

Borough of Palmyra
Council Caucus Meeting Minutes, 6:30 PM
Monday November 5th, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra is hereby called to order by Mayor Michelle Arnold at 6:34 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Brandon Allmond, Mrs. Gina Tait, Ms. Mindie Weiner, President Bernadette Russell,
Mayor Michelle Arnold

Absent: Mr. Timothy Howard, Mr. Lewis Yetter

The pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a 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, 2018.
- Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 10, 2018.
- Notice to All Council Members.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mr. Roberts of Holy Spirit Church

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the, October 1st, 2018 Council Caucus Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the minutes from the, October 1st, 2018 Council Caucus Meeting. President Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was.

AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: President Russell

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a letter received Letter from Sandra Huber, Executive Director NJ Clean Communities Council.

Mayor Arnold then read an email received from Mark Oberg, owner of Currans

Mayor Arnold acknowledged an email received from Joe Tomarchio owner of JT's Vacuum

PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

William Kirchner, ERI – Mr. Kirchner indicated there are items on the agenda tonight regarding a change order #1 for Charles Marandino, LLC for the 2018 Road Improvement Program Project in the Amount of \$31,554.00 for a new adjusted Contract price of \$764,652.00 which is the work we are doing to try to get ahead of PSE&G for curb and driveway apron work on Broad Street and Oak Streets and some sewer lateral repairs which needed to be completed. Mr. Kirchner indicated he is still awaiting a response/ update from NJAWC regarding the paving on 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and Berkley Avenue. Mr. Kirchner indicated he also received confirmation of the contractor that he will be completing that he is willing to do the extra work on Veterans Drive and Van Sant at contract unit prices when he finishes the work at Maple Avenue and 5th Streets and Grove Park. Mr. Kirchner indicated they intend to have all completed by the end of this year. Mr. Kirchner indicated council had approved the sewer capital work so the proposal will be coming soon for the elimination of the Public Road pump station. Mr. Kirchner stated CGP&H has submitted the applications for Municipal aid for next year which includes Temple Blvd, so that proposal will be for coming. Mr. Kirchner stated he would have both proposals to Me. Gural before next meeting. Mr. Gural noted also on the agenda tonight is a change order for the ERI for the additional work we are completing this year on the road projects but were was not anticipating on being done until next year. Mr. Gural indicated that change order is in the amount of \$16,000.00. President Russell asked if Marandino was the same contractor who did Parry Avenue. Mr. Kirchner indicated yes. President Russell asked if they were a way to have longer than a two year bond. Mr. Kirchner and Mr. Gural indicated no. President Russell indicted his work was questionable. And went on to explain some of the things she noticed on the Parry Avenue project. Mr. Kirchner indicated he did not handle the Parry Avenue project but did handle the Charles Street project and had not issues with the contractor.

Mayor Arnold indicated Mr. Winckowski was not yet present so when he arrived they would go back to his report.

1st PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Arnold then asked for a motion to open the Public Portion. President Russell made a motion to open the public portion for comments. Mrs. Tait second the motion

All members present voted in favor of the motion

Mrs. Butler – Arch Street– Mrs. Butler asked if Mr. Oberg was present tonight. Mayor indicated no. Mrs. Butler asked if someone could relay the message, she would like to meet him. Mrs. Butler went on the say she was not sure if she was one of the “Church People” he was referring to in his email but she was happy to be one of the “Church People”. Mrs. Butler stated she hopes that the feelings reflected in his email are not the general feelings of the other business owners about the residents, tax payers and people who live in Palmyra. Mrs. Butler noted his comments about the churches not doing anything for the community and not paying taxes is ridiculous. Mrs. Butler noted he speaks about the schools and

doing things for them. Mrs. Butler stated Palmyra has been taking care of its schools since 1909, and it's the residents and taxpayers who supply the children for those schools. Mrs. Butler indicated she did not feel his email was good for relationships, for this gentleman who does not live in Palmyra, to make these statements about the residents who do live here. Mrs. Butler stated she felt the opinions on all the residents of Palmyra should be respected even if they are not in agreement which how someone else feels. Mrs. Butler indicated we do try to support the businesses in Palmyra and hope they don't feel the same as this gentleman.

