

**Borough of Palmyra**  
**Regular Council Meeting, 7:00 PM**  
**Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, Mr. Frank Cosky, Mrs. Gina Tait, Ms. Mindie Weiner, Mr. Lewis Yetter

Absent: President Timothy Howard, Mrs. Bernadette Russell

**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 June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Mr. Cosky made a motion to approve the Council Caucus Meeting Minutes June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

**At the call of the roll.**

**AYES: Mr. Cosky, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner**

**RECUSED: Mr. Yetter**

**NAYES: None**

**RESOLUTION 2017-143**, Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Jeremy Jankowski to Sergeant for the Palmyra Police Department.

Mr. Cosky made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-143. Mr. Yetter seconded the motion.

**At the call of the roll.**

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

**NAYES: None**

**Oath of Office administered to Jeremy Jankowski**

I Jeremy Jankowski do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United State and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Government established in the United States and in this State under the authority of the people. I also do solemnly swear that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of Sergeant for the Borough of Palmyra Police Department in the Borough of Palmyra in Burlington County, according to the best of my ability...So help me God.

**Oath of Office administered to Michele Markey**

I Michele Markey do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United State and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Government established in the United States and in this State under the authority of the people. I also do solemnly swear that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of Patrolman for the Borough of Palmyra Police Department in the Borough of Palmyra in Burlington County, according to the best of my ability...So help me God.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a letter received from Michael Russo from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation indicating we would not be receiving the DOT Grant for Orchard Avenue Resurfacing.

Mayor Arnold acknowledge the letter of resignation from Officer Scott Snow and asked for a motion to accept it.

Mrs. Tait made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Office Scott Snow. Mr. Cosky seconded the motion.

**At the call of the roll.**

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

**NAYES: None**

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a letter received from Kenneth Holloway Principal of Palmyra High School thanking Chief Pearlman and the Palmyra Police Department for the donation of the new Breathalyzer device for the school.

**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.

Mr. Cosky made a motion to open the public portion. Mr. Yetter 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, Mr. Cosky made a motion to close the public portion. Mr. Yetter second the motion.

**At the call of the roll.**

**All voted in favor of the motion**

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING (Public Hearing on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017).**

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING (Public Hearing).**

**Ordinance 2017-06**, 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.

Mrs. Tait made a motion to open the public portion. Mr. Yetter second the motion.

**At the call of the roll.**

**All voted in favor of the motion**

**••It should be noted that Mr. Rosenberg recused himself and William Burns prepared Ordinance 2017-06.**

No one from the public wishing to be heard, Mr. Cosky made a motion to close the public portion. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

**At the call of the roll.**

**All voted in favor of the motion**

A motion was made by Mr. Cosky to approve Ordinance 2017-06 as read. Mr. Yetter second the motion.

