Girl Scout achievement – the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Girl Scout Gold Award expresses a girl’s special commitment to herself, her community, her world and the future; and

**WHEREAS,** Jenna Kearney is a member of Troop 599 and has not only proven herself to be an outstanding member of the Girl Scouts of America, but has attained the highest honor bestowed on a Girl Scout – the Gold Scout Award; and

**WHEREAS**, through the process of earning the Gold Award, girls build skills that ensure future success and many develop a life-long commitment to community service; and

**WHEREAS**, to receive this honor, Jenna dedicated over 80 hours to a community service project “Enjoy English” which entailed working over eighty hours with ESL students throughout the Palmyra School District to improve their skills through interactive games, vocabulary review, cooking and many other activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the project would not have been possible without the guidance from Mrs. Carmen Knowles retired Spanish Teacher from Palmyra High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Jenna was a senior at Palmyra High School and a member of the Student Council.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michelle Arnold, Mayor of the Borough of Palmyra, do hereby issue this Proclamation on Monday, June 20, 2016, to:

***Jenna Kearney***

in the Borough of Palmyra, and urge all citizens to congratulate Jenna for the honor she has received and encourage her to continue her commitment to excellence, not only in her Troop, but also in our community.

**PROCLAIMED** this 20th day of June 2016.

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Michelle Arnold, Mayor

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs., Carmen Knowles, retired Spanish Teacher for Palmyra High School served as a mentor, exemplifying commitment to Jenna Kearney and her Girl Scout Gold Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Knowles inspired Jenna to complete the community service project “Enjoy English” which entailed working over eighty hours with ESL students throughout the Palmyra School District to improve their skills through interactive games, vocabulary review, cooking and many other activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Knowles has made a priority to involve and mentor Jenna throughout the project; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Knowles serves the Borough of Palmyra, Palmyra High School, Jenna and the community well; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the entire Borough Council, I want to express my appreciation to Mrs. Knowles for her dedication to the Borough of Palmyra and for her dedication to Jenna Kearney's Enjoy English project.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire Palmyra Borough Council, I do hereby commend Mrs. Carmen Knowles for her dedicated service, offering this expression of recognition and appreciation for her contributions to the Borough of Palmyra, the Palmyra High School and the Girl Scouts.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2016**

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MICHELL ARNOLD, MAYOR

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**A. Thank you- Code Enforcement. Mayor Arnold read a thank you from Ms. Kennedy thanking Mr. Dreby for his quick respond to a property issue.**

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

Mr. Rader-Harbour Drive inquired if resolution 2016-169 was for the park grant from Burlington County. Mayor Arnold replied that the resolution allows the Borough to insert the funds received from the county into the budget. Mr. Rader inquired if the engineering costs will be covered by the grant. Mr. Gural explained that the soft costs are included and that there are also funds available in the capital ordinance for the project. Mr. Rader inquired with the new hires is there still room at Borough Hall for all the employees. Mayor Arnold explained that the new hires for Borough Hall are replacing employees not adding new.

Mrs. Butler-Arch Street inquired about Ordinance 2016-11. Mayor Arnold suggested that Mrs. Butler hold her comments till the public hearing on the ordinance.

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

**RESOLUTIONS. Consent Agenda-** Resolution 2016-158-Resolution 2016-175 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. President Norcross requested that 2016-175 be pulled from the consent agenda. President Norcross made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Yetter second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.

