

**Borough of Palmyra**  
**Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

The Redevelopment Agency Meeting of the Borough of Palmyra was called to order by Mayor Michelle Arnold at 6:34 pm.

At the call of the roll present were; Mayor Michelle Arnold, President Tim Howard, Mr. Frank Cosky, Mrs. Bernadette Russell, Mrs. Gina Tait, Ms. Mindie Weiner, Mr. Lewis Yetter

The Open Public Meetings Statement was then read into the record as follows:

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

- A. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board at the Palmyra Borough Hall on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- B. Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- C. Notice to All Council Members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Russell to approve the Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.2017. Mr. Cosky second the motion.

**At the call of the roll the vote was:**

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

**NAYES: None**

**Palmyra Cove Nature Park/ NAI MEC Investigation/ Remediation Update**

Mr. John Hogue of Environmental Resources Management gave an update on the progress of the remediation work on the southside of Rt. 73. Mr. Hogue stated to Council that most of the intrusive work is complete. Mr. Hogue further indicated they have addressed all of the areas of major concern or "high risk". He explained what they have been doing and presented 9 photos with various views of the areas being worked on and what was occurring in each area. The photos indicate where there were currently looking for munitions; where target areas were designated; how the areas of concern were being worked, and how deep they are digging to get to the unexploded ordinances. Mr. Hogue indicated on the photos where the highest concentration of unexploded ordinances were found but also indicated some were located in zone b and zone c, areas adjacent to the main target area. Mr. Hogue indicated they have located munitions buried as far as eight feet deep in the ground. Mr. Hogue stated that they also found over 3800 other metal items, which were sent to a government facility to make sure there are not munitions, once confirmed they were sent to a scrap yard. Mr. Hogue also indicated the remediation should come in under cost as there were not a lot of munitions which needed to be exploded. Mayor Arnold stated this was a very aggressive effort starting in January of last year, it is a critical component of our redevelopment plan, which now completed, will allow us to move forward with the redevelopment process.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mayor Arnold notified Council that we received notification from David Wyche of the Burlington County Bridge Commission, Department of Economic Development and Regional Planning that the 30 Mayors/30 Developers Networking Exchange has been postponed indefinitely, and most likely will not be held until 2018.

Mayor Arnold indicated that the redeveloper pre-submission questionnaire sent to David Meiskin of Windsor Companies has not yet been returned. Mr. Gural gave council copies of the pre-submission questioner sent to Mr. Meiskin over two and a half weeks ago and to date Mr. Gural stated we have had no response.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Please sign in and state your name and address for the record. Council will give all comments appropriate consideration. Each citizen will be allotted up to five (5) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions or concerns. Please direct all comments to the Mayor. Each citizen may only speak once during each public portion.

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

**At the call of the roll.**

**All voted in favor of the motion**

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

**At the call of the roll.**

**All voted in favor of the motion**

### **REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY COMMENTS**

Lewis Yetter stated no comment

Bernadette Russell stated no comment

Mindie Weiner stated no comment

Gina Tait stated no comment

Frank Cosky stated no comment

President Howard stated no comment

Mayor Arnold thanked Mr. Hogue for all his efforts on the project and is happy to see it moving forward.

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

**At the call of the roll.**

**All voted in favor of the motion**

Meeting Adjourned at 7.06 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R. Jackson

Acting Municipal Clerk