

Borough of Palmyra
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 15th, 2019

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 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

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 11, 2019.
- Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 11, 2019.
- Notice to All Council Members.

INVOCATION

Minister Jimmy Lindsay Associate Minister Evergreen Baptist Church gave the invocation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 18th, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the March 18th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes. President Howard made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from March 18th, 2019. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, President Howard

Abstain: Mrs. Russell

NAYES: none

April 1st, 2019 – Council Caucus Meeting Minutes

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the April 1st, 2019 Council Caucus Meeting minutes. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the Council Caucus Meeting Minutes from April 1st, 2019. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

AYES: Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, President Howard

Abstain. Mr. Allmond

NAYES. none

April 15th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the April 15th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from April 15th, 2019. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was.

AYES. Mr. Allmond, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, President Howard

NAYES. none

June 3rd, 2019 – Council Caucus Meeting Minutes

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the June 3rd, 2019 Council Caucus Meeting minutes. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Council Caucus Meeting Minutes from June 3rd, 2019. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was.

AYES. Mr. Allmond, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, President Howard

NAYES. none

June 3rd, 2019 – Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the June 3rd, 2019 Executive Session Meeting minutes. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from June 3rd, 2019. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was.

AYES. Mr. Allmond, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, President Howard

NAYES. none

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Arnold acknowledged letters received from the following:

Diane Gutierrez- Scaccetti, Commissioner Department of Transportation

Barbara Casey, Ballard Spahr

Scott Coffina, Burlington County Prosecutor

Carol Murphy, Assemblywoman, 7th Legislative District

Laine Rankin, Director Local Aid- Department of Transportation

Theodore Scott, Palmyra Land Use Board, and

Jerry Segal, Palmyra Halloween Parade Committee 1976. Mayor Arnold acknowledged Thank-you notes received from the following: Vincent Pallotto, Julia Adams, and Karen Adams of the Palmyra High School Post Prom Committee.

Mayor Arnold acknowledged an email received from Senator Troy Singleton, regarding the Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program Breakfast.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

William Kirchner, ERI

Mr. Kirchner indicated there is a change order for the 2018 road program. Change order #4 in the amount of \$14,807.00 bringing the total to \$856,579.80 or 16.08% over the original cost estimate.

Mr. Kirchner also noted on the agenda is change order number one for the 2019 road program in the amount of \$11,322.50, bringing the total to \$77,351.50 or 17.50% over the original contract amount.

Mr. Kirchner indicated the NJ American contractor who worked on Veterans Drive, he was not happy with work they completed. Mr. Kirchner noted they were not contracted by the Borough they were contracted by New Jersey American Water Co. and are working on final punch list.

Mr. Kirchner stated he and Mr. Gural have a meeting with the DOT for the Temple Blvd Grant on Thursday at 9:30 regarding the schedule of TAP project. Mr. Gural explained the TAP Grant portion of the project and noted it needed to be completed on a different time schedule than the other funding.

Mr. Kirchner indicated the 2018 and 2019 DOT local aid grant which also cover Temple Blvd, will be completed separately from the Federal DOT grant.

Mr. Kirchner stated a bypass valve at the sewer plant is stuck in both directions. It cannot be opened or closed. Mr. Kirchner explained something could be stuck in the valve and the piece of equipment needing to be repaired can't be repaired because it can't be isolated and the flow cannot be sent thru it. Mr. Kirchner stated to keep the flow moving and setup bypass equipment it could cost \$45,000.00 to 60,000.00 with our contractors. Mr. Kirchner explained the process and repair needed.

Mr. Kirchner indicated on the agenda tonight are two grant applications the first 2020 Grant application is for Race Street and 5th Street from Delaware to Arch street and Race Street from 6th to 4th Streets a complete reconstruction of those roads. The second 2020 Grant application is for Spring Garden Street between Park Ave and Walnut Street another complete reconstruction.