**NAYES:** None.

- A. **Resolution 2016-158**, Resolution Authorizing 2016-2017 Liquor Licenses Renewal.
- A. **Resolution 2016-159**, Resolution Authorizing 2016-2017 Club Liquor Licenses Renewal.
- B. **Resolution 2016-160**, Resolution Authorizing The Cancellation Of Taxes For A Totally Disable Veteran Located At Block 54 Lot 3 Tax Year 2015 Thereafter And Refunding Taxes Paid.
- C. **Resolution 2016-161**, Resolution Authorizing A Sewer Payment Installment Plan.
- D. **Resolution 2016-162**, Resolution Authorizing A Handicapped Parking Space For 607 Park Avenue.
- E. **Resolution 2016-163**, Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2015-181, Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Body Worn Camera Computer Server And Accessories From Networks Plus In The Amount Of \$27,895 For Use By The Palmyra Police Department.
- F. **Resolution 2016-164**, Resolution Awarding The Purchase Of Two New Servers For The Palmyra Police Department To SHI Of Somerset New Jersey In The Amount Of \$18,496.80, Additional Equipment To CDW-G Of Chicago Illinois In The Amount Of \$6,883.70 And Labor To RVL Consulting Of Sewell New Jersey In The Amount Of \$2,500.
- G. **Resolution 2016-165**, Resolution Acknowledging The Receipt Of The Audit.
- H. **Resolution 2016-166**, Resolution In Support Of Application For New Jersey Department Of Transportation Safe Routes To School Program.
- I. **Resolution 2016-167**, Resolution Amending Resolution 2016-144 Appointing Dave Austin As A Part-time Employee for The Public Works Department To State That The Salary Will Be Taken From The Budget Line Item Shade Tree Salaries And Wages.
- J. **Resolution 2016-168**, Resolution Authorizing Final Payment To Mindie Weiner In The Amount Of \$1,000 For All Efforts As Community Center Scheduler For The Borough Of Palmyra.
- K. **Resolution 2016-169**, Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87(chapter 159): 2015 Municipal Park Development Program-\$125,000.
- L. **Resolution 2016-170**, Resolution Authorizing A Donation To The Palmyra High School Post-Prom Committee In The Amount Of \$2,000.
- M. **Resolution 2016-171**, Resolution Authorizing The Solicitor William

**Burns To Review The Trash Removal Contract With Central Jersey For Potential Breach Of Contract.**

**N. Resolution 2016-172, Resolution Authorizing The Borough To Enter Into A Settlement Agreement With The Fair Share Housing Center.**

**O. Resolution 2016-173, Resolution Authorizing The Award Of A Non-Fair And Open Contract To Frenzel Auto Repair, Public Road, Palmyra, New Jersey For Auto Repair And Maintenance For The Borough Of Palmyra.**

**P. Resolution 2016-174, Resolution Appointing Annely Gomez As Technical Assistant Effective July 5, 2016 At A Salary Of \$30,000 Pursuant To Borough's Personnel Policies And Procedures Manual And Offer Of Employment.**

**Q. Resolution 2016--175, Resolution Authorizing The Payment Of Bills For The Month Of May, 2016 In The Amount Of \$1,216,135.82. Mayor Arnold requested that the line item for the War Memorial Committee and the Halloween Parade be reduced to one third of the amount till the operating agreements between the non-profits have been signed. Mr. Gural gave the new total of the bill list as \$1,212,752.62, Mr. Yetter made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-175, Mr. Kearney second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

**AYES: Mrs. Tait, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.**

**NAYES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: President Norcross.**

**R. Resolution 2016-176, Resolution Authorizing The Payment Of Bills To Maser Consulting After They Have Been Reviewed By The Administrator And Chief Financial Officer. President Norcross made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Kearney second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

**AYES: President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.**

**NAYES: None.**

#### **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.**

**A. Ordinance 2016-7, An Ordinance Of The Borough of Palmyra, In The County Of Burlington, NJ Providing For Various Capital Improvements And Related Expenses In And For The Borough, Appropriating \$1,103,700. Therefor Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,048,515. In General Improvement Bonds Or Notes Of The Borough Of Palmyra. President Norcross made a motion to open the ordinance to the public, Mr. Kearney second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. No one wishing to be heard, President Norcross made a motion to close the public portion, Mr. Kearney second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. President Norcross made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading, Mr. Kearney second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

**AYES: President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.**

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

**B. Ordinance 2016-8, An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington, State Of New Jersey Providing for The Acquisition Of Jetter/Vacuum Combination Truck For Use By The Borough's Sewer Utility Appropriating \$380,000 Therefor Authorizing The Issuance Of \$361,000 In Sewer Utility Bonds Or Notes Of The Borough To Finance The Same. President Norcross made a motion to open the ordinance to the public, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. No one wishing to be heard, President Norcross made a motion to close the public portion, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. President**

Norcross made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading, Mr. Kearney second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.

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

**C. Ordinance 2016-9, An Ordinance of the Borough Of Palmyra, County Of Burlington, New Jersey; Amending Various Fees Including Fees Associated With The New Jersey Uniform Construction Code.** President Norcross made a motion to open the ordinance to the public, Mr. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Weber-Cinnaminson Avenue inquired if just the UCC codes were include in this ordinance or were other fees being raised. Mr. Gural replied that the majority of the fees were the UCC, but some of the others were fees not listed under the UCC but still part of construction office.

No one else wishing to be heard, President Norcross made a motion to close the public portion, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. President Norcross made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading, Mrs. Tait second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.

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

**D. Ordinance 2016-10, 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 Providing For Directional Change On West 4<sup>th</sup> Street Between Race Street And Delaware Avenue.** President Norcross made a motion to open the ordinance to the public, Mr. Yetter second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Butler-Arch Street asked if any further investigation has been done and if council had a chance to review the traffic at the school during the school times. Mayor Arnold explained that she has been there three times to watch the flow of traffic and students entering and exiting the school. Also in addition she has been to meetings with the traffic engineer and school personnel. Mrs. Butler inquired if anyone else from Council walked Arch or Race Street when the schools were being let out. President Norcross replied that he did. Mrs. Butler discussed that Council needs to look at the students crossing the streets for Charles Street School. Mrs. Butler explained that on behalf of the people in the area that they are disappointed that they were left out of the discussion and not listen to. The residents who attended the meetings felt that they were not given the consideration as to what it meant to them. Mrs. Butler discussed that the resident's case was stated and that Council need to think that they matter and that they are not taking it lightly. The street concerns all of the town. Palmyra kids used to walk to the Sacred Heart School in Riverton and there was no fatalities.

Mrs. Holloway-Broad Street inquired if anyone from the school board is present. Mayor Arnold replied that just Mr. Dreby the school safety officer. Mrs. Holloway explained that she went to the school board meeting and asked them to consider using 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Arnold explained that all of the surroundings street were taken into consideration and discussed at previous meetings and that it is not a viable solution.

Mr. Weber-Cinnaminson Avenue discussed that he does not understand how the children do not know how to cross a street even with traffic coming and who started the whole discussion. Mayor Arnold explained that the Board of Education Safety Committee bought

it to the attention of Borough Council. Mr. Weber inquired as to the cost of the project so far to the taxpayers. Mr. Gural replied that engineering from last year and this year so far is about \$8600. And that there will be additional cost for signage.

Mrs. Bullock-Arch Street discussed that since people have to sign in to speak and it says residents should sign in, then only Palmyra residents should be allowed to speak at Council meetings. Mayor Arnold explained that anyone can speak during the public comment section. Mrs. Bullock inquired why the resident at the last meeting from Riverton did not give her address and that she was out of line and rude. Mrs. Bullock explained that traffic is fast now and that cars do not stop at the stop sign. The one way will not solve the issue.

No one else wishing to be heard, President Norcross made a motion to close the public portion, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Arnold inquired if Mr. Dreby, the school safety officer wished to speak.

Mr. Dreby explained that the safety committee was formed in 2013 by Howard Norcross who was the school safety officer then. Mr. Dreby discussed that he understands that many residents have concerns but as safety officer it is his responsibility to make recommendations to the school for the safety. The doors cannot be opened as intruders can be let into the school. There are thoughts at the meeting about opening one more door. Traffic is a major concern with getting the kids to school safely. There are still cars that park on the grass and between the trees even after they have been warned. Mr. Dreby explained that he would like to go on record that the one way was for the safety of the children.

Mayor Arnold explained that the project has been worked on for over a year with many discussions at the council meetings. There have been meetings with the engineer and also with the school superintendent and safety officers. The engineer gave a solution to the problem of the traffic and safety of the children. Mayor Arnold discussed that the Boroughs main concern is to do the right thing and that she has some suggestions after the public comment. Mayor Arnold recommend that the public hearing on the ordinance be continued till the meeting in December, 2016.