**At the call of the roll, the vote was.**

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

**NAYES: None**

**Ordinance 2017-06 Adopted 06/19/2017**

**RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda**

Resolution 2017-144 to Resolution 2017-158 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 2017-144**, Resolution Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation NJSA 40A: 4-87 (Chapter 159) NJ Solid Waste FY 2017- Clean Communities Grant for \$16,033.85
- **Resolution 2017-145**, Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the Burlington County Safe Streets Initiative Cooperation Agreement for Mutual Aid
- **Resolution 2017-146**, Resolution Authorizing the Lease/Purchase of the 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility From Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, New Jersey Under State Contract #88728 With 3 Payments in the Amount of \$11,357.43 For a Total Payment of \$34,072.29 Which Includes Financing Fees.
- **Resolution 2017-147**, Resolution Authorizing 2017-2018 Liquor License Renewal for Ashburn Corporation T/A Roger Wilco Liquor Store Plenary Retail Distribution License #0327-44-005-007
- **Resolution 2017-148**, Resolution Authorizing 2017-2018 Liquor License Renewal St. Joseph Council #1984 Club License #0327-31-008-001
- **Resolution 2017-149**, Resolution Authorizing Approval to Issue Towing Permits to Helmrich's/HEI Towing, Lenny's Towing, and Steve Flanagan's Towing Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 thru December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 in Accordance with Ordinance 2017-06 for the Borough of Palmyra
- **Resolution 2017-150**, Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of an Upgraded 64-bit server and related appurtenances, and all labor, software, warranty services, various licenses and UPS unit, to be provided and /or installed by All Covered IT Services of Mt. Laurel, NJ and Hewlett Packard (under HP state contract) in the amount of \$20,748.47, utilizing capital improvement funds.
- **Resolution 2017-151**, Resolution Appointing John K. Haines as Public Works and Sewer Plant Superintendent effective June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Salary of \$85,000.00 and per the terms of his Offer of Employment dated June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- **Resolution 2017-152**, Resolution Appointing John K Haines as Recycling Coordinator, Stormwater Coordinator, Clean Communities Coordinator and Certified Tree Officer for the Borough of Palmyra effective June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with Appointment to expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- **Resolution 2017-153**, Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership in the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- **Resolution 2017-154**, Resolution Appointing Doretha R. Jackson As Fair Housing Officer For The Borough of Palmyra
- **Resolution 2017-155**, Resolution Authorizing Submission of the 2016 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
- **Resolution 2017-156**, Resolution of Governing Body Acknowledging Receipt of and Certification of the Annual Audit
- **Resolution 2017-157**, Resolution Authorizing 2017-2018 Liquor License Renewal Oberg, LLC T/A Currans Retail Consumption License With Broad C #0327-32-003-007
- **Resolution 2017-158**, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of June 2017 In the Amount of \$1,334,092.19

Mr. Yetter made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-144 thru 2017-158. Mr. Cosky seconded the motion.

**At the call of the roll.**

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

**NAYES: None**

**\*\*It should be noted that Mr. Rosenberg recused himself in regards to Resolution 2017-149 regarding approval to issue towing permits.**

### **MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURERS REPORTS**

May 2017

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

**At the call of the roll.**

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

**NAYES: None**

### **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

Mrs. Tait stated the Palmyra Class of 2017 graduated on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from Palmyra High School. Also a freshman softball player, Joanne MacAfee was voted onto the 1<sup>st</sup> string team for All Burlington County.

Mayor Arnold indicated the community garden is up and thriving. Also the Riverton Criterion Bike Race was Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, was very nice.

Mayor Arnold also stated she attended the Islamic Center on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and spoke with them as they entered their fast for Ramadan.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mayor Arnold read the proposed names submitted for the Waterfront Park. Those names as are follows:

**Bank Avenue Park**

**1<sup>st</sup> Responder's Memorial Park**

**Chief Payton I. Flournoy, Sr. Memorial Park**

**Beside Restful Waters**

**Riverview**

**Riverfront**

**Riverfront Vista**

**Palm Park**

**Water Works Park**

**Toye Waterfront Park**

**Sunset Park**

**Sunset View**

**Water's Edge Park**

**Lily Pad Landing**

**Palmyra Seniors Riverwalk**

**Palmyra Seniors Promenade**

**Heroes Park**

**Palmyra Pointe**

**EMS Gratitude Park**

**Seeds of Joy Park**

**Joan's Place**

**Griff's Point**

**Palmyra Promenade**

**Peaceful Promenade**

**Reflection Pointe**

**Serenity Cove**

**Russel Collins Park**

Mayor Arnold then asked Council if they would submit the three they liked most to the Clerk where the top three would then possibly be placed on the website for the residents to consider and vote on one name.

Mayor Arnold indicated the public safety committee met in regards to the ladder truck purchase and the public outreach effort and decided to hold the public outreach meeting/open house on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 3:00pm to 7:00 pm at the fire house. The Fire Department will be making a presentation at 7:00 pm. on that night to the public regarding the Fire house, Fire Department and the ladder truck purchase. It will be advertised in the newspapers on our website and the Municipal Clerk, Ms. Jackson must be present.

Mr. Gural indicated the Master Plan review and the 10 year Zoning Ordinance review are currently due, this must be done in conjunction with the Land Use Board. Mr. Rosenberg indicated a Resolution should be prepared requesting that the Land Use Board commence its reexamination of the Land Use Ordinances and the Master Plan of the Borough.

Resolution 2017-159, Resolution requesting the Land Use Board Conduct its 10 year review of the Master Plan and all of the Land Use Ordinances and report back to the Governing Body with their recommendations.