Ms. Purnell – Member of Holy Spirit – Ms. Purnell stated she was at the last meeting and was offended by the email which was just read from Mr. Oberg. Ms. Purnell stated for him to think that the Church just collects money and gives nothing back to the community is just not true. Ms. Purnell stated the church is a great supporter of the Borough and patronizes all the business on Broad Street even his restaurant. Ms. Purnell stated the church partners with other groups in this community and annually gives book bags to the school children of this community. Ms. Purnell stated the church is a great supporter of this community and appreciate this community. Ms. Purnell also noted she did not support his request to sell alcohol on Sunday mornings any earlier than the ordinance allows. Mrs. Purnell noted he was not at the last meeting and again is not at this meeting to support his request.

Ms. Lane –Quality Hair Design– Cinnaminson Avenue – Ms. Lane indicated she had nothing to say regarding Mr. Oberg's email however did have a complaint regarding him. Ms. Lane indicated she did not own the building but has been a business tenant for two years. Ms. Lane stated in the last six months there has been a problem with parking in the lot behind our stores. Ms. Lane explained she received complaints that he has been harassing her clients taking pictures of their license plates and telling them they could not park in his lot. Ms. Lane indicated she had called the Borough and the Mayor's office regarding the parking situation several times and did not know what to do as clients were receiving tickets and being harassed by Mr. Oberg. Ms. Lane stated two of her team members had their vehicles struck while in the parking lot. Ms. Lane indicated Mr. Oberg did help one of them with their car and information regarding the striking vehicle when it was badly hit while in the back parking lot. Ms. Lane explained some situations which occurred in the parking lot with Mr. Oberg and have resulted in police officers having to be called. Mrs. Lane indicated Mr. Oberg has never had a conversation with her or any of the other business owners regarding the parking in the back lot, which she felt should have occurred as business owner to business owner. Ms. Lane asked how much of the parking lot in the back is his and what are they to do. Mayor Arnold congratulated Ms. Lane on her one year anniversary and asked Ms. Lane to give her an opportunity to speak with the Chief Pearlman and Mr. Gural to figure out who owns what and she would be back in touch with her. Ms. Weiner inquired how long that back lot has been that way. Mr. Gural noted the back lot behind Curran's is private property and does belong to Mr. Oberg. Mr. Gural stated he believed the Borough only owns the parking lot adjacent to Mr. Oberg's from Cinnaminson Avenue to Leconey Street. Mr. Gural indicated that to know precisely we would need to look at the tax maps.

Mr. Jamerson – Van Sant Drive – Mr. Jamerson indicated the Palmyra Improvement Association does good work but is it a Borough sponsored/affiliated association or is it an association on its own. Mayor

Arnold indicated it is an independent non-profit organization. Mr. Jamerson asked if a trophy case was being built for the kids in the community center. Mr. Jamerson indicated he had several trophies which don't belong to him but to the children of the community which should be displayed somewhere. Mr. Gural indicated he was not aware of any case being built. Mrs. Tait stated there was conversations about a case being built in the community center at one point but was not aware of who took that project on in the past. Mayor Arnold indicated she would reach out to the boy scouts to see if they might be willing to undertake a project of this type as an Eagle Scout project.

No one else from the public wishing to be heard, President Russell 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 **2018-248** to Resolution **2018-257** 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 2018-248, Resolution Appointing Linda Yansick as part-time Public Works/ Sewer Administrative Assistant at the rate of \$14.00 per hour no-to-exceed 28 hours per week effective November 2nd, 2018.

Resolution 2018-249, Resolution Appointing Mark Allen as Clean Communities Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2018-250, Resolution Appointing Ernest McGill as Recycling Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2018-251, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Stormwater Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2018-252, Resolution Authorizing the settlement of Tax Court, Refunding \$486.98 to D.A.B. Properties LLC for Block 68 Lot 6

Resolution 2018-253, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Settlement Agreement and General Release with Skyliner Homes, LLC and Dunn Wright Properties, LLC.

