

Borough of Palmyra
Regular Council Meeting, 7:00 PM
Monday May 15th, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra was called to order by Mayor Michelle Arnold at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Michelle Arnold, President Timothy Howard, Mr. Frank Cosky, Mrs. Bernadette Russell, Mrs. Gina Tait, Ms. Mindie Weiner, Mr. Lewis Yetter

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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, 2017.
- Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 10, 2017.
- Notice to All Council Members

INVOCATION

Prayer was given by Mr. John Gural

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve the Council Caucus Meeting Minutes of May 15th, 2017.

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the Council Caucus Meeting Minutes of May 15th, 2017. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

The following awards were presented at the May 15th Council Meeting.

Mr. Anthony Fratto of Anthony's Jewelers presented the entire Police Department with the "Thin Blue Line Ring" for their service to our community. The ring is made of silicone so you can wear the ring in place of your wedding ring or just in support of the police department however it allows for flexibility so you won't damage your finger by getting the ring caught on something while working.

Service Awards:

First Sgt. Joseph Osinski	Honorable Discharge – retirement pending 5/31/2017
Sgt. Josiah Murphy	15 year service commendation
Sgt. Timothy Leusner	15 year service commendation
Patrolman Alexander Hubel	1 year good conduct

Citizen Awards

Lee Park	Assistance in the apprehension of a residential burglary suspect
Sarah Valentine	Assistance in the apprehension of a residential burglary suspect Incident #2016-2690 & 2094

Officer Awards

Patrolman Jeremy Jankowski	Top Gun Award
Det. Arek Arargil	Life Saving Award – Det. Arargil responded to an adult male choking. The subject had become unresponsive and stopped breathing. Det. Arargil was able to clear the airway and resuscitate the subject. 02/17/2016 / 2016-0824

Patrolman Jeremy Jankowski	Honorable Service
Patrolman Tyler Main	Honorable Service
Patrolman Brian Johnson	Honorable Service – Patrolman Jankowski Conducted a MVS and was assisted by Patrolman Main and Johnson. During the stop probable cause was developed and vehicle was searched. Officers recovered a large amount of cash, drug paraphernalia and crystal meth with a street value of \$2500.00 04/21/2017 / 2016-2049

Patrolman Jankowski	Honorable Service – Patrolman Jankowski was on patrol in the area of The Flea Market when he believed he heard a gunshot. As he checked the area he found a car pulled to the side of the road. The Driver advised Patrolman Jankowski that he had discharged an imitation handgun that was painted to look authentic. The gun was loaded with blanks. The subject was wanted on an out of state violation of probation
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warrant and was also in possession of two small rubber balloons filled with K2 Bath Salts.

10/02/2016 / 2016-5341

Sgt. Stephen Coveleski

Honorable Service – Sgt. Coveleski and Patrolman Alexander Hubel were advised by citizens of a disorderly subject near Manny’s Pizza. The Officers were advised that the subject was possibly armed with a handgun. Both officers found the subject at the Wawa, the subject was found to be intoxicated and attempting to conceal an item in his waistband. Officers removed a large knife from the subject’s waistband. The subject was found to be convicted felon and subject not to be in possession of weapons.

Patrolman Jeremy Jankowski

Officer of the Year for 2016 – Patrolman Jankowski has worked on the Junior Police Academy since its inception and now oversees all of our outreach academies. He is the department firearms instructor, conductive energy instructor, physical training instructor and field-training officer. Patrolman Jankowski is extremely productive and leads the department in drug arrests with over 40 in 2016.

The Police Department then presented a short video **Honoring 1st Sgt. Joseph Osinski** who is retiring after **27 years of service** with the Palmyra Police Department.

Mayor Arnold requested Resolution 2017-129 be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

Resolution 2017-129, Resolution Appointing Michelle Markey to the Borough of Palmyra Police Department effective May 22nd, 2017.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-129. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

PROCLAMATIONS

The following Proclamations were presented and read into the record,

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, the vigilance of the members of the Armed Forces has been instrumental to the preservation of freedom, security, and prosperity enjoyed by the people of this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices and dedicated service of the United States Armed Forces members, who preserve the liberties that make this nation unique in the world and community; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is a great opportunity to remember, honor and pay tribute to our nation's heroes, who set aside their personal safety to defend and protect our families, our communities and our nation from those who would threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, we also honor in a special way, the many contributions and tremendous support of our military family members without whom their service would be impossible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Arnold, Mayor of the Borough of Palmyra of Burlington County in the State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim the period May 1st 2017, through May 31st, 2017 as,

"NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH"

a special time to show our appreciation and support for our Military men and women who step forward every day to train, fight and defend our freedoms. I encourage our residents to join me displaying our flags and ribbons during this time to show our gratitude and support.

I hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Borough of Palmyra
this 15th day of May, 2017

Mayor Michelle Arnold

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK

WHEREAS, National Correctional Officers' Week was first proclaimed on May 5, 1984 by President Ronald Reagan when he signed Proclamation 5187, to recognize the men and women who work in jails, prisons and community corrections across the country; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, the U.S. Senate officially changed the name to National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, recognized in the first full week of May; and

WHEREAS, correctional facilities across the U.S., both civilian and military, public and private, adult and juvenile, are run by highly qualified and experienced individuals with a deep understanding of the challenges within the profession; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees are responsible for the custody, care and rehabilitation of thousands of offenders every year, as well as the maintenance of safe and secure facilities; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees serve admirably in many different capacities, including jail administrators, wardens, chaplains, nurses, supervisors, social workers, teachers, managers and directors; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers and employees provide offenders with direction, hope and a new focus while assisting with reentry and life outside corrections; and

WHEREAS, corrections officers strive to maintain a safe working and living environment inside the facility, often in the face of significant challenges and dangers, and our community recognizes the important work and sacrifices that corrections officers make each day to protect the citizens,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I Michelle Arnold, Mayor of the Borough of Palmyra do hereby proclaim the first full week of May to be "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week" in the Borough of Palmyra and encourage all citizens to join in honoring our correctional officers and employees who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered dedicated service to the community, and remembering those correctional

professionals who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as those who continue to face the daily dangers and challenges in our Nation's jails and prisons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the Borough of Palmyra to be affixed this 15th day of May, 2017.

Michelle Arnold, Mayor

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a letter received from Mr. Kenneth Holloway, inviting Mayor and Council to the Class of 2017 Graduation Ceremony, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the High School football stadium.

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a letter received from Hardenbergh Insurance recognizing and congratulating John Gural for receiving the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund's 2016 Special Recognition Program Honorable Mention Award for Commitment and Accountability.

Mayor Arnold also acknowledged a letter received from Comcast recognizing and congratulating Hanna Lloren from Palmyra High School for receiving the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship award of one thousand dollars.

PUBLIC PORTION

This public portion is for discussion on professional updates, resolutions and ordinances listed on the agenda. **Please sign in at the podium, 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

Mrs. Nowicki – Morgan Avenue- Mrs. Nowicki asked the Mayor to explain why P S E & G is closing Cinnaminson Avenue and what they are doing. Mr. Gural indicated P S E & G is doing some infrastructure upgrading/ replacement of gas mains and needs to close portions of the street at various different times. Mrs. Tait indicated the road closures will be done in phases, from S. Broad Street to Charles Street and are to take place starting sometime on or about July 1st, 2017. The work should be completed no earlier than 8:00 am and unless there is an emergent situation should be completed no later than 4:00 pm on each work day.

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.

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING, public hearing will be held on June 19th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Ordinance 2017-6, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra Amending Ordinance 2016-9 Relating to the Regulating of Towing and Towing Operators Working in the Borough of Palmyra.

A motion was made by Mrs. Russell to approve Ordinance 2017-6 as read. 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

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING (Public Hearing).

Ordinance 2017-4, An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Palmyra To Provide for and Determine the Rates and Ranges of Compensation of Each Employee and Officer of the Borough of Palmyra For Years 2017 and 2018. This Ordinance expires December 31st, 2018 unless otherwise amended.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to open to the public regarding Ordinance 2017-4, 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, President Howard made a motion to close the public portion. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

All voted in favor of the motion

A motion was made by Mr. Yetter to approve Ordinance 2017-04 as read. Mrs. Russell 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

Ordinance Adopted 05/15/2017

Ordinance 2017-5, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra Amending Chapter 197 Of the Borough of Palmyra Code Captioned "Peddling And Soliciting".

