

Borough of Palmyra
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 20th, 2020

The Regular Council Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra was called to order by Mayor Tait at 6:40 PM

ROLL CALL

At the call of the roll:

PRESENT: Brandon Allmond, Laura Cloud, Farrah Jenkins, Michelle McCann, Bernadette Russell, President Timothy Howard, Mayor Gina Ragomo Tait

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Mayor Tait read the following into the record:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and in consideration of Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the Borough of Palmyra does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued functioning of government, the meeting of the Mayor and Council will be a Virtual Council Meeting. Members of the public are invited to “attend” the Virtual Council Meeting but all members of the public participating in the meeting may be muted and their video image disabled. Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 9th, 2020 and notification was sent to the Burlington County Times on June 3rd, 2020 and published on July 9th, 2020. Notice was posted on the Municipal Door, Official Bulletin Board and the Borough of Palmyra Website and electronic signs on July 9th, 2020 and notice was given to all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Tait requested a motion for approval of the July 15th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes and the July 15th, 2020 Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and the July 15th, 2020 Executive Session Meeting. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal Clerk, Ms. Jackson acknowledged a thank you note from Jayme Livingston.

Ms. Jackson read the resignation letter received from Dominic Petito, Plumbing Subcode Official.

Ms. Jackson also acknowledged a letter received from resident, Barbara McKinney regarding trash collection.

REDEVELOPMENT

Rt. 73 South Redevelopment Area- Update

Mr. Gural indicated revised language has been submitted to the redeveloper team regarding the redevelopment plan. Mr. Gural also noted we have received comments from the redevelopers team regarding the redevelopment agreement, he indicated, he, Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Brewer would be meeting again tomorrow regarding the agreement and additional information would be forthcoming in executive session. Mr. Gural indicated the Borough also received the PILOT application from the redeveloper and have put out RFP/RFQ's for a financial advisor which will be due back July 31st, 2020.

Outlaw Training & Fitness/620-622 Highland Ave Redevelopment Project – Update

Mr. Brewer indicated the property owner's appraiser needed an extension due to so health issues. Mr. Brewer indicated the hearing for the value determination of the property was originally extended to mid-August and will now be extended to September 21, 2020.

Redevelopment Study Block 80 Lot 6, former Knights of Columbus property

Mr. Brewer indicated the K of C determination of need study was heard by the Land Use Board on July 15th, 2020 and he was directed to prepare a resolution recommending the property be declared an area in need of redevelopment and will be voted upon at the next meeting of the Land Use Board. Mr. Gural indicated a copy of the study was included in the governing body's packet if they would like to read it.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

William Kirchner, ERI

Mr. Kirchner indicated the Temple Avenue Project has been divided into three contracts; one the non-TAP grant, which has received DOT approval and we are waiting for the finals so that it may be bid; second the part which is in the TAP Federal grant which is the improvement to the Temple Ave and Firth Street intersection is in DOT hands and we are awaiting their review and approval; and the third which is the storm water basin at the Public Works/Sewer plant; it is designed and is tied to the sewer capital budget which is up for consideration tonight.

Mr. Kirchner stated the DOT funded project for the improvements to 5th and Race Streets, the design portion is complete and should be going into DOT this week.

Mr. Kirchner indicated the restoration road projects associated with New Jersey American Water; Maryland, Virginia, Oregon Avenues, Leconey Circle, Second, Walnut, Pear Streets; all survey work has been completed and there are proceeding with the design phase.

Mr. Kirchner indicated the pre-construction meeting was held for the sewer work for the Public Road Pump station elimination project. He noted the notice to proceed will be issued with an effective date of July 27th, 2020 adding the contractor will be beginning the work on August 3rd, 2020.

Mr. Kirchner indicated there have been problems with two of our pump stations. The two Berkley Avenue Station pumps are not functioning properly one is about eight years old and the other has been rebuilt several times and the parts are worn, parts have been ordered to eliminate the problems.

Mr. Kirchner indicated the EQ values/ pumps in the sewer plant are also not functioning properly and have been in need of replacement. Mr. Kirchner indicated the updated price has been obtained and recommended the Borough purchase to pump as soon as possible. Mrs. McCann asked when the Temple Blvd project would begin. Mr. Kirchner indicated the paving of Temple Blvd except for Firth Lane could begin in the fall but the Federal DOT portion may not happen until 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

We requested those participants wishing to have or make a Public comment, email their questions or comments in advance to Municipal Clerk Rita Jackson at djackson@boroughofpalmyra.com. The opportunity to submit comments prior to meeting expired at 12:00 PM on Monday July 20th, 2020. All comments will become part of the record and included with the Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to open the Public Portion. President Howard made a motion to open the public portion for comments. Mr. Allmond second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried

The Municipal Clerk read the following comments received:

Mrs. Bullock – Arch Street

President and Council,

A few months ago I called and left a message for the Code Enforcement Officer about the conditions of 310 Arch Street. I never received a response. To date, the property is still boarded and people continue to enter and exit. After Channel 6 did the expose on the property in reference to the deplorable animal conditions, the Borough had it boarded. About one (1) week after that, the residents began to resume living in there, with the boarded-up windows and doors. Not only have they resumed residency, so have many of their cats.

Sometime last year I attended a Borough Council meeting when a discussion was held about creating an ordinance for abandoned and vacant properties. I understand the Ordinance 2018-18 now exists. In part it states"Registered property shall be kept free of.... or any items that give the appearance that

the property is vacant or abandoned." The property in question IS STILL BOARDED UP. Why, as a tax payer and a resident who lives across the street, must I continue to look at that eyesore on a daily basis? It has been at least 2 years since it was originally boarded up and nothing has been done to make it presentable. On Friday past, the Ambulance, Fire Company and Police department were at said residence for someone who was taken ill in the EXTREMELY HOT boarded up house and the person had to be extricated.

If a property is registered with the Borough and listed as owned, it must comply with all Codes of the town, just like I do. I cannot board up my windows and doors and still live there without the Borough giving me some kind of citation, indicating I must rectify the situation because it does not comply with Borough codes. Is that the case at 310 Arch?

The Borough boarded that property. Why are there occupants in a boarded property? I should not continually be subjected to those conditions. I ask the Council to move on bringing closure to this situation.

Thank you

Mrs. Proctor – Arch Street

Hello Ms. Jackson,

I live at 312 Arch Street and I am writing in regards to the property next door to me.

I am not sure if you are the proper person to send this correspondence to and if not, I would appreciate if you would forward to the proper authority.

I would like to reference Borough of Palmyra Ordinance 2018-18 the regulation of Vacant Properties Section 1 B (1).

Registered property shall be kept free of weeds, overgrown brush, dead vegetation, trash, junk, debris, building materials, any accumulation of newspaper, circulars, flyers, notices, except those required by federal, state or local law, discarded personal items, including, but not limited to furniture, clothing, large and small appliances, printed material or any other items that give the appearance that the property is vacant or abandoned. All registrants shall comply with all provisions of the Borough of Palmyra Code (the Code) including but not limited to Chapter 203 of the Code titled Property Maintenance.

Myself and the neighbors have been complaining about this property for quite some time now and the windows have been boarded for over a year. I recently reached out to Mayor Tait on two separate occasions and although she did respond to my complaint by stating that the property owner was ordered to remove the boards, to date, the boards have not been removed. It's been over a month since I sent the complaints to Mayor Tait.

I would think that the office of code and inspections would have rectified this problem many months ago, yet the property is still in disarray. It seems as though someone has dropped the ball and we deserve better respect from this Borough.

We have had enough of his noncompliance and request immediate action on the cleanup of this property. We do our best to ensure our properties are well kept and maintained by Palmyra Codes and we request the same from him.

Thank you

Mayor Tait indicated those complaints had been forwarded to Mr. Lunemann, our Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Gural indicated he would make it a priority and speak with Mr. Lunemann to find out what has been done. Fire Chief Dreby indicated he was at the call and the property is a hazard to not only the residents living there and around it but also to the firefighters and emergency responders also. Chief Dreby indicated there appeared to be children living there however no children were present. Chief Dreby stated all the windows and the rear door exit were boarded; the only way in or out was the front door, which is a major safety issue for the residents and anyone having to respond to that address.

There was some discussion regarding the property and potential things which could be done. Mr. Gural indicated he would meet with Mr. Lunemann and determined what has been done.

Mayor Tait then asked if anyone present had a comment they wished to make. The following responded.

Mr. Gleisner – Garfield Avenue.

Mr. Gleisner indicated he was concerned about public trash receptacles overflowing and not being emptied in a timely manner. Mrs. Russell asked if there was a schedule. Mr. Gural indicated twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. Dr. Cloud noted people are placing large pizza boxes in the cans so other trash cannot be placed into the container. Mrs. Russell asked if a second container could be placed in the park.

Mrs. Veitenheimer – Rowland Street

Mrs. Veitenheimer asked if Council walked thru the Promenade noting how overgrown the pathway is. She noted the grass is cut but the plantings need to be taken care of and there is grass growing up thru the bricks. Dr. Cloud noted it is noticed however there have been some challenges trying to maintain that park the way it should be maintained and noted a street light should also be looked at as she believed it was not working. Mrs. McCann indicated she noticed the park and had placed an email to public works about it.

Ms. Geinstein – Market Street

Mrs. Geinstein inquired as how to send a comment for the Borough Council meetings. Ms. Jackson explained.

No one else from the public wishing to be heard, Mayor Tait asked for a motion to close the Public Portion. President Howard made a motion to close the public portion, Mrs. Russell second the motion. **All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried**

ORDINANCES on first reading, public hear to be held August 17th, 2020

Ordinance 2020-08, An Ordinance Authorizing Special Emergency Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(b) to Fund the Costs Associated with the Execution of Codification for the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Mayor Tait asked if there was any discussion or questions. Seeing none, Mayor Tait requested of motion to approve Ordinance 2020-08. President Howard made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-08. Mrs. Russell seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion carried. Ordinance 2020-08 was approved on first reading.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING (Public Hearing)

Ordinance 2020-06, Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Pieces of Equipment and Completion of Various Capital Improvements in and for the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, New Jersey: Appropriating the Sum of \$2,019,800.00 Therefore; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, New Jersey, In the Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to \$1,918,810.00 Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to open Ordinance 2020-06 for public hearing. President Howard made a motion to open Ordinance 2020-06 for public comments. Mrs. Russell second the motion

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Veitenheimer asked what capital improvements are included in this ordinance. Mr. Gural indicated 1.9 million is for road improvements; the remaining funding is for acquisition of radios for the police department and computer equipment for the Borough.

No other comments Mayor Tait requested a motion to close the public portion. President Howard made a motion to close the public hearing, Mrs. Russell second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-06 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Pieces of Equipment and Completion of Various Capital Improvements in and for the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, New Jersey: Appropriating the Sum of \$2,019,800.00 Therefore; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, New Jersey, In the Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to \$1,918,810.00 Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing.

President Howard made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-06. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion carried. Ordinance 2020-06 was approved.

Ordinance 2020-07, Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Improvements to the Sewer Utility System in and for the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$812,000.00 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to \$771,400.00; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to open Ordinance 2020-07 for public hearing. President Howard made a motion to open Ordinance 2020-07 for public comments. Mrs. Russell second the motion

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Gural explained the funding for ordinance 2020-07 noting \$244,000.00 is allocated for various sewer improvements, \$251,000.00 is for pump station elimination project and \$317,000.00 is for the storm water basin and electrical duct bank.

No other comments Mayor Tait requested a motion to close the public portion. 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 Tait requested a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-07 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Improvements to the Sewer Utility System in and for the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$812,000.00 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to \$771,400.00; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-07. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion carried. Ordinance 2020-07 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution **2020-144** thru and Resolution **2020-160** will be enacted as a single motion, if either resolution needs additional discussion it will be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately. Mayor Tait asked if anything needed to be pulled from the consent agenda. Borough Council indicated none.