Mr. Kirchner noted when the proposal was completed to do Temple Blvd. they was some money in the contract to do some TV work of the storm drains. Mr. Kirchner indicated when he inquired regarding the price to do that it was about \$75,000.00, however if we (The Borough) cleaned the storm drains then the entire system could be TV for about \$8,000.00. Mr. Kirchner asked if council would like to pursue this would they like for public works to clean those lines in place on the contractor. Mr. Gural indicated it could be done by public works given the time to get it done. Mr. Kirchner indicated he would work with public works regarding the timing. Mrs. Tait ask if this a preventive thing that we should be doing and if it would help with the flooding. Mr. Gural indicated yes if we can. Mrs. Russell asked about the comments of a resident a while back regarding taking water from the river instead of the aquifer. Mr. Kirchner indicated Mr. Schmidt's idea was interesting however it would not have any effect on our current flooding as the water table is just so saturated at this point.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated he received a call from Eddies plumbing and they will be cutting a check and sending it to us for the engineering work required at 609 W Broad Street with the sewer connection problem.

Mr. Winckowski, CME

Mr. Winckowski addressed the electrical issues with the band shell during the first summer concert. He indicated the GFI outlets were bad and public works was going to replace three of them. Mr.

Winckowski explained how the electrical system and PA system are set up and noted he would be present tomorrow at 5:00 pm to set up with the Band and test the system before the summer concert.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to open the Public Portion. Mrs. 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. Kowalewski – Harbour Drive – Mrs. Kowalewski stated in her Condo Association newsletter it indicated, instead of there being a \$4.12 decrease there would be a \$52.45 increase in the School Board taxes. Mrs. Kowalewski asked if the increase was per year or for every \$100.00 of the assessed value. Mr. Gural indicated that is what the tax increase is based on but that represents the total increase for the average accessed property owner.

Mrs. VanEmburch – Garfield Avenue – Mrs. VanEmburch complained about the property next to her home. She indicated the address was 724 Garfield Ave and noted the grass is extremely high. Ms. VanEmburch asked if they was something the Borough could do or indicted she might have to pay someone to cut that back yard. Mayor Arnold noted the address and indicated they would speak about it later in the meeting.

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING – Public Hearing

Ordinance 2019-06, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra in the County of Burlington, New Jersey, Providing for Various Capital Improvements and related expenses in and for the Borough Appropriating 1,496,700.00 therefore authorizing the Issuance of \$1,387,000.00 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance the same.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to open Ordinance 2019-06 for public hearing. Mrs. Russell made a motion to open Ordinance 2019-06 for public comments. President Howard second the motion

All members present voted in favor of the motion

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-06. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-06. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None

Ordinance 2019-07, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey; Providing for Various Capital Improvements for the Borough's Sewer Utility, Appropriating \$132,500.00, Therefore Authorizing the Issuance of \$125,875.00 in Sewer Utility Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance the same.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to open Ordinance 2019-07 for public hearing. Mrs. Russell made a motion to open Ordinance 2019-07 for public comments. President Howard second the motion

All members present voted in favor of the motion

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None

RESOLUTIONS – Consent Agenda

Resolution **2019-169** to Resolution **2019-182** 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.

Mayor Arnold asked if any items which needed to be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Gural requested 2019-177, Ms. McCann requested 2019-176, and Mrs. Russell requested resolution 2019-180 be removed from the consent agenda.

There were no other requests for removal.

Resolution 2019-169, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of June 2019 In the Amount of \$1,255,621.27.

Resolution 2019-170, Resolution Awarding Change Order #4 to Charles Marandino LLC for the 2018 Road Improvement Program Project in the amount of \$14,807.00 for a new adjusted contract price of \$856,579.80 per ERI's letter Dated June 3rd, 2019.

Resolution 2019-171, Resolution Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (Chapter 159) 2018 TAP Program in the Amount of \$343,000.00.

Resolution 2019-172, Approval to submit grant application and execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Fifth and Race Streets Resurfacing Project.