Resolution 2018-254, Resolution Authorizing the purchase of and installation of Office 365 Migration Project by All Covered per their proposal dated 10/26/2018 in an amount not to exceed \$11,347.00

Resolution 2018-255, Resolution to Authorize the Execution of Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with Outlaw Investment Group Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET. SEQ.

Resolution 2018-256, Resolution awarding a change order to ERI for additional engineering efforts associated with the 2017 NJAWC and PSE&G Road Restorations Project in the amount of \$16,000.00.

Resolution 2018-257, Resolution Awarding change order #1 to Charles Marandino, LLC for the 2018 Road Improvement Program Project in the Amount of \$31,554.00 for a new adjusted Contract price of \$764,652.00, per ERI's letter dated October 31, 2018

Mayor Arnold indicated Resolution **2018-248** to Resolution **2018-257** 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

Ms. Weiner and Mr. Gural requested Resolution 2018-254 be pulled from the consent agenda for additional information gathering.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda Resolutions 2018-248 thru Resolution 2018-253 and Resolution 2018-256 and Resolution 2018-257. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolutions 2018-248 thru Resolution 2018-253 and Resolution 2018-256 and Resolution 2018-257. Mrs. Tait seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, President Russell

NAYES: None

Resolutions noted in motion were approved

James Winckowski, CME – Mr. Winckowski apologized for his tardiness. Mr. Winckowski indicated the contractor has begun to clear the Grove Park site and the underground conduit is in, inspected and approved; in the next two week they will begin working on the hardscaping weather permitting and we are still on schedule for the holiday party December 7th, 2018. Mr. Winckowski stated he was working with Chief Pearlman and would have the updated drug free zone map completed and to council as an ordinance to adopt the new map is required.

Mr. Winckowski stated they have been working with the Fire Company regarding their issue with the new fire truck and structural issues. Mr. Winckowski indicated they have had conversations with some contractors in regards to gaining ideas of how to resolve the issues and hopefully will have that issues resolved soon to get the truck up and running. Mrs. Tait inquired how likely Grove Park would be done for the Holiday celebration. Mr. Winckowski indicated very likely however noted some of the amenities such as the benches and trash receptacles might not be in by December 7th, 2018 but the rest of the park should be done.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Mayor Arnold reminder everyone that tomorrow is Election Day and the polls open at 6:00 am

Mayor Arnold noted the Halloween Parade was a great success and thanked all who participated.

Mayor Arnold noted on November 9th, 2018 the Palmyra Police Dept. and NJ Transit Police will be hosting “Coffee of a Cop” at Wawa

Mayor Arnold stated the Red Cross Blood Drive with the Palmyra Ambulance Association will be held on the 16th of November.

Mayor Arnold then stepped from the dais to note the Clarence B Jones Institute for Social Advocacy will be hosting a youth Leadership Summit at Palmyra High School on Saturday November 10th, 2018 beginning at 8:00 am.

Samaritan Hospice is holding a “Tree of Life” to remember your love one; the closest ceremony will be at Moorestown Friends Meeting on Tuesday December 4th, 2018 at 7:00 PM

The 4th Annual "Take a Veteran to Lunch" program will be held on Saturday November 17th, 2018 at 12:00 noon at the Burlington Masonic Lodge.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW Business

Mr. Norman Cohen of American Recycling Resources, Inc. gave a brief presentation on the municipal clothing recycling program. Mr. Cohen explained the American Recycling Resources is a for-profit company which recycles clothing and textiles. Mr. Cohen noted that about 5% of the total landfill space is taken up by clothing and textiles. Mr. Cohen explained how the program works and the benefits to the municipality and taxpayers. Mayor Arnold asked about the reimbursement given to the Municipality. Mr. Cohen explained there are two programs and suggested that because Palmyra is a small town he recommended going with a fixed royalty program so the Borough would know exactly what they would be getting every month. Mr. Gural inquired if it was based on the number of units placed in the community. Mr. Cohen indicated yes. Mrs. Tait asked if anything was required of the resident to drop off clothing. Mr. Cohen indicated no, just to bag them. Ms. Weiner asked Mr. Cohen if the recycling units in the photo are what is going to be placed in the community, and if they would be coming twice a week to empty those containers out and the company is going to pay us. Mr. Cohen indicated yes to all. Mr. Cohen indicated it typically is about \$75.00 to \$100.00 dollars per month for each box depending upon the size of the box. Mr. Cohen indicated that payment can go to a school or organization of the Borough's choosing or can go directly to the municipality. Mayor Arnold asked if there were a minimum number of boxes required to be placed. Mr. Cohen indicated one. There was some additional discussion regarding the placement of containers and where the clothes are taken and what is done with the clothing recycled as fabric and selling of some clothing to third world countries.

Mayor Arnold asked for a resolution to enter into an agreement with American Recycling Resources. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approved **Resolution 2018-258**, Resolution Authorizing an agreement with American Recycling Resources for the placement of at least one container in the municipality in exchange for a fee to be determined later. Mr. Gural noted Mr. Rosenberg will draw up that agreement as there is money involved. . President Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, President Russell

NAYES: None

Resolutions 2018-258 was approved

Mayor Arnold asked how many points we would receive from Sustainable New Jersey. Mr. Cohen indicated he believed it was ten but would confirm that information for council.

Mr. Gural noted the Military Service Medals and Veterans Ceremony will be held at the next meeting, as we currently have about twenty two people to receive metals. Mr. Gural indicated there is currently nothing else to report regarding the Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa Claus

Mr. Allmond indicated that currently there were no senior interested at this time by the Student Representative to Borough Council however there have been two junior who have express an interest in serving. Mr. Allmond suggested council approved and install the two interested at reorganization, let

then extend into the senior role next year and beginning looking for a junior next year for the following year. Mr. Allmond noted the school devised an application which these students submitted along with their essays. Mr. Allmond noted he would get and forward those applications and essays to Ms. Jackson the Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Gural indicated we have two grant opportunities one, Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant for tree planting just to restore the riverbank area. Between two and twenty thousand dollars and the Radon Partnership Program which he forwarded to the Green Team, which is for reimbursement to the Municipality if we choose to go out and purchase Radon Test kits. Mr. Gerken indicated it is too small to spend any money on to get, but perhaps the Green Team may wish to write the grant, which is one page sending a letter the DEP indicating we wish to participate and they will reimburse us for up to two thousand dollars for the purchase of the Radon test kits. Mayor Arnold asked if that was something the Green Team was willing to pursue. Ms. Weiner indicated yes. Mr. Gural indicated the information is in your packets and January is National Radon test month. Mr. Gural indicated he would tell Mr. Gerken to proceed with the other grant.

Mr. Allmond indicated the Borough Newsletter November – December 2018 issue draft is in your packet, he will be adding the Blood Drive to it and it is ready to go if Council is in agreement. Council agreed.

Old Business

Mayor Arnold indicated she and Mr. Winckowski are coordinating with the engraver for the scheduling of the Grove Park paver block engraving program. Mr. Winckowski indicated the pavers will be engraved in place and it will take place sometime after the holiday ceremony.

Mr. Gural noted the new Ordinance Regulating Vacant/Abandoned Properties was forwarded to everyone for their comments and assuming everyone is ok with it will be on the agenda for introduction November 15th, 2018 and final adoption on December 17th, 2018 effective January 1st, 2019. Ms. Weiner inquired about a late fee if people do not apply by deadlines. Mr. Gural explained that that would be determined by the court as failing to do so would get you a summons to court. Ms. Weiner asked for clarifications regarding extensions. Mr. Gural explained the reason we granted two 90 day extensions is to let people know we are willing to work with them and because there are extenuating circumstances which may arise in some situations. There was some additional discussion about pending legislation and Mayor Arnold indicated the realtors association is also having discussions with HUD regarding payment of registration fees. Ms. Weiner inquired about the 31% of square footage when contemplating vacancies. Mr. Rosenberg stated they inquired of various insurance companies a definition as to when a commercial property is considered to be vacant. Mr. Rosenberg added when an insurance company deems a property to be vacant they may cancel the policy or make the property owner pay a substantially higher premium. Mr. Rosenberg indicated so in trying to determine what is vacant when dealing with commercial and or mixed use properties the ISO language, which is used by insurance companies, uses the 31% number and we decided to use the same. There was some additional discussion regarding what is vacant and what is not. Ms. Weiner asked about the pro rating schedule which is not in the ordinance. Mr. Gural indicated it is an attachment to the ordinance. There was some discussion regarding if it should be done daily or monthly. Council agreed monthly.