President Norcross made a motion to continue the public hearing till December 5, 2016, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Morris-Jefferson discussed that both sides have a lot of consideration for the kids and that when he went to school the parents and students had more consideration for each other. Mr. Morris said that if it isn't broke don't fix it and why is the money being spent for something that has never happened before. Mr. Morris inquired if Council keeps putting off the matter waiting for people to forget about it so they can vote on it.

Mr. Hawk-Columbia Avenue discussed that the talk used to be about us the kids, the band the sports team and now it is about we and I. Mr. Hawk suggested letting the community work something out first with the concerned parents.

Mrs. Butler inquired why is it being postponed till after the election in November. Mayor Arnold explained that this will give the new proposal time to be evaluated and do more traffic studies in the fall.

The public hearing as per Council's original motion will be continue till December 5, 2016.

**E. Ordinance 2016-11, 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 Regulating Parking On West 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) Street Between Race Street And Delaware Avenue.** President Norcross made a motion to open the public portion, Mr. Yetter second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Butler-Arch Street requested that the ordinance be explained. Mayor Arnold explained that the Borough was charged with a task to do and that when paid professionals come to her, she cannot pretend that there isn't a potential issue that will happen. After

taking everyone's comments and conversations into consideration and looking out for the student's safety as well, the solution would be to limit parking on West 4<sup>th</sup> Street during school hours of 7am-6pm. The decision by Council was with input from the professionals, Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools. There will be no parking or stopping on one side of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street which will prohibit parents from dropping off their students on that side also. The ordinance was postponed to give time for additional information.

Resident (from audience)-inquired who will inform the residents on West 4<sup>th</sup> Street about the ordinance. Mayor Arnold replied that the ordinance and parking restrictions will not affect them. Resident-discussed that when Council is finished with 4<sup>th</sup> Street, they should take a look at how the high school students get across Broad Street with all that traffic for use of Legion Field if they can't cross 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mrs. Nowicki-Morgan Avenue explained that the high school traffic does not affect her street, but that she would like to suggest a letter be sent stating what is being done with the street and how it will affect those in the neighborhood. The letter should be sent to all the residents surrounding the high school.

President Norcross made a motion to close the public portion, Mr. Kearney second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. President Norcross made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading, Mrs. Tait second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.

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

#### **ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING (public hearing July 18, 2016).**

**A. Ordinance 2016-13, 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 Regulating Parking On Madison Street. President Norcross made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, Mrs. Tait second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

**AYES:** President Norcross, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Yetter.

**NAYES:** None. The ordinance was adopted on first reading and will be heard on second and final reading at the council meeting of July 18, 2016 after publication according to law.

Mayor Arnold discussed that this ordinance was created due to a resident bringing concerns to Council at the last meeting about the parking near the park and the danger to the children trying to use the park.

#### **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT.**

- A. Bike Auction-Police Department-June 25-12:30 at Band Shell.**
- B. 2016 Tri-boro Chapter of the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce-Mayor Arnold announced the Kick-off Event-June 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm Curran's Irish Inn.**
- C. Mrs. Tait announced a softball player and a baseball player from Palmyra made the Carpenter Team.**
- D. National Night Out will be held on August 2 at the Band Shell with a Car Show also.**

## DISCUSSION ITEMS.

A. Sheriff's Sale-President Norcross recused himself and left the room. Mr. Gural informed Council that a property on Harbour Drive is being sold at Sheriff's sale and that the Borough is holding a RCA mortgage on the home. The judgment on the home exceeds the value of the home and that the Borough should not bid on the property and just let the Sheriff sale proceed.

B. Proposed Livestock Ordinance-Mrs. Tait discussed that the committee had met several times and looked at other towns' ordinances to see what needed to be done. The draft ordinance was written by Mr. O'Brien. The ordinance covers the amount of footage in the yard a resident would need, the formation of a chicken review board and the training that would need to be complete. Mrs. Tait explained that a lot of resident want to have their own eggs. A representative from the Haddonfield chicken board had a lot of information about their program and what was involved. The chicken board would review any complaints about the chickens and also help a resident with training and setting up the chickens in their yards. Mayor Arnold discussed that she would of like to have been at the meeting and does not have any additional information that was provided to the committee, just the ordinance that was written. Mrs. Tait explained that the committee would like to see the ordinance be temporary to see if it would work in Palmyra. The number of chickens would be limited to 4 and no roosters allowed. The number of residents allowed to keep chickens would be 15 properties. Mayor Arnold inquired as to who would enforce the rules and regulations of the ordinance as well as the collecting of the permit funds. Mrs. Tait replied that the Borough would collect the \$10.00 for the permit and that the chicken board would investigate all complaints and attempt to help the resident. Mayor Arnold explained that the chicken board would have no enforcement power so it would fall back on the construction/zoning office. Mayor Arnold inquired if the chickens would be allow to run free around the yard. Mrs. Tait explained that they have to be kept in their pen or coop. Mayor Arnold inquired if the Department of Health would have to be involved with the inspections. Mrs. Tait explained that there is no regulation in the Haddonfield ordinance for the health department. Mayor Arnold discussed that she is concerned about diseases and the control of the droppings. There is a lot of information about chicken and diseases and it is very concerning. Mayor Arnold explained that property values to the adjacent homes could drop with the stigma that keeping chickens bring with it. The chickens required more land than the homes in Palmyra can provide.

Mr. O'Brien-417 Garfield Avenue explained that he is the attorney who drafted the ordinance. He discussed that the Mayor's position is clear on the issue but that salmonella from chickens is not common. The benefits of having chickens is fresh eggs, lawn free of grass larva and that chickens are like pets they have their own personalities. The proposed ordinance is for trial basis and it can expire whenever council decides. Mr. O'Brien explained that the chicken board will be advisory capacity only and will report to council monthly. If there are complaints from a neighbor the board can review the complaint and help the person correct the issue. There will be no roosters and a maximum of 15 permits will be issued. The board would oversee the setbacks and the construction of the coops. Mayor Arnold inquired as to what happens to the chicken after it stops producing eggs. Mr. O'Brien explained that they are usually kept as pets and only have a life expectancy of 8 years. Mayor Arnold inquired as to what will happen if the chickens get loose, the animal control are not responding. President Norcross explained that if a dog gets loose the Borough can call Animal Control to help but there is no one to call if the chickens get loose. Mayor Arnold discussed that she does not feel that Borough resources should be used for chickens, the construction office would have to inspect, the health department would have to inspect and code enforcement could be involved if there is a complaint.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Please sign in and state your name and address for the record. Council will give all comments appropriate consideration. Each citizen will be allotted up to five (5) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions or concerns. Please direct all comments to the Mayor. Each resident may only speak once during each public portion. President Norcross made a motion to open the discussion to the general public, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Nowicki-Morgan Avenue discussed that she would like to hear from Mrs. Butler on her comments.

Mrs. Butler-Arch Street discussed that she is born and raised here and that her Dad raised chickens. After World War II the Borough made a law that there was no more livestock and everyone got rid of their chickens. Mrs. Butler explained that she does not want to live next to someone who has chickens and that they are dirty and smell no matter how much you clean the coop. Mrs. Butler explained that chickens draw rats and other predators.

Mrs. Lopez-no address given discussed that the woman from Haddonfield has done a lot of research and that she can enlighten the council on their questions. Riverton has chickens walking around and they always return to their own coops.

Mrs. Holloway-Broad Street inquired as to how many residents really want chickens and that most people do not have room for them.

Ms. Veitenheimer-Rowland discussed that the lots are only 50 feet wide in most of the town and that rental properties cause enough problems that the town does not need to add chickens. She has a raccoon in her back yard that goes from yard to yard and eats the eggs of the bird's nest, so it would probably go after the chickens. Ms. Veitenheimer explained that if someone wants chickens they should be required to get their neighbors permission as well.

Mr. Weber-Cinnaminson Avenue inquired if this public portion will replace the portion after the administrator report. Mayor Arnold explained that the first public portion was for agenda items, but that he could speak on any subject now. Mr. Weber discussed that for the last hour residents have had to listen to a discussion on chickens that will only effect 15 residents. Mr. Weber discussed the trash collections and that it is dismal. Something should be done through the solicitor to make them do their jobs. There are two workers on the back of the truck and one driver, they cannot empty the cans all the way manually because they are too heavy. Mr. Weber inquired if the trash companies change will the new company still use the trash cans that were brought. Mr. Gural replied that when the contract went out to bid it was bid on the companies using the automatic can system, so it is the company that is losing money by doing it manually.