Resolution 2019-173, Resolution Awarding Change Order #1 to Pioneer General Contracting for the 2019 Misc. Concrete Construction Project in the amount of \$11,322.50 for a New Adjusted Contract Price of \$77,351.00 Per ERI's Letter Dated June 27th, 2019

Resolution 2019-174, Resolution Declaring the Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Interim Cost Agreement by and Between the Borough of Palmyra and P3 Jumbo Redeveloper, LLC and/or Richard Forman Null and Void Except as to the Obligation of the Interim Redeveloper to Reimburse the Borough its Professional Costs as set Forth in the Agreement

Resolution 2019-175, Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Spring Garden Street Resurfacing Project.

Resolution 2019-176, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Agreement between the Borough of Palmyra and the Palmyra Board of Education Providing for the Services of a School Resource Officer Assigned to the School District

Resolution 2019-177, Resolution appointing James Brett as a Seasonal Public Works Laborer for not-to-exceed 20 hours per week at \$14.50 per hour retroactive to June 24, 2019.

Resolution 2019-178, Resolution appointing John Yansick as a Part-time Public Works Laborer for not-to-exceed 28 hours per week at \$16.50 per hour retroactive to June 21, 2019.

Resolution 2019-179, Resolution amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual by adopting the Borough's revised; 1) Alcohol and Drug-free Workplace Policy, and 2) Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for Employees Performing Safety Sensitive Functions

Resolution 2019-180, Resolution Appointing a Municipal Prosecutor

Resolution 2019-181, Resolution Extending the Grace Period for 2019 Third Quarter Taxes

Resolution 2019-182, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of July 2019 In the Amount of \$1,514,077.85

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda Resolution 2019-169 thru Resolution 2019-175 and Resolution 2019-178 thru Resolution 2019-179 and Resolution 2019-181 thru resolution 2019-182. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-169 thru Resolution 2019-175 and Resolution 2019-178 thru Resolution 2019-179 and Resolution 2019-181 thru Resolution 2019-182. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None

Resolution 2019-169 thru Resolution 2019-175 and Resolution 2019-178 thru Resolution 2019-179 and Resolution 2019-181 thru Resolution 2019-182 noted in motion were approved

Mayor Arnold then went back to Resolution 2019-176 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Agreement between the Borough of Palmyra and the Palmyra Board of Education Providing for the Services of a School Resource Officer Assigned to the School District.

Mrs. McCann and Mrs. Russell inquired if they should recuse themselves. Mrs. McCann because she works for the School Board and Mrs. Russell because her husband is on the School Board.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated in an abundance of caution, yes.

President Howard made a motion to approve resolution 2019-176. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

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

Abstain: Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell

NAYES: None

Mayor Arnold then went back to Resolution 2019-177 Resolution appointing James Brett as a Seasonal Public Works Laborer for not-to-exceed 20 hours per week at \$14.50 per hour retroactive to June 24, 2019.

Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Brett was properly noticed for the meeting. Mr. Gural stated per the offer of employment the resolution is correct, Mr. Brett was offered a seasonal position which will expire at the end of summer, however we have since learned he is available for a longer period of time and we would request the ability to appoint him as a part-time employee instead of seasonal, which would allow him to work 28 hours per week instead of the maximum of 20 hours for seasonal employees and would allow he to be appointed until December 31st, 2019 instead of the end of summer. Mr. Gural indicated if the governing body approved then we will rewrite the current resolution. There was discussion, and Mr. Gural indicated how the changed resolution would read; Resolution 2019-177 appointing James Brett as a Part-time public works laborer for not to exceed 28 hours per week at \$14.50 per hour retroactive to June 24, 2019, with a term to expire on December 31st, 2019. President Howard asked if his rate would change to 16.50 per hr. Mr. Gural indicated no.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-177. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

Mayor Arnold then went back to Resolution 2019-180 Resolution Appointing the Municipal Prosecutor Mayor Arnold stated we received two proposals for the Municipal Prosecutor position. Mayor Arnold asked for recommendations. Mrs. Russell stated she was abstaining from participation in the appointment. Mrs. Tait indicated she would recommend Gregg Perr based on his experience. Mayor Arnold indicated Mr. Perr's proposal seemed to be more comprehensive than the other proposal submitted. There being no other discussion, Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-180, Resolution Appointing Gregg Perr as Municipal Prosecutor.