Mr. Cosky made a motion to approve the motion as read and Mr. Yetter second the motion.

**At the call of the roll.**

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

**NAYES: None**

Mr. Gural spoke about the various road improvement projects, he noted again that we were not awarded a grant from DOT for 2017 year (Orchard Avenue Project) and also notified the governing body about meeting with the PSE & G regarding the gas main replacement project which will replace over 3 miles on roadway in the Borough over the next five month period and will be very disruptive. Mr. Gural indicated the Borough intended to do some paving on Horace Avenue, Leconey Avenue, Berkley Avenue, Maple Avenue and Third Street where the New Jersey American Water Company has been working, however now that PSE & G has notified us of their intended projects on Horace and Leconey Avenues and Third Street that paving will possibly have to wait until next spring of next year as by the time they are finished the winter season may be upon us.. Mr. Gural indicated in your packets you received, the Road Opening Control Map which indicates the roads under 5 year moratorium, the road ranking map and the road paving condition map which ERI was instructed to complete, please hold on to they as we will continue to work from these maps for various road projects. Mr. Gural

indicated we are proceeding with the pothole project, using capital funds. Mr. Gural stated that we do not have a new road improvement project on the schedule, he further indicated council may choose to pick one however should keep in mind it cost about \$330,000.00 to complete about two blocks of roadway and it is late in the year and whatever project chosen we will be paying totally out of pocket and it will be well into next year before that project commences. Mr. Gural also spoke about the potential of vacating streets, and discussions we had with various commercial/ business owners regarding Orchard Avenue, Filmore Street, not obtaining the DOT Grant directly affects those discussions and at this point not sure how Council wishes to proceed outside of patching potholes as we are currently doing.

Mr. Gural noted that the Fourth of July is on a Tuesday, and there is no Caucus Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Mr. Gural asked if council would be amendable to the potential of exchanging Columbus Day October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, indicating the administrative offices will be closed on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 and open on Columbus Day October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Borough Council indicated it was ok to do so.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated he spoke with Judge Claypool and she indicated she was aware that the office of mediation/resolution was closed, however felt it was a good idea for the Borough of Palmyra and the Fillit representatives to meet with a retired Judge, Martin Herman. Judge Claypool asked each party to report back to her with dates, Mondays or Fridays, which are convenient for them so that she may set up a mediation meeting for both parties with Mr. Herman. Mr. Rosenberg indicated he would let council know what that date will be but will not schedule it on a Monday when we have a Borough Council meeting. Mr. Gural asked if the trial date was still going to be July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mr. Rosenberg indicated it has not been postponed, however felt it would be as Judge Claypool wants to have this mediation meeting.

Mr. Gural indicated he spoke with Tony from the barber shop and they wanted to start painting the back of the building in about four weeks and wanted to know what the status of the project was. Mayor Arnold indicated she and Ms. Weiner had spoken about the pricing and what the picture or mural would look like and whether it would be a billboard type application or hand painted, all driven by cost. Mayor Arnold indicated they were still working on that and she would stop in and speak with Tony, updating him as to the progress.

Ms. Weiner indicated last meeting we spoke about foreclosing on some of our outstanding municipal liens. She inquired if the lots on the list are buildable lots. Mr. Gural indicated some might, however that was not looked at. Ms. Weiner indicated that the list should be given to Zoning or the Construction Office to determine which lots are buildable. Mrs. Tait indicated she would go out and look at those properties to determine which were buildable and which would become property of the adjoining property owners. Ms. Johns indicated that we need to move forward with the foreclosures and decide what to do with which property after we have foreclosed. Ms. Johns indicated we need to get those properties back on the tax rolls. Mr. Rosenberg stated in the past the Borough hired Mr. Adam Greenberg, who is an expert on the foreclosure of tax sale certificates. With Borough Council permission Mr. Rosenberg indicated he would contact Mr. Greenberg and ask him to submit a proposal. Mr. Gural indicated that we set aside some monies for this project however if we foreclose on all those properties it may cost more than we put aside. Mr. Gural also noted that during the budget process we also spoke about potentially using capital funds for this project. Mr. Rosenberg indicated that he was not

sure how a small sliver of land would be handled. Ms. Johns indicated they could be cut in half and given to the adjoining property owners who are already using that land and in some case maintaining it also. Ms. Weiner asked how much was budgeted for it. Mr. Gural indicated \$7,500.00.

Ms. Weiner asked why our trees are being butchered by Public Service, is there nothing we can do to stop them. Discussing was had regarding the types of trees and location planting and the pruning of our trees. Mr. Rosenberg stated there is nothing we can do as they have the right of way to clear the branches around their wires, and indicated we could ask for a meeting to discuss to matter. Mr. Gural stated he tried having a meeting with them before and they don't even respond, the bottom line is we have no jurisdiction over them and cannot force them to do anything.

### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Gural indicated the Habitat for Humanity Land Use Board application is being heard on Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated 34 Pear Street need to be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Gural asked if anyone was interested in attending the Brownfields Conference in Pittsburg on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we need to know by weeks ends so reservations can be made.

Mr. Gural indicated the networks plus has reached out to see if we would be interested in acquiring an app, (app for phone) he indicated he was not sure of what they had in mind, just wanted Council to know that something may be available to us in the future.

Mr. Gural indicated he would like to have a conversation regarding the payroll/finance clerk position in executive session. Mr. Gural stated we received thirteen applications and or resumes for the Community Center Scheduling Coordinator position. Mr. Gural noted we were looking locally and for someone with excellent communication skills, website savvy, is proficient with a computer, and has good knowledge of word and excel. Mayor Arnold indicated we should move forward with interviews, Rita will set up interviews and notify Borough Council as to the time and dates.

Mr. Gural and the Mayor indicated they had some discussion regarding the meeting agenda. It was decided that moving forward under discussion items there would be an old business and a new business. The new business section would be new items of discussion and the old business would be items previously discussed however not resolved. The items under old business would remain on the agenda until a decision has been reached or the discussion has been terminated.

Mr. Gural stated a meeting was held on site with PRAA, Harry Fox, the Mayor, etc., in regards to the lip on the fields at Legion Park. It was learned the lip is created by the manner in which PRAA rakes or drags the field. In order to correct our currently situation it requires we remove about a three foot width of sod and raked it out, which cannot be done until after baseball is done in late July.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Mayor Arnold**

Mayor Arnold stated the Palmyra High School graduation was held on Friday and each student was presented with a certificate from the Mayor which read as follows:

*It is with great pride that I personally acknowledge your achievement. Your graduation is a stepping stone to your future. The opportunities that lie before you are immeasurable! As you chart the course of life, remember your roots. Palmyra High School has*



*given you the tools to advance to the next chapter in your life and Palmyra will always be home. My sincerest wish for you, is the realization of your dreams, whatever they may be... With heartfelt desire for you success... Michelle Arnold, Mayor*

Mayor Arnold stated the Dr. Clarence Jones homecoming celebration was held June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and was a phenomenal experience, which was a lot of exposure for the Borough of Palmyra. Mayor Arnold indicated she attended the Senior Picnic held on June 7th, 2017. Mayor Arnold stated a meeting was held to begin the planning of the 2018 Palmyra Day. Mayor Arnold will be attending a Brownfield Work Group on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2017. The finance and administration committee had the exit interview with Bowmen regarding the 2016 Audit which went very well. The communication committee had a meeting and decided to move forward with an expansion of the newsletter currently being done once a month and post it on our website the last week on the month. Additionally we spoke about a calendar and being timelier with Facebook and website posts. The committee will be meeting again on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June and it should be out on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Mayor Arnold stated she will be attending an executive committee meeting and the Anti-Opioid committee meeting with the National Conference of Mayors on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Councilmen Yetter** indicated public works and sewer committee has not had a meeting, currently they are waiting for Mr. Haines, new Superintendent of Public Works and Sewer to come on board. Mr. Yetter stated the Green Team will be scheduling a meeting soon.

**Councilwoman Weiner** indicated the business and community development committee will be scheduling a meeting soon. Ms. Weiner stated the Farmer's Market is doing very well and has figured out a way to count the number of people attending. Most of the vendors have indicated that they have far exceeded what they thought they would do. Ms. Weiner indicated she is working on getting a banner to hangout so that they can reach the people who don't use social media. Mr. Gural, Chief Pearlman and Councilwoman Weiner had discussions regarding placement of the banner and decided it could hang between a pole and a tree across little Broad Street.