Resolution 2020-144, Resolution Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (Chapter 159) Municipal Court Alcohol Education, Rehab Fund DWI in the Amount of \$1,250.31

Resolution 2020-145, Resolution Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (Chapter 159) Body Armor Replacement Fund Grant in the Amount of \$2,010.82

Resolution 2020-146, Resolution Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (Chapter 159) 2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant in the Amount of \$7,943.70

Resolution 2020-147, Resolution Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (Chapter 159) NJDOT 5th & Arch Street Project in the Amount of \$250,000.00

Resolution 2020-148, Resolution Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (Chapter 159) Clean Communities Grant in the Amount of \$15,442.11

Resolution 2020-149, Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership in the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Resolution 2020-150, Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Lincoln Retirement Services, LLC and adopting the revised Plan 92-PD- Lincoln- 121316

Resolution 2020-151, Resolution Authorizing the 2020-2021 Liquor License Renewal of Ashburn - Corporation T/A Rodger Wilco Liquor Store Plenary Retail Distribution License #0327-44-005-008

Resolution 2020-152, Resolution Authorizing the 2020-2021 Liquor License Renewal of HARIKRISHNA Liquors Inc. T/A Palmyra Liquors Plenary Retail Distribution License #0327-44-004-006

Resolution 2020-153, Resolution Authorizing the Rescinding of Resolution 2020-115 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Process Third Quarter "Estimated" Tax Bills and Authorizing the Extension of the Grace Period for 2020 Third Quarter Property Tax Payment

Resolution 2020-154, Resolution Authorizing Membership in the Burlington County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with Participating Units

Resolution 2020-155, Resolution Authorizing the acquisition of a Fairbanks submersible pump from Municipal Maintenance Company per the attached quotation dated July 8, 2020 in the amount of

\$31,750 and per ERI's recommendation; this is an emergency acquisition requiring a waiver from soliciting additional formal quotes and was previously authorized in the 2019 Sewer Capital Ordinance **Resolution 2020-156**, Resolution appointing Linda Yansick as a full-time employee as Tax Clerk/Public Works Administrative Assistant at the hourly rate of \$15.28 retroactive to July 3, 2020

Resolution 2020-157, Resolution Authorizing the 2020-2021 Liquor License Renewal of John P Gerew Inc T/A Ark Tavern Plenary Retail Consumption License #0327-33-006-004

Resolution 2020-158, Resolution Appointing James Fries Jr. as a Member of the Palmyra Fire Department

Resolution 2020-159, Resolution Authorizing the 2020-2021 Liquor License Renewal for Milmarian Inc. ABC Pocket License #0327-33-002-003

Resolution 2020-160, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of July 2020 in the Amount of \$1,433,467.15

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve resolutions 2020-144 thru 2020-160. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolutions 2020-144 thru 2020-160. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried, Resolution 2020-144 thru 2020-160 were approved.

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for June 2020. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for June 2020. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Treasurers Report was approved.

MOTION TO APPROVE SOCIAL PERMIT

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve the Social Permit for Palmyra Fire Company's Beer Fest October 3rd, 2020

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Social Permit for Palmyra Fire Company's Beer Fest October 3rd, 2020. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Social Permit for Palmyra Fire Company's Beer Fest October 3rd, 2020 was approved

Mayor Tait noted all public events sponsored by Borough of Palmyra have been suspended until December when we will look at the possibility of having some sort of celebration for the holidays if possible. Dr. Cloud asked about the River Clean-up. Mayor Tait indicated it is not a Borough sponsored event however events hosted by other organizations utilizing Borough facilities or help will be considered at on an individual basis.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – NEW BIZ

Mr. Gural indicated the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Palmyra Police Association should be discussed in executive session.

Mr. Gural indicated no decision has been made regarding the re-opening of Borough Hall to the public. He noted we are still watching the numbers and Governor's recommendations.