Mrs. Russell made a motion to open to the public regarding Ordinance 2017-5, 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, President Howard made a motion to close the public portion. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

A motion was made by President Howard to approve Ordinance 2017-05 as read. 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

Ordinance Adopted 05/15/2017

RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda

Resolution 2017-125 to Resolution 2017-132 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 2017-125**, Resolution Approving PSE&G's Traffic Plans for the Closing of Cinnaminson Avenue.
- **Resolution 2017-126**, Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Life Insurance for Qualified Volunteer Members of the Palmyra Fire Department
- **Resolution 2017-127**, Resolution Amending Resolution 2017-101 changing total of contract from 106,035.00 to 106,326.00, the Total of Base bid \$99,401.00 and Alternate #1 \$6,925.00 as mentioned in resolution 2017-101
- **Resolution 2017-128**, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Land Use Application giving permission to Habitat for Humanity to apply to the Land Use Board for a sub-division for Block 127 Lot 10
- **Resolution 2017-129**, Resolution Appointing Michelle Markey to the Borough of Palmyra Police Department effective May 22nd, 2017
- **Resolution 2017-130**, Resolution Approving LOSAP Eligible Volunteers for 2016 in Accordance with Chapter 21:A1 of the Code of the Borough of Palmyra entitled "Fire Department Length of Service Awards Program Point System".
- **Resolution 2017-131**, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra Approving Verizon Wireless' Plans to Upgrade and Enhance its Network by Deploying Small Network Nodes.
- **Resolution 2017-132**, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of May 2017 In the Amount of \$2,270,802.63

Mayor Arnold requested Resolution 2017-129 be removed from the consent agenda and it was voted on earlier in the meeting.

Ms. Weiner requested Resolution 2017-131 be removed from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

President Howard requested Resolution 2017-132 be removed from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-125 thru 2017-128 and 2017-130.

President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

As requested by Ms. Weiner, Resolution 2017-131, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra Approving Verizon Wireless' Plans to Upgrade and Enhance its Network by Deploying Small Network Nodes was removed from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Weiner indicated she had spoken with another municipality which has participated in this type project, to see what how things went with the upgrade. Ms. Weiner indicated they had no issues with Verizon and the installation however they were concerned with protecting the municipality from other future vendors desiring to do something more intrusive once they opened the right of way. Ms. Weiner indicated that perhaps we want to make sure our resolution protects us, by reaching out to the solicitor of the League of Municipalities, who wrote an article on this, before we move forward. Mayor Arnold indicated that this resolution applies only to Verizon and their project, anyone else wishing to request any other project would have to come before Council, present their project which we would, at that time either approve or deny their request. Some discussion was had regarding the project and whether or not Mrs. Tait and Mr. Yetter could participate in the discussion as they had previously recused themselves regarding this matter. Mr. Rosenberg stated that neither Mrs. Tait nor Mr. Yetter should have any participation in this matter as they had previously recused themselves as they are employed by Verizon. Mr. Gural indicated we did not have a time frame nor do we know how many nodes are being installed. Once they have determined the number of nodes and the time frame for the project they will inform the Borough and apply for all necessary permits.

Mr. Cosky made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-131. Mrs. Russell seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

RECUSED: Mrs. Tait, Mr. Yetter

As requested by President Howard, Resolution 2017-132, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of May 2017 In the Amount of \$2,270,802.63, was removed from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

DISCUSSION

President Howard indicated, Capehart & Scatchard, P.A. has submitted payments for COAH work three times. President Howard inquired if the bills were just for general conversation, as we still don't know what our COAH obligation is. Mr. Gural stated we do have the final report from our fair share hearing, which he will be sharing with you later this evening, there is ongoing billing regarding the COAH work, which should cease after the order is signed, at the end of this month. Mrs. Russell inquired about the cell phones billed to various departments, she indicated she was not sure what M & C stood for. Mayor Arnold indicated M & C is Mayor and Council.

Mr. Cosky made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-132. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURERS REPORTS

March 2017 and April 2017

Mr. Yetter made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated March 2017 and April 2017. Mr. Cosky seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Mayor Arnold stated "Palmyra Day" was a great success, there were over 78 vendors not including the Palmyra Police department, Transit Police, Sheriff's Department, etc. who all attended and it turned out to be a fantastic day.

Palmyra High School Boy's Tennis Team won their opening playoff match and will be going into the Quarter Finals. They will be playing Cinnaminson at Wood Park on Tuesday May 16th, 2017.

Ms. Weiner indicated she had some notes to pass along, regarding "Palmyra Day". Whom should they be forwarded to? Mayor Arnold indicated she could forward them to her.

Ms. Weiner also indicated the Palmyra High School Foundation for Educational Excellence is holding their Red Carpet Event at the Community Center at 7:00 pm. on Wednesday May 17th, 2017.

Mrs. Tait indicated the Palmyra High School Softball Team is playing the first round of the playoffs Wednesday at 4:00 pm at the Legion Field.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Gural indicated there have been many requests for rental use of the Legion Fields.

Mr. Charles Hook the co-owner of the New Jersey Rams, semi-developmental pro football team from Marlton New Jersey and Mr. Feliciano Dosman, co-owner of the New Jersey Rams, stepped up to the podium. Mr. Hook indicated he and Mr. Dosman were trying to build a developmental team which teaches our youth, after high school, how to play, and various techniques. Mr. Hook indicated they were looking for a home in Burlington County and are here requesting permission/ approval to rent the Legion Football Field and to potentially make it their home. Mr. Hook and Mr. Dosman indicated the age range of the team is 18 to 24. Mr. Gural stated this item was on the agenda for discussion tonight as there is no mechanism currently in place to allow any organized team to rent the fields at the Legion Field, the current ordinance only allows the use of our fields to Palmyra based organizations, for example, PAL/RIV Athletic Association, Palmyra Riverton Soccer Club, Palmyra Panthers Youth Football Association, etc. Mr. Gural also noted that in the past we have rented the soccer field, to Delran High School, who at the time was playing in a special tournament on turf field and asked if they could practice on our turf field to prepare, they did rent the soccer field at one hundred dollars an hour. Mr. Gural reminded council that the cost of the fields was 5 million over a 4 year phase in project, and it cost money to maintain those fields. Mr. Gural indicated he was not aware that these gentlemen were coming to speak and his objective tonight was to inform the governing body that there were recently many requests and perhaps the governing body should consider how they want to move forward regarding the fields. Mr. Gural and Mr. Rosenberg indicated before this request could be considered the governing body would have to decide if they wish to entertain these requests from various organizations, consider the liability of this type of rental, the wear and tear of the fields, etc. and put together some sort of policy which would address the use/rental of the fields at Legion if they choose to move in that direction. After a lengthy discussion with this organization and the governing body regarding these types of requests, it being a public field, and the potential for additional crowd control regarding spectators, it was decided that this would be referred to the youth and recreation committee to come back to the governing body with some sort of recommendation regarding how we should proceed. Mr. Rosenberg informed Mr. Hook and Mr. Dosman that this is a lengthy process as you can see and this decision may not be made by the time you season starts.

Mr. Gural indicated a resident expressed some concerns at the last meeting regarding Virginia, Oregon & Maryland Avenue's intersections with parking and navigating the streets when some vehicles are legally parked there. After looking at that intersection, having a conversation with the Chief of Police and Mayor, regarding potential ways to address that intersection from a safety aspect, for example potentially removing the triangle, making the street on way, limiting parking, Mr. Gural indicated that because it is a serious concern the public safety committee should take a look at this intersection and come back to the governing body with a recommendation on how to proceed.

Mr. Gural stated in the packet you received three donation requests all approved for appropriation in the budget during the budget process. The request are The Palmyra Senior Citizen Program in the amount of \$5,500.00, the Palmyra Community Center Program Board in the amount of \$7,500.00 and Providence House Catholic Charities in the amount of \$210.00. The Palmyra Senior Citizen Program and the Palmyra Community Center Program Board have submitted all the requested required paperwork.