President Howard made a motion to approve resolution 2019-180 Resolution Appointing Gregg Perr as Municipal Prosecutor. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, President Howard

Abstain: Mrs. Russell

NAYES: None

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for May and June 2019. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Bingo License for Independence Fire Co #1 for Designer Bag Bingo on October 20st, 2019. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Mayor Arnold noted Palmyra Fire Company 2019 Golf Outing will be held July 22nd, 2019 at Riverton County Club.

Mayor Arnold noted that Virtue for Life is offering Free Mammograms July 18th, 2019 at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Burlington, New Jersey.

Mayor Arnold noted resident Enda Washington-Webb will be turning 100 years young on August 2nd, 2019.

PUBLIC REMINDERS

Mayor Arnold stated public works is open Wednesday nights from 3:00 to 7:00 PM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW Business

Mayor Arnold noted the Summer Concerts in the Park began on last Tuesday, the next performance is by Mr. Big and the Trip tomorrow at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Weiner stated we have missed a couple of Markets due to the weather but it is well attended and people look forward to it when the weather is cooperating. Ms. Weiner also noted there have been some new vendors added this year.

Mayor Arnold noted the Town Wide Yard Sale will be held September 14th, 2019. Mr. Gural stated the Palmyra Improvement Association requested use of the Bandshell and Chief Payton Flournoy, Sr. Park on September 14th, 2019 for their Porch Fest. Chief Pearlman noted the PIA also requested little/ South Broad Street be closed. Mr. Gural indicated we are aware that the Park is usually used on the date of the Town Wide Yard Sale for residents without yard space wishing to sell their things. There was some discussion regarding the use and the street closure and Mayor Arnold asked all to think about it and it would be placed on next meeting's agenda.

Mayor Arnold indicated she spoke with the Flournoy Family in regards to Park Dedication and they have requested we postpone it until late August or early September. Ms. Celeste Flournoy stated if possible the family and friends would like to have the dedication on September 7th, 2019 to allow for those traveling a distance to attend. Ms. Flournoy indicated she has given her contact information to the Mayor and is looking forward to the dedication.

Mrs. Tait stated National Night Out is scheduled for August 6th, 2019 and Friends Band will be playing. Mrs. Tait noted she would be speaking with Chief Pearlman to see if there was anything else needed.

Ms. Weiner indicated the Green Team & PCCPB will be joining together to host another rain barrel making event. Ms. Weiner indicated she was not sure of the date but it is within the next two weeks.

Mr. Gural stated council agreed to form a committee to discuss the proposed merit increases and make a recommendation to the governing body regarding those increases. Mrs. Tait indicated those willing to serve on that committee were Mrs. McCann, Mr. Allmond and President Howard. Mayor Arnold suggested she serve on that committee of three. After some discussion it was decided the committee would be composed of Mrs. McCann, Mr. Allmond and President Howard.

Mrs. Russell indicated at the audit exit conference there were no expectations which had to be reported to the State, Mrs. Russell however indicated there were some clerical issues brought to our attention which needed to be addressed.

Mrs. Russell indicated she request the bat boxes be placed on the agenda as Charles Street School students make the bat boxes and would like to install the bat boxes. Mrs. Russell stated the School District will not allow them to be placed on their property. Mrs. Russell asked if there were some places in the Borough where we could install them. There was some discussion regarding placement, how and where they could be placed. A suggestion was made to place them down at public works. There was additional discussion and President Howard asked if the person, Wendy Wince, who taught the class to the students could come and speak at the next meeting. Mrs. Russell indicated she would come up with a list of potential locations for council consideration.