Mr. Gural indicated no changes are being made to the current animal control contract. Mr. Gural indicated he would be talking with Willingboro regarding the Animal Control Shared Service Agreement to see if the service could be improved. Mr. Gural stated that perhaps we may wish to consider putting out an RFP for these services next year.

Mr. Gural indicated that CFO, Donna Condo has issued additional invoices regarding the advance travel funds owed the Borough by former Mayor Arnold however to date there has been no response.

Mr. Gural noted the information regarding the 2020 Annual New Jersey State League of Municipalities Conference currently being held November 17-19th, 2020 in Atlantic City. Mr. Gural noted we were getting the information out as we currently know it, however everything is subject to change and as additional information is obtained, we will continue to forward it to the governing body.

Mayor Tait indicated the new Facility Usage Request documents are included in your packets for review. Mayor Tait and President Howard thanked all those who worked on those documents. Mayor Tait asked for a motion to approve use of those documents. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the new facility usage documents for use. President Howard second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Gural noted the travel restrictions the Governor has imposed on the State due to Covid-19 regarding travelers traveling into New Jersey. Mr. Gural indicated because of the Governor's order regarding travel it was necessary for the Borough to implement a policy also. Mr. Gural stated all employees traveling to the states mentioned in the Governor's executive order will be required to quarantine/self-isolate for 14 days upon return to the state of New Jersey and will not be allowed to return to work during that 14 day quarantine/self-isolation period, even if they test negative during that time. Mrs. Russell asked if the employee would be able to work from home. Mr. Gural indicated yes if their job can be accomplished in that manner. Mrs. Jenkins asked if there were limitations on the number of times a person could be required to self-quarantine due to exposure. Mr. Gural indicated there were currently no limits.

Mr. Allmond indicated the Veterans Committee is requesting the Veterans Parking Only signs be installed, one in the parking lot by the tennis courts and the other on Broad Street between the pharmacy and the bank. Mr. Gural indicated he would let public works know to install them.

Mr. Gural stated that due to the Coronavirus pandemic council approved additional Sick/PTO days for staff for a three-month period. He noted those dates expired on May 31st, 2020. Mr. Gural indicated we currently have an ongoing situation with the coronavirus and asked Council if they we be amenable to extending those days to September 30th, 2020. Mrs. Russell suggested council extend those days until the end of year. Mrs. Russell made a motion to extend the additional sick/PTO days for Covid-19 for staff until the end on year December 31st, 2020. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion passed

Mr. Gural indicated the Borough has received requests for the purchase of three Borough-owned lots. Mr. Gural indicated one has already been approved for sale by the governing body and Mr. Rosenberg is currently working on that sale. Mr. Gural noted the other two lots are small non-descript lots with minimal value. Mr. Gural indicated the two lots are of no value to the Borough and would be of value to the adjacent property owners. Mr. Gural indicated he would ask Mr. Rosenberg look into the process of expediting the sale of these properties, as obtaining appraisals would be too costly to the Borough, as the lots are so small. Mr. Rosenberg indicated he would look into it, create a policy and report back to the governing body.

Mr. Gural stated we applied for the 2019 Small Cities Public Facilities grant and received it in 2018; it was for the installation of ADA compliant crosswalks in the Harbour and at the time we were engaged in conversations for potentially accepting, thru dedication, Main Harbour Drive. Mr. Gural stated the grant can only be used on Borough owned property and the Borough does not own Main Harbour Drive. Mr. Gural indicted it does not look like that will happen in the foreseeable future. Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Gerkens is recommending we notify the State CDBG program that we are unable to move on this grant at this time and want to be removed from consideration. Dr. Cloud asked if that funding could be used on another project in which the Borough owns the property. Mr. Gural indicated that is not allowed, and explained why.

Mayor Tait appointed Jayson Rossignol to fill the LUB Class IV vacancy.

Mr. Gural indicated that Mr. Gerkens and Mr. Kirchner just applied for the NJDOT Local Aid Grant for the Reconstruction of Spring Garden Street from Walnut to Park.

Mr. Gural also noted we will be applying for the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works Program Grant for the Extension of sewer infrastructure into the Rt. 73 Redevelopment Area. Mr. Gural stated the redeveloper will be paying the expenses for this application noting that the redeveloper's consultants are working with Mr. Gerkens and Mr. Kirchner on this application.

Mr. Gural indicated Ms. Kilmer is in the process of approving two Outdoor Seating applications for two establishments. Mr. Gural stated we received an email from one owner, Mr. Oberg, requesting relief or a waiver for the live entertainment exclusion clause. Mr. Gural explained and noted to Mr. Oberg that neither he nor Mrs. Kilmer could waive that clause regarding live entertainment in the ordinance; only the governing body could do so. Mr. Gural indicated the Ordinance was prepared with the thought that live music would negatively affect adjacent property owners. Dr. Cloud indicated one type of entertainment proposed at 5 West was quiz night and wonder if it fell under the same category as being too disruptive to neighbors as music would be. Mrs. Jenkins as are we not willing to consider music for the summer time? Dr. Cloud indicated she thought the music type they were considering was acoustical music, no drum pit and entertainment in the form of quiz night. Dr. Cloud indicated she felt quiz night would be ok and would like to know how the remaining body felt about it. Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Jenkins agreed that the quiz night and acoustical type music would be ok if there were some time constraints. Mr. Allmond indicated this is on the agenda monthly so we can access or readdress it if problems occur. President Howard indicated due to the apartments/residents in that area he felt it would create a noise problem for them. President Howard indicated perhaps we should get something signed from the residents indicating how they feel about it. There was some additional discussion regarding allowing some sort of entertainment or not and the times it would be allowed.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-161, Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-141 permitting live entertainment (in outdoor areas) but limited to Quiz night and acoustical type music on Monday to Sunday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Mr. Allmond made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-161. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell

AGAINST: President Howard

Motion Carried. Resolution 2020-161 was approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gural stated the auditors are currently in Borough Hall conducting the 2019 Audit.

Mr. Gural stated we received a reimbursement for our COVID-19 related expenses from FEMA and noted additional information will be forward to the governing body.

Mr. Gural indicated was also sold a number of old vehicles we no longer use on GovDeals.com and received payment for those in the amount of almost \$10,000.00.

Mr. Gural and Mr. Rosenberg will be working on the Special Franchise Tax with PSE&G and Ms. Condo and will get back to the governing body with additional information.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Russell indicated the more we work together to get out town up and running the better our town will be. Mrs. Russell also congratulated our former Chief of Police, Scott Pearlman and our new Chief of Police, Megan Campbell on their endeavors.

Mrs. McCann reminded all to support the local businesses in our community.

Dr. Cloud -no comment

Mrs. Jenkins indicated she was all about being a team player.

Mr. Allmond - no comment

President Howard thanked the Riverton Police Department and our Police Department for their help with the Black Lives Matter March. President Howard also thanked Mr. Gural, the Mayor for their efforts

Mayor Tait indicated the Mobile Food Pantry is tomorrow at 1:00pm. Mayor Tait asked everyone to fill out their 2020 Census if they have not and turn it in. Mayor Tait noted our number of positive COVID-19 cases is currently 57. Mayor Tait also noted the Palmyra High School Graduation is tomorrow at the stadium at 9:00 am.

Mayor Tait asked everyone to wear their mask and to continue practicing social distance.

Mayor Tait asked Mr. Gural and Mr. Rosenberg if there were items for closed session. Mr. Gural indicated yes.

Resolution 2020-162, Resolution Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P. L. 1975 for matters relating to:

Litigation, Contracts

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-162. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried, Resolution 2020-162 was approved

Mr. Gural noted we would be in executive session for about one hour and noted that we would return to this meeting, after the executive session.

Borough Council went into closed session at 8:32 pm

Borough Council returned from closed session at: 9:16 pm

Mayor Tait requested a motion to open to the public. Mrs. Russell made a motion to re-open the meeting to the public. President Howard second the motion

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried

Mayor Tait 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. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Doretha R Jackson, RMC

Municipal Clerk