**Councilwoman Tait** – Mrs. Tait stated all her committee meetings had been covered already.

**Councilmen Cosky** indicated the construction committee met and indicated they were happy to see a new restaurant by Wawa and discussed the parking issues which are encountered by all in the downtown area. Mayor Arnold indicated the public safety committee will be looking at the parking situation also. Mr. Cosky also stated the construction department issued 28 permits issued in the month of May totaling \$6,507.00. The Fire Marshall's Office will be entering into a Knox Box shared key program with Cinnaminson Fire Department. Ms. Kilmer also processed the fire safety application for the food vendors at the Farmers Market.

**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.

Mr. Yetter made a motion to open the public portion. Mr. Cosky second the motion.

**At the call of the roll.**

**All voted in favor of the motion**

**Mr. Schmidt – Temple Blvd.** – Mr. Schmidt indicated he has been correspond with several members of council regarding a public safety issue on Temple Blvd regarding speeding vehicles between 6:30 and 7:30 in the morning and 4:00 thru 5:00 in the afternoon. The other issue is tractor trailers over 8,000 lbs., the signs indicating they should not be on Temple Blvd. are gone and they are using Temple Blvd. Mr. Schmidt asked when is this going to be addressed. Mayor Arnold indicated she and Chief Pearlman had spoken about this. Chief Pearlman stated there is a sign on Temple Blvd. and Souder which is the same sign that is at Temple Blvd. and Market. Chief Pearlman indicated the sign coming off the bridge and the sign is worn out so I sent a letter to the Director of the Bridge Commission requesting the sign be replaced and also requesting the new sign put up last year be bigger. Chief Pearlman also indicated you cannot stop local deliveries. Mayor Arnold indicated we will do what we can.

**Mr. Adams – Temple Blvd**– Mr. Adams stated on Cinnaminson Avenue coming from Rt. #130, the speed limit is 35 miles per hour, when you get to Memorial Avenue it drops to 30 miles per hr. until you get to Temple Blvd and it is 25 miles per hr., it doesn't make sense that there are three different zones on the same street. Chief Pearlman indicated there is nothing we can do as Cinnaminson Avenue is a County Road not the Borough and the county sets the speed limits. Mr. Adams indicated he would like to see a more coordinated stopping of speeders on Temple Blvd. by the police department and would like to see the electronic speed sign placed back on Temple Blvd. as it does slow down speeders. Mr. Adams also indicated he would like to see a four way stop at Delaware Avenue and Temple Blvd. and also at Souder Street and Temple Blvd. Mr. Adams also inquired about vacant properties and what can be done to clean up these properties like 1006 Cinnaminson Avenue, 400 Arch Street, and another property on Second Street which is burnet out. What is the Borough doing about these properties? Mr. Adams also stated regarding the purchase of the ladder fire truck, can't Borough Council set up a capital improvement fund so when it is necessary to purchase a truck we already have some of the money on hand? Mr. Adams also indicated he saw no need for a referendum. Mayor Arnold indicated the signage and locations are being looked into and will be handled as quickly as possible. Mayor Arnold stated we have a vacant property ordinance, which requires registration of said properties, however there are certain rules and guidelines we have to follow before we can go clean up or cut grass on any property, it is a time consuming process that has to be followed. Mayor Arnold also asked the residents to continue to share the complaints and information with us on the vacant properties.

**Mrs. Butler – Arch Street** – Mrs. Butler stated the property located at 400 Arch Street is not only burnt out, it is also infested with many animals like raccoons, groundhogs, and squirrels. There has to be some sort of way we can do something about this property. There are a number of properties on Arch Street which are vacant or just abandon something need to be done. There is no Meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

however will the bulk trash still be picked up? Mayor Arnold indicated yes. Mrs. Butler also asked if there was something we could announce to the residents asking people to cleanup their properties for the Fourth of July Holiday? Mayor Arnold indicated it could be put on the website. Mrs. Butler also asked if there is something which could be done about the tree across the street which has sprouted several branches at the bottom of the tree which make the tree look like a bush at the bottom, it was reported to someone in the borough offices. Mrs. Butler also stated the pothole at 6<sup>th</sup> and Race Street which was repaired is a pothole again, she indicated it may need more than patching. Mrs. Butler also indicated there is still speeding on Orchard Avenue and Arch Street. Mrs. Butler congratulated Mayor Arnold on the beautiful program put together here at the Borough for Dr. Clarence B Jones. All the programs at the High School and here were so wonderfully put together and so eloquently done.