The Providence House Catholic Charities requested \$490.00 during the budget process, they are a large charity and they only bill, although it's a donation, for actual services rendered to Palmyra residents. They provided emergency shelter for three Palmyra residents at seventy dollars apiece thus the request for \$210.00. Mr. Cosky inquired if we said we would approve everything at that time if they presented the additional information. Mr. Gural stated, council indicated they would budget the amounts requested by the various organizations however would review and approve the requests as came in verifying that all the required documentation previously not submitted, had been submitted by request date. Mr. Cosky inquired, the \$7,500.00 requested by PCCPB was the full amount they requested and the \$5,500.00 was the amount the Palmyra Senior citizens Program requested? Mr. Gural stated the seniors actually requested \$6,500.00 however we only budgeted \$5,500.00. Mr. Yetter indicated he had an issue regarding the payment of \$8,000.00 to the Community Center Program Board Coordinator; that's more or all of the donation which the board is requesting. What happened to volunteers? Mr. Cosky asked if we had any idea of the hours which the coordinator spends working for the Community Center Program Board. Ms. Weiner indicated she had previously been the coordinator and when the hours are added up in regards to all that is being done it equates to about \$6.00 an hour. When the Community Center Programming Board was developed it was with the understanding that position was not really a volunteer position. Mr. Cosky inquired if it was anticipated that the requests in the future would be for less money? Ms. Weiner indicated the President of the PCCPB is anticipating grant aid in the future and their goal has always been to be self-sufficient. Mrs. Tait indicated the PCCPB is always looking for donations. Additional discussion was had regarding what they do, how they raise money. Mayor Arnold stated that she felt \$7,500.00 was too much, she noted the income derived from the programs is less than the amount paid to the coordinator. After more discussion regarding PCCPB's donations, income from programs, and the ability to gather more donations in the future. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the three donation requests presented. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

Mr. Gural indicated Habitat for Humanity has submitted the application to the Land Use Board for subdivision of the property at Front and Arch Streets. Approved earlier on the consent agenda was the consent of the property owner allowing Habitat for Humanity to apply, that application should be heard on June 21st, 2017. Mr. Gural stated Habitat for Humanity has also requested a waiver of the Land Use Board Application Fees. The application fee in the amount of \$600.00 can be waived if the governing body so chooses, however the escrow fees are payable to professionals and we cannot waive those fees. Mr. Gural stated Resolution 2017-133, Resolution to waive the land use board application fees paid to the Borough for the Habitat for Humanity's Land Use Board Application for Block 127 Lot 10 in the amount of \$600.00.

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-133 waiving the application fee paid to the Borough for Habitat for Humanity's Land Use Board Application. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

Mr. Gural indicated in your packet is the final draft of the question and interpretive statement for the potential referendum for the purchase of the ladder truck, additionally attached is a sample resolution if you wish to proceed with this. Mr. Cosky indicated he was not in favor of doing the referendum for something we routinely and ordinarily purchase. Mrs. Tait inquired if it was possible to wait until next month so that we can continue to gather information. Ms. Weiner indicated she would like to have the open public forum at the Community Center regarding the referendum and the fire truck purchase costs. Mr. Dreby indicated the price changes on November 1st, 2017. Additional discussion was had regarding the truck, public forum, referendum, financing, etc. Ms. Weiner asked if the Fire Company could give council a potential date for public forum. Mayor Arnold indicated the public safety committee could work with the fire department to put the public forum together. Mr. Dreby suggested the public forum perhaps be done during the day and again at night on the same day to allow all those interested to come. Mr. Cosky stated the forum should be held at the fire house so that people can see the place where the money is going. Mayor Arnold indicated at this time we will not be taking any action on the proposed referendum.

Mr. Dreby thanked Mayor and Council for their support with the LOSAP program and the passage of the life insurance program. He stated the Fire Company, who has a lot more volunteer hours than any organization in the town, will continue to serve this community to the best of their ability.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gural indicated we had a very positive response to the pothole repairs update in the website, we expect to exceed the \$40,000.00 because we are repairing a lot more than originally anticipated. The project is ongoing and will last more than the original two weeks planned.

Mr. Gural stated Ms. Johns prepared the list of uncollectible taxes as statutorily required, which was forwarded to all noting that there are no uncollectible taxes this year.

Mr. Gural informed the governing body that the Waterfront Park Project pre-construction meeting was held on May 8th, 2017, and the contractor intends to mobilize the week of May 22nd, with excavations to follow shortly thereafter. The construction duration is 160 days, however the target date for substantial completion of the project is July 4th, 2017. Mayor Arnold indicated the names submitted thus far for the park will be in your packets at next meeting