Mr. Gural indicated the red bows have been ordered and will be installed by Raleigh's. Mr. Gural indicated we also received paper work from PSE&G in regards to insurance certification which he will

be completing and returning. Mr. Gural indicated we also checked the light poles to make sure all the electrical outlets work on those poles. Mr. Gural asked what day council wished to begin. He indicated December 1st thru January 7th, 2018. Me. Weiner asked that the bows be removed after the holidays but the lights remain thru winter. Mrs. Tait asked will we have to pay an additional fee for them to come take down the bows and then to come back and take down the snowflakes. Mr. Gural indicated we will be removing the bows they will only come back and take down the snowflake lights and store them. President Russell indicated we should have the snowflakes down by the end of January, Mayor Arnold indicated by Valentine's Day, the removal date will be determined at a later date. Mr. Gural indicated the Revised Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual we will talk about at next meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gural indicated in your packet is the new letter from the hearing officer regarding 400 Arch Street, address to the homeowner and the lien holder essentially giving them seven more days to secure the property and acquire the necessary permits to demo the property. Mr. Gural noted that if nothing is done within the next week then with council approval we would move to demolish the building and that may be able to be accomplished by November 26th, 2018 or as soon as possible thereafter as we already have quotes from various contractors for the demo of the structure.

Mr. Gural reminded everyone that the 2018 Stormwater permit Compliance Training must be completed or there is a fine associated with noncompliance.

Mr. Gural noted the Burl Co Freeholders passed a resolution opposing construction of proposed Hazardous Waste Incinerator/Thermal Oxidizer Facility as well as our Senator Troy Singleton, our assembly people and various other municipalities. Those resolution copies were forwarded to everyone earlier.

Mr. Gural noted our Town Center designation expires December 31st, 2018 and we have already applied to the State to have that designation extended.

Mr. Gural indicated the BURLCO JIF pay a dividend of premium each year and again this year we have elected to have the dividend check sent to us, it is a little more than seven thousand dollars.

Mr. Gural indicated the intersection at Melrose & Garfield Aves in Cinnaminson is in very bad condition and a police vehicle's un-carriage was damaged and the Chief brought it to the administrator's attention. Mr. Gural noted we do not plan on filing a claim however did offer our assistance but have not heard back for Cinnaminson.

Chief Perlman indicated that even though PSE&G has all this work going on, DOT is going to still strip all of our intersection along Broad Street.

Me. Gural indicated the new NJ Supreme Court decision regarding redevelopment affirms the right of the municipality to select redevelopers.

Mayor Arnold indicated the public hearing for the Reexamination of the Master Plan will be held on November 14th at 7:00 PM here at Borough Hall.

Mr. Gural indicated it is an Employee Assistance Program available to all employees and the governing body as we want you to be you best selves.

Mr. Gural noted we renew the current volunteer accident insurance policy.

Mr. Gural indicated Ms. Jackson has sent out the Request for Proposals, Professional Services for 2019.

Mr. Gural stated it is also available on our website and has been sent to all of our professionals. Mr.

Gural noted council is free to distribute it to anyone whom they choose all proposals are due in by December 5th, 2018 by 2:00 PM.

Mr. Gural noted we have begun 2018 close outs and the 2019 budget process. Mr. Gural indicated he is not currently ready to meet with individual groups, committees or members of the governing body but the work has begun.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were given

Mrs. Tait asked about the letter received from Tri-Eagle regarding termination of the energy discount program of the Burlington County Freeholders. Mrs. Tait asked if everyone had to call and be removed or if it would just happen. Mr. Gural indicated we just receive the letter today and it indicated they are terminating the program and everyone will be switched back to PSE& G unless they close another carrier. Mr. Gural stated we only know what the letter indicates. Mayor Arnold indicated she had a call into the Freeholders to see if there was any additional information.