**Mr. Fries – Temple Blvd.** – Mr. Fries indicated he was here regarding Temple Blvd. also. Mr. Fries asked if the potholes on Charles Street would take all the money so Temple would not be completed. Mr. Gural indicated there was plenty of money to address the potholes. Mr. Fries then inquired about the expansion joints on Temple Blvd. and when they would be repaired. Mr. Gural indicated that was a completely different matter, which after a conversation with another resident on Temple Blvd, he asked the engineer to take a look at it and to give the Borough an estimate of what the project would cost. That is a complete reconstruction which is probably a million dollars plus project, it is however being look into.

**Mrs. Knight – Firth Lane** – Mrs. Knight stated she came in support of her neighbors and she to feels there is too much speeding on Temple Blvd. and it is her hope that something is done about it. Mrs. Knight also indicated that vacant property fees are being collected in many municipalities on vacant properties. Mayor Arnold stated we are currently doing that and the fee is graduated.

**Ms. Veitenheimer – Rowland Street** – Ms. Veitenheimer indicated that she takes walks around Legion Field at night and sometimes the ball fields are fully lit and no one is playing on them, so maybe some adjustments need to be made to the timers. Mayor Arnold stated that the lights are scheduled according to requests placed by various organizations to the community center scheduler. Ms. Jackson stated that was correct additionally she stated that she has asked various organizations which use the lights to call and indicate they are cancelling practice and or games so the lights can be turned off however all groups do not notify anyone when they are not going to use the fields. Ms. Veitenheimer stated that perhaps we should fine those organizations for not calling in to cancel the lights. Ms. Veitenheimer also stated she was place on the list to have a pothole in front of her driveway fixed and it has not been done yet. Ms. Veitenheimer inquired if the streets are going to be swept more often now that we have a full staff at public works. Mayor Arnold indicated she did not know what the schedule was for street sweeping but she would check into it and get back to her.

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

**At the call of the roll.**

**All voted in favor of the motion**

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Arnold– Mayor Arnold thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and indicated their comments and concerns are noted and they will be addressed. Mayor Arnold stated, “Be kind to one another and be good neighbors”.

Councilmen Yetter – Mr. Yetter apologized for missing all the Dr. Clarence B Jones ceremonies however he was under the weather and did not want to share it with anyone else.

Councilwoman Weiner inquired if we could put back on our discussion items the student representative for the next school year. Mayor Arnold indicated she was working on it. Ms. Weiner indicated she was speechless about the Clarence B Jones presentations, it was an incredible experience.

Councilwoman Tait – no comments

Councilmen Cosky stated the Memorial Day Observance was beautiful and Mindie’s daughter did a great job playing taps. Mr. Cosky also indicated the Clarence B Jones Homecoming event was humbling and mesmerizing it was just a great tribute. Mr. Cosky congratulated Mindie on her work with the Farmers Market and indicated what a great job she was doing and Mr. Cosky also congratulated the new police officer Ms. Markey and congratulated and commended Mr. Jankowski on becoming a sergeant in the Palmyra Police Department.

## Resolution 2017- 160,

Resolution Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings Pursuant To Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P. L. 1975. Litigation, Contracts Negotiations, Personnel

34 Pear Street

Tower Contract

Vacant Properties

Rice Notice– Donna Condo

Mr. Cosky made a motion to approve resolution 2017-160 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 Mr. Yetter.

**At the call of the roll, the vote was.**

**AYES. Mr. Cosky, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, Mr. Yetter**

Council went into closed session at 9:15

CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Tait made a motion to open the public portion. Mr. Cosky second the motion.

**All members present voted in favor of the motion.**

Council back in session at 9:54 pm

Mr. Yetter made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Cosky second the motion.

**All members present voted in favor of the motion.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R Jackson

Acting Municipal Clerk