Mr. Gural indicate our tax collector received an email from NJHMFA regarding redeeming the lien on 210 Arch Street. Mr. Gural noted we (the Borough) have already foreclosed on the property so there is no longer a lien to redeem. Mr. Gural stated we can sell it to them and indicated to tax collector to let them know it was available for sale if they wished to purchase it, make us an offer. Mr. Gural stated we have not heard back from them yet. Mr. Rosenberg indicated an appraisal may be necessary to determine the value of the property. There was some discussion regarding the property and the value of the property.

Mr. Gural indicated he has heard the comments regarding the landscaping at the various places in town, and acknowledges that the landscaping is not what we hoped it would be. Mr. Gural stated Public works is shorthanded and has been for some time. Mr. Gural stated it has been suggested that we hire a company to complete the landscaping and then we keep it up. Mr. Gural indicated he felt the project could exceed the bid threshold and at the very least we would have to get quotes for the project so a bid packet would be necessary to identify the work, locations and types of plants. Ms. Weiner suggested we only do the intersection at Broad Street and Cinnaminson Avenue. Mrs. Russell suggested at a bare minimum, Cinnaminson Avenue, Charles Street, Highland Avenue and Park Avenue need to be completed. President Howard indicated to Mr. Gural if he could put something together and give it to buildings and grounds committee they would decide which areas we should concentrate on to begin with. Mr. Gural stated we will try to get quotes and keep it under the threshold. There was some additional discussion and Mr. Gural noted he would get that information to committee.

Mr. Gural explained the Riverfront request for salt/brine service in lieu of reimbursement. He noted there is no action required from the governing body currently.

OLD Business

Mayor Arnold indicated we have about 22 orders for pavers for Chief Payton I Flournoy, Sr. Park and the first scheduling of the engraver should be soon.

Mayor Arnold indicated she was still gathering information from the business for the mural at Tony's Barber Shop mural and would have additional information soon.

Ms. Weiner indicated the light pole banners are installed on Market Street and we will be moving forward with the banners on Broad Street if council is in agreement. Council agreed to move forward.

Ms. Weiner stated the Downtown Parking Questionnaires and update she would address in her committee report.

Mr. Gural indicated this is reminder that if members of the governing body plan on attending the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference, please notify Ms. Jackson so appropriate reservations can be made.

Mr. Gural indicated the Brownfields Conference held every two years is being held this year in December from the 10th to 13th in LA, California and may be a conference worth considering, given the interest in the Rt. 73 Southside redevelopment area.

Mrs. Russell indicated she was unsure if the information was sent to Mr. Rosenberg. Mr. Gural suggested the committee have another meeting with Tracy regarding the sign ordinance gather the information and then forward it to Mr. Rosenberg.

Mr. Gural indicated he has reached out to the program administrator of the Small Cities Grants and explained our situation regarding eligibility due to ownership of Main Harbour Drive issues. Mr. Gural indicated we are still waiting for answers from the state regarding those issues

Mayor Arnold indicated the NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Applications have already be addressed.

Mr. Gural indicated the Community Center laptops policy is in your packet and if council is good with that then we are ready to go. President Howard stated it is a very good policy ok. Council agreed.

Mr. Gural indicated he currently has no update regarding Legalized Marijuana dispensary/distribution.

Mayor Arnold noted the Temple Blvd Improvement Project /2018 TAP Program was talked about previously.

Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Lunemann our code enforcement office is present this evening in the event anyone has any questions, given comments of the weekend placed on Facebook.. Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Lunemann and the staff react to complaints received from the general public. Basketball nets are prohibited from being placed in the street and on the sidewalks. Mr. Gural indicated no one is being targeted we simply address complaints received. Mr. Gural indicated a notice is not a violation. A notice is to bring to your attention that something is wrong and needs to be corrected. There was some discussion regarding our notices, violations, our current ordinances, how much time is given to correct a notice and how we communicate various information to residents. Mrs. Tait asked if we could post on the website a," did you know" or "tip of the week" section or post letting people know various difference things. Mr. Gural indicated yes.