Ms. Weiner stated the Business and Community Development committee is working on a Small business Saturday campaign and additional information will follow at the next meeting.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Arnold then asked for a motion to open the Public Portion. President Russell made a motion to open the public portion for comments. Mr. Allmond second the motion

All members present voted in favor of the motion

Mr. Smith – Van Sant Drive – Mr. Smith asked what the total cost of the Holiday Decorations was. Mr. Gural indicated the snowflake lights was about \$7,300.00 and the red bows was about \$1,900.00. Mr. Smith thanked them for staying within the proposed budget. Mr. Smith also commended council for their civility at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Adams – Temple Blvd. – Mr. Adams indicated he noticed the water company is working on Weart Blvd and dug a trench up the center of the street. Mr. Smith noted they patched the concrete street with asphalt. Mr. Smith indicated when winter comes that is not going to last. Mayor Arnold indicated that along with other asphalt patches on concrete are temporary noting the concrete contractor will not come out for the small patches so they wait until they have them all complete and return to do them all at one time so it is cost effective. Mr. Smith inquired about the Temple Blvd reconstruction and speed humps instead of the bump outs. Mr. Gural stated when considering the reconstruction of Temple Blvd we contemplated speed humps and speed plates at great length, however that plan presented by our engineer in his opinion is the best plan to control traffic flow without impeding it. Mr. Smith stated several meetings ago Mr. Norcross indicated there were several trucks in public works which did not have the proper lettering on them. Mr. Smith indicated the gentleman will be in town doing the lettering on the new fire truck so you may wish to contact him while he is here. Mr. Smith also noted that if that did not work out he would be happy to do it if the borough supplied the stenciling. Mr. Smith asked if the new trash contractor is responsible for bulk trash pickup, indicating his toilet is still out there and there did not pick it up. Mr. Gural indicated bulk trash pickup is a combination of public works and the trash company. Mr. Gural indicated public works would pick that up and they just had

not gotten there yet. Mayor Arnold indicated it depends on the type of material being placed out for pickup. Mr. Smith asked if the taxpayers were paying for the repair of the floor in the fire house. Mr. Gural indicated the Fire Company will be paying for that improvement. Mr. Gural noted the Borough paid for the engineering associated with the design work. Mr. Gural indicated the new fire truck weights 13,000 more pounds than the previous one.

Mrs. Holloway– Broad Street – Mrs. Holloway asked if there was anything in the new ordinance which addresses a vacant property that is supposed to be vacant but has squatters in it. Mr. Rosenberg indicated there is language which indicates it has to be lawfully occupied, if there is a squatter it is not lawful and it would still be considered vacant. Mr. Gural indicated that would be the responsibility of the owner of the property whether bank owner or privately held. Mr. Rosenberg indicated then the owner would need to appear in court and indicate whether it is lawfully occupied or not, the owner is responsible for removing any squatters in their property. Mr. Gural indicated we do not allow people to live in uninhabitable homes, if someone; a squatter has the utilities on in their names it is not inhabitable.

Mrs. Butler – Arch Street– Mrs. Butler asked how you would go about proposing a name for Grove Park to be name after. Is that something which Council would consider? Mrs. Butler stated she would like to propose that council consider changing the name of Grove Park to recognize Chief Payton I Flournoy a lifelong resident and Chief of the Police Department.

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Tait stepped away from the dais at 8:05 PM Returned at 8:07 PM

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Brandon Allmond had no comment

Gina Tait had no comment.

Ms. Weiner had no comment.

President Russell – no comment

Mayor Arnold thanked everyone for coming and encouraged them to go out and vote tomorrow.

Mayor Arnold asked if there was anything for closed session. Mr. Rosenberg indicated there are some issues which we need to discuss in closed session.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 2018–259**. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2018–242, Resolution Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings pursuant to section 89 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P.L. 1975 regarding **Litigation** . Mr. Allmond second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, President Russell

NAYES: None

Resolution 2018-259 is approved

Borough Council went into closed session at 8:20 PM

Closed Session

Borough Council returned from closed session at 8:42 PM

President Russell made a motion to open to the public. Mr. Allmond second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

All voted in favor

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn.

President Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Allmond second the motion.

All voted in favor of the motion

8:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R Jackson

Municipal Clerk