Mr. Gural stated, he, Kelly Grant, and our attorney from Capehart & Scatchard attended our Fair Share Housing hearing in Judge Bookbinder's chambers, our plan was approved just as submitted. It includes the following; four rehab units, which we will be able to address thru our Housing Rehab Program; our prior round obligation/second round obligation, was fixed at thirty-nine however we have nineteen credits without controls which equates to twenty for second round.; and our third round is one-

hundred–sixteen. Thus our total Fair Share Housing requirement is one hundred–thirty–six. It will be necessary in the next fifteen months, to amend our Housing Plan, which will be addressed by Mr. Gerken and our Redevelopment Plan. Mrs. Russell inquired what the current redevelopment plan is. Mr. Gural indicated the current Redevelopment Plan was adopted in approximately 2005, and was modified at least once over the ensuing years, due to litigation and a general update. The Plan itself, verifies the area is in need of redevelopment and lays out the vision of the governing body for the area. The Land Use Ordinance is due for review in 2018, it defines the zoning requirements throughout the entire municipality also the Southside of Rt. 73. Mr. Gural stated the Land Use Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan could be addressed simultaneously.

Mr. Gural stated the ordinance which allows us to rent the community center to both Palmyra based and outside organizations also has provisions for the Borough to require those groups which are expecting large crowds to provide and pay for a Police presence when necessary at their events. Mr. Gural indicated if required, an organization may be required to hire either one or two officers depending upon the size and type of event which would be handled thru the side job provision with the Police Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Arnold

Mayor Arnold indicated the Public Safety Committee met and discussed the new officer hiring and the fact that the Police contract negotiations will be coming up. “Coffee with a Cop” was held April 25th, 2017 at Wawa, and April 29th, 2017 was drug tack back day in the Borough of Palmyra. The UNITE’S Arrive Alive Tour will be visiting Palmyra High School on May 18th, 2017. The Palmyra Harbour Condo Association will be hiring a new manager for the property. The communication committee has not met yet, however we are hoping to address in the near future, more timely information on our website and Facebook, also to improved and provide additional information to the public. Additionally we are working on getting information to the various church for them to post in their church bulletins. Mayor Arnold also thanked public works for all their help with Palmyra Day.

Councilmen Yetter indicated the Public works Committee had a meeting last week, and they are still working on the pot holes and the list is continuing to grow. Mr. Yetter indicated we are still waiting for a pump for the fountain and we will begin working on the community garden soon. The Green Team did not have their meeting yet, but will be meeting soon.

Councilwoman Russell stated that the Shade Tree Advisory Committee has not yet met however a tree was planted at Charles Street School for Arbor Day and Crape Myrtle trees were also planted along Broad Street. Mrs. Russell also indicated there was a request to do a tree survey/tree GPS however Mr. Kaluhiokalani indicated it had been done before. Mrs. Russell indicated there are still trees available at public works someone would like them. Mrs. Russell stated the spring recognition awards when given at the Palmyra Board of Education meeting and Mrs. Falcone was recognized as noteworthy educator of

the year. Ms. Russell indicated the school budget was finalized and approved. Mrs. Russell also reminded the governing body to rsvp if they plan on attending the Clarence B Jones programs on June 6th and 7th, 2017. Mrs. Russell indicated that since February of this year Mr. Howard and she have been trying to schedule a communication committee meeting with the Mayor, numerous emails have gone back and forth however no meeting has taken place. After some discussion between Mrs. Russell and Mayor Arnold a June meeting will be scheduled which all hopefully will be able to attend.

Councilwoman Weiner indicated everyone should have received two copies of flyers to be used for the Farmer's Market additionally Mr. Yetter is working on some music for the event not a concert type performance but just a little background music. Ms. Weiner indicated that we already have eight vendors and two food trucks signed up for our first event. Ms. Weiner stated they would like to have a Farmer's Market Facebook page to promote and send updates regarding the vendors in attendance on particular days, etc. Mr. Gural indicated they was some concern about the maintenance of that page. After much discussion it was decided it would be tabled to next meeting for further discussion.

Councilwoman Tait – no report

Councilmen Cosky indicated everyone has a copy of Tracy's report regarding the Construction Department; as indicated in the report the Bank has taken possession of 603 Delaware Avenue, they have cleaned up the property and removed the front and rear partially completed additions. It is likely that the house will be demolished. Mr. Cosky also stated that a new business will be opening at 537 Cinnaminson Avenue, Live, Love, Donuts in the near future.