Mr. Gural explained

MS. Weiner stated that is now a website or page called MPPS, My Positive Palmyra Story where people can express and share their positive stories about Palmyra.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gural indicated the construction office technical assistant is still on hold, currently we have someone helping out with filing

Mr. Gural indicated we will still accept applications for Public Works but it's getting late in the season for seasonal help which would end at end of summer.

Mr. Gural noted National amusement will be closing the Flea Market mid-August. Mr. Gural indicated that during our meeting with Mr. Forman he mentioned several times the DEP/ Attorney General's office trying to do an end run around the Borough and is what intimidated him out of the project.

Mr. Gural explained the need for everyone to log in tomorrow with the new password, as we move forward with MS Office 365.

Mr. Gural indicated everyone should have seen Mr. Brewers letter to the owner of 620-622 Highland Ave. Mr. Gural indicated we should have an appraisal from his attorney or some sort of response soon or we will proceed with the taking of the property by eminent domain.

Mr. Gural announced the Ms. Jackson our Municipal Clerk has been named to the 2019 Municipal Clerks Honor Roll, congratulations on the honor.

Mr. Gural noted this interesting fact, GandCrab Ransomware, the program which struck the Police Department earlier this year collected over two billion dollars in ransoms from governmental agencies and commercial business. Mr. Gural stated they received nothing from Palmyra.

Mr. Gural indicated the Stop the Bleed Training and Active Shooter Exercise for borough staff will be held on July 16. The Office of Emergency Management will be hosting another exercise in the Community center on October 12th, 2019.

Mr. Gural indicated we will soon be a quarantine area with regards to the Spotted Lanternfly. Additional information will follow as notifications are sent.

Mr. Gural indicated everyone had an updated PPPM Manuel, please fill out the three forms in the font of the book and return to Marie.

Mr. Gural indicated the new Stormwater Signs have been installed at Legion Field on the side of the concession stand. Mr. Gural noted the Green Team partially funded the cost of the sign and if they wished could add a stick or small plaque indicating so.

Mr. Gural noted the new house being built on Front Street (Old Vet's Building) by Habitat for Humanity will be holding the home dedication on Veterans Day September 11th, 2019.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion

Mrs. Furrer- Maryland Avenue- Mrs. Furrer stated the town does not look nice and the parks are not being taken care of and a rain garden is being proposed for Temple Blvd. We are unable to keep up with the maintenance of the parks and various landscaping all over town. The Borough needs to go back to O scaping. \$5,000.00 will not take care of the work that needs to be done. Mrs. Furrer stated either the Green Team gets together and gets some volunteers or we go with a minimalist solution.

Mrs. Butler – Arch Street – Mrs. Butler asked if it's a time limit that a contractor has to complete work on a property. Mrs. Butler stated up the street a bit from her house is a project the contract has been working on for over a year that is still not complete. Mrs. Butler indicated she has been here before

complaining about the spot-o-pot which is at that address and has been there for over three months and people just stopping at random to use the bathroom. Mrs. Butler indicated the yard at 508 Arch Street needs some attention. Mr. Lunemann indicated he had noticed the property and he has until the end of week to respond if not court summons will be issued. Mrs. Butler complained about various properties in the immediate area of her home and indicated she hoped they would be addressed soon. Mrs. Butler thanked the Borough and Mr. Lunemann for cleaning up 400 Arch Street.

Mrs. Butler stated Chief Payton I Flournoy, Sr. and the Park dedication is very personal to many of the residents of the Borough. Mrs. Butler indicated there is a very long history regarding Chief Flournoy and him becoming the Chief of Police. Mr. Butler indicated it is not only what the Chief obtained but also what the Borough did in a time when it was not a popular decision. Mrs. Butler indicated this means so much to so many of her neighbors and the dedication should be something special.

McElwee – Columbia Avenue – Mr. McElwee indicated grew up in this town, and there is a lot of history from some of the residents of West Palmyra., noting the Flournoys, Pratts, Washingtons and Grimes to name a few. Mr. McElwee asked if the service branches we to be included in the banners for Broad Street. Ms. Weiner indicated yes. Mr. McElwee indicated the Merchant Marines were on in existence for five years. Mr. McElwee asked what the distance was for the bells on the bikes, is it 100 feet. Chief Pearlman indicated it is not a Borough Ordinance it is a State law.