Mr. McElwee-President of War Memorial inquired why they were not getting the entire amount dedicated by the Borough. Mayor Arnold explained that an operating agreement needs to be signed by all 501c and after it is signed the full amount will be given. The ordinance for the agreements is listed for second reading on July 18. Mr. McElwee inquired if the same thing will happen next year. Mayor Arnold replied that if the agreement is signed the 501c will receive the full amount. Mr. Gural explained that there are organizations that are responsible for Borough owned properties and that there should be a mechanism that defines the rights and responsibilities of everyone using Borough property. Mr. McElwee discussed the trash issue and that there is only one man on the truck on Columbia that does everything. Mr. Gural explained that the Boroughs cost savings by using the automatic system was substantial, the company is the one losing money by not using the system.

Mr. Quinn-Riverton explained that he does own chickens because he cares where his food comes from. It is nice to have fresh eggs and that they are also his pets. The committee is

just asking for a trial period to see if the ordinance works. There would be a period of educating the public on their care.

Mrs. Roy- West Second Street informed council that she just started coming back to the meetings and if they are like tonight it is a waste of time. She inquired why livestock ordinance was discussed at all and that if passed she will tell everyone to get goats for grass eating and to milk. The town should not be spending money on chickens.

Resident-137 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street is in support of the trial period for chickens and that the hostility here is disappointing. The kids will enjoy watching the chickens grow up and caring for them.

Ms. Weiner-Charles Street discussed that there is a movement now days for sustainable living to be more aware of where food comes from and having a few chickens is not like a large farm. People can control their own food and that she will not buy eggs from a store. Ms. Weiner discussed that three councilmembers sat in on the meeting and that the Board will investigate the complaints so the Borough won't have to. The members of the Board would have the knowledge to help the person and also everyone has to attend training.

Ms. Veitenheimer-Rowland expressed her concerns about the operating agreements for the War Memorial and why just the Halloween Committee and War Memorial. Mayor Arnold explained that it applies to all 501 c using Borough property and that there has been discussion for a while on the matter.

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

#### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT.**

A. Cell Tower Equipment room update-Mr. Gural informed council that there are no major issues with the structures and that the minor issues will be corrected.

B. Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program update-the Company that won the auction will be mailing out packets to the residents by September 1, 2016. There will an outreach meeting for residents to attend for questions.

C. FEMA reimbursement-the Borough will receive a reimbursement of \$17,000.

D. ICMA Conference-9/25-28-Mr. Gural informed council that he will be attend this conference.

E. Community Center-the generator is working and also the HVAC system. The volleyball nets will be installed soon.

F. Personnel-all public works employees have been hired and that the next position needed is an additional maintenance person.

G. Bulk trash pickup for the holiday week will be on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. There is no meeting the first week of July, the next meeting will be on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**Public Works/Sewer-** Mr. Yetter reported that public works did an outstanding job on the storm and that the new employees are a good addition.

**Construction-**Mr. Kearney discussed that he had met with Mrs. Kilmer about rental updates and that they are working on that.

**Board of Education-** President Norcross reported that graduation was excellent and that he attend the Board meeting.

**Public Safety-** Chief Pearlman informed Council that the department had riders in the bike race from Washington to New York. The department gave a new bike to a Special Olympics boy who had his bike stolen.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Mrs. Tait discussed that Council listens to the residents and takes everything said into consideration.

Mayor Arnold discussed that she understand the passion and comments about the chickens, but is still concerned about salmonella and the germs from the droppings. Diseases can be transmitted. Riverton does not permit chickens in their town. Mayor Arnold discussed that the Community Center Board meeting was cancelled and it should have been posted on the board and calendar. Mayor Arnold thanked public works for the work after the storm. Keep in mind that the Borough does listen to everything said and that somethings just need to go through a process. Properties that need maintenance are a code enforcement issue that has to work through the system, somethings cannot be fixed right away.

**ADJOURNMENT.** President Norcross made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Tait second the motion. All members present voted in favor on the motion. Council adjourned at 9:28 pm.