President Howard indicated the youth and recreation committee will be having a meeting to discuss the usage of the legion fields. President Howard also informed the governing body that Palmyra Panthers Youth Association has started a flag football league for the children starting at four years old. President Howard also asked Mayor Arnold if any information regarding communications could be forwarded to the communications committee before it is presented, so the committee members would be aware of what is happening, especially given the fact that we have not yet had a committee meeting this year. President Howard indicated he will be meeting with Valerie Still on Wednesday regarding the youth.

PUBLIC COMMENT **Please sign in at the podium 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

Mr. Gasper – Park Avenue – Mr. Gasper inquired if the Borough had begun filling in the potholes, and when do you plan on being finished? Mr. Gural indicated they had begun and originally anticipated it taking about two weeks, however because the list has grown so much, it will take longer. Mr. Gasper asked if Charles Street was on the list. Mayor Arnold and Mr. Gural indicated it was. Mr. Gasper inquired who schedules the street cleaning and the dates. Mr. McGill stated Broad Street was done every Friday and town wide is done once a year. Mr. Gasper indicated he has seen it on many occasions however it is scheduled on recycling days and brush days so the truck has to go around various objects, additionally it appears that they are not using water.

Mrs. Nowicki – Morgan Avenue– Mrs. Nowicki indicated Jim May was just recognized at the County with an award for his many years of service and The Historical Society was recognized for publication of their book on Captain Hall’s Diary. Mrs. Nowicki asked if the referendum will be dismissed completely or if it will be considered at future meetings. Mayor Arnold indicated, Council will be holding a public forum regarding the purchase of the fire truck and the referendum will be placed on the agenda for further discussion and consideration after that meeting. Mrs. Nowicki told council don’t waste your time with a referendum the public meetings are much better. Mrs. Nowicki stated, the Farmer’s Market Facebook page can be done without the consent of the governing body as there are many organizations which use the name Palmyra in their names however are not sanctioned by the town. Mrs. Nowicki told Mindie you are doing a great job in terms of organizing the Farmer’s Market.

Mr. McElwee – Columbia Avenue – Mr. McElwee inquired from Mr. Gural, Wasn’t it a couple of years ago the Brazilian Soccer Team held a soccer camp at the Legion Field, are they the same ones in the park on Sundays? Mrs. Tait indicated there is a Brazilian team which does hold a soccer camp but on Sunday on the soccer field is the Turkish National Team. Mr. McElwee indicated the public forum is a nice idea however he does not believe many people will show up. Mr. McElwee again indicated they was no need for the referendum. Mr. McElwee reminded everyone the May 29th, 2017, rain or shine the Memorial Day Remembrance at the War Memorial.

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

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Arnold– Mayor Arnold reminded all that the Memorial Day Celebration is May 29th, 2017, she will also be attending the Burlington County Memorial Day Celebration and presenting a wreath. Mayor Arnold indicated she will be serving on the Anti-Heron Opiate Committee for the New Jersey Conference of Mayors. Mayor Arnold stated, “Be kind to one another and be good neighbors”.

Councilmen Yetter stated he had a good time at Palmyra Day and hoped everyone else did as well. Mr. Yetter also stated that trees are still available at public works if anyone would like to have them.

Councilwoman Russell indicated trees are still available if someone would like one, and she also enjoyed Palmyra Day.

Councilwoman Weiner indicated she liked the way Anthony Jewelers stepped up for the Police Department. Thanked the Chief for his effort with let the community know the talents in the Police Department. Ms. Weiner also indicated she hoped the communications committee can get it together soon.

Councilwoman Tait - no comments

Councilmen Cosky stated the Palmyra Day was a wonderful event and indicated the Mayor and The Fire Department did a great job.

President Howard thanked everyone for Palmyra Day and hopes everyone has a good week.

Resolution 2017- 134,

Resolution Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P. L. 1975. Litigation, Contracts
Litigation with Fillit
Palmyra Holdings, Inc.

Mr. Rosenberg ask if the contract to extend the License Agreement for AT&T had been authorized to be executed, as he had the original documents for signature. Mr. Gural indicated yes. Mr. Rosenberg gave those documents to the clerk to acquire the Mayor's signature.

Mr. Yetter made a motion to approve resolution 2017-134 Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P. L. 1975. Litigation Contracts, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Tait.

At the call of the roll, the vote was.

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

Council went into closed session at 10:04

CLOSED SESSION

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Council back in session at 10:23 pm

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R Jackson

Acting Municipal Clerk