Rader – Harbour Drive – Mr. Rader asked if the meeting dates and time could be placed on the electronic signs. Borough Council indicated yes.

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Allmond – Communications and Public Relations Committee– Mr. Allmond indicated he is beginning the new newsletter and will be sending out an email soliciting information for it next week.

Mrs. Tait – Public Safety Committee, Board of Education, Public Events– Mrs. Tait stated she had nothing more to report.

President Howard – Youth and Recreation, Public Building, Grounds and Parks, Public Works & Sewer– President Howard indicated Public works met in June and talked about how shorthanded public works was, thus leading to the two new hires for public works. President Howard indicated the Public Safety committee met and talked about the Municipal Court staff.

Mrs. McCann – Administration and Finance– Ms. McCann stated the committee has not met.

Ms. Weiner – Business and Community Development, Homeowner Association – Ms. Weiner indicated she spoke about farmers market earlier and needed to find out how much money was left from donations last year. Ms. Weiner indicated the Marketplaces on our website has been updated. Ms. Weiner indicated the green team has submitted the 2020 application. Ms. Weiner indicted the no-smoking ordinance was updated last year and we have finally been able to get 12 signs which should be delivered in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Weiner stated a meeting was held regarding the parking

issues and one of the things they are considering is permitting parking for the business employees. In the survey sent out to the businesses they requested information regarding the number on employees, so they could determine the need for employee parking. Ms. Weiner indicated the response to the survey was not great so we will have to use our best estimates to determine the potential need. Ms. Weiner indicated we may wish to consider removing the no parking restrictions on the 500 block of Cinnaminson Avenue. Ms. Weiner indicated they would be sending letters to those residents to get a feel for how they feel about it. Ms. Weiner indicated they would also be looking at the 600 block of Broad Street. Ms. Weiner indicated the committee would like to send the changes to Mr. Rosenberg to begin the ordinance changes.

Mrs. Russell – Construction- Shade Tree Liaison – Mrs. Russell indicated the Shade Tree Board met and discussed the requests, which have been many. Mr. Russell asked not the construction committee met spoke about the code regarding fireworks. Mayor Arnold asked if there were still trees available for planting and how many were planted at Legion field. Mrs. Russell indicated she did not have that information with her and would have to get back to her.

Mayor Arnold stated Habitat for Humanity brought in one of the homes for Front Street and indicated it would be dedicated on September 11th, 2019. Mayor Arnold noted there are opportunities to volunteer to work on the new houses also, you need only to contact Habit for Humanity.

Mayor Arnold noted there was a vacancy on the Land Use Board and she asked Mr. Yetter if he would move up to the full member seat from the alternate seat. Mayor Arnold then appointed Jessica O’Conner as an Alternate to Land use Board. Ms. Weiner asked how she came about that appointment. Mayor Arnold noted Ms. O’Conner had expressed an interest in serving.

Mayor Arnold asked if there was any business for executive session. Mr. Gural and Mr. Rosenberg indicated no.

Mr. Allmond asked if the time had been set for the dedication on September 7th, 2019. Mayor Arnold indicated not yet. Mr. Allmond indicated he wanted to place it in the newsletter and perhaps council could come up with a rain date, just in case. There was some additional discussion regarding the Chief Payton I Flournoy, Sr. Park dedication. Ms. Weiner indicated all of council should be included in the planning and helping with this event so that nothing is overlooked. Mrs. Tait indicated the family seated here tonight is requesting an 11:00 am start. Mayor Arnold indicated she has been working on this for some time. Mr. Rosenberg asked if the senators and other government officials had been contacted. Mayor Arnold indicated yes. Mayor Arnold indicated she would bring the information back to council so everyone would know what was planned.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

All voted in favor of the motion

Meeting adjourned at 9:54

Respectfully Submitted,

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