

**Borough of Palmyra**  
**Council Caucus Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Caucus 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: Mr. Brandon Allmond, Mr. Timothy Howard, Mrs. Gina Tait, Ms. Mindie Weiner, Mr. Lewis Yetter, President Bernadette Russell, Mayor Michelle Arnold

Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence

Mayor Arnold then read the following **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT** into the record:

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, 2018.
- Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 10, 2018.
- Notice to All Council Members.

**INVOCATION**

Police Chaplin David Confer then gave a prayer of invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mr. Yetter second the motion.

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

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

**NAYES: None**

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Partial Executive Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the Partial Executive Meeting Minutes of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mr. Howard second the motion.

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

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

**NAYES: None**

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 complete Executive Session Meeting minutes.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 complete Executive Session. Mr. Howard second the motion.

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

**AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mr. Howard, Ms. Weiner, President Russell**

**NAYES: None**

**Recuse: Mrs. Tait, Mr. Yetter**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Arnold read into the record a letter received from Diane Gutierrez-Saccetti Acting Commissioner Dept of Transportation.

Mayor Arnold read the resignation letter from Ptlm. Tyler Main, and council accepted it.

Mayor acknowledged thank-you notes received from Mr. Jim Winckowski, John J. Gural, Sr. and Ted and Susan Rosenberg

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Arnold introduced Mr. Erin Nooney a Burlington County Senior Wetlands Specialist and George Softly of the Mosquito Squad of Mount Laurel & Greater Washington Twp. Mayor Arnold explained that there were some questions from Borough Council regarding whether or not the Borough should enter into the Agreement with the Burlington County Department of Public Works, Division of Mosquito Control. Mr. Nooney explained that the agreement is for the helicopter spraying in the Fillit area on the Southside of Rt. 73 and is requesting permission to fly in the Borough's airspace. Mr. Nooney explained the helicopter is used when spraying over 5 acres, the inspectors go out check the area for larva making sure they are the right size and type, if they fit the criteria then the helicopter is sent to spray. Mr. Nooney noted going back to 2012 the area was only sprayed once and that was in 2015. Mr. Nooney noted the pesticides which they use and explained how they work, indicating they are used for mosquito larva and will not kill adult mosquitos. Mr. Nooney further explained the timetable for flying if necessary and indicated the helicopter only drops granular particles over standing water in that area. Mrs. Tait indicated some of council's concerns were the trucks which come thru town spraying a fog mist. Mr. Nooney explained that spraying is usually done due to a health situation where mosquitos have tested positive in a certain area for West Nile, St. Louis encephalitis, or other viruses. Mr. Nooney stated, if that occurs permission is not needed from the municipality as it is done under the guise of public health. Mr. Nooney explained mosquitos only breed in standing water, if the water is moving they do not breed, so they would not breed in the river. There was some discussion between council and Mr. Nooney regarding how and why some areas are treated and what pesticides are safe for bees and fish. Mr. Nooney stated that if they are called to spray because of a public health problem usually 24 hour notice is given although they are only required to give a 12 hour notice to people; beekeepers they are required to give 24 hour notice. Mr. Nooney indicated they try to educate the public regarding standing water. Mr. Softly noted he was here in support of Mr. Nooney and the things the County is doing. Mr. Softly showed and gave the Best Practices for Integrated Mosquito Management manual to

council. Mr. Softly stated the County is following all the procedures outlined in the manual, going through every effort trying not to use chemicals and to be environmentally friendly. Mr. Softly indicated he was a certified trainer to educate the public regarding these matters. Mr. Softly stated there are some natural things which have been talked about like bat houses and such, which are just not as effective. Mr. Softly and Mr. Nooney indicated when bats are more active, at night, mosquitos are less active, and they are just not as effective. Mr. Softly stated that the all-natural pesticides which are out do not have a kill factor some do act as repellants. Mr. Gural inquired about the thermacells. Mr. Softly stated they can be effective.

## **PROFESSIONAL UPDATES**

### **James Winckowski, CME**

James Winckowski of CME informed council about three projects they are currently working on. The MS4 Stormwater Management Permit was renewed with new conditions, one of which is training for governing body members. Mr. Winckowski indicated the governing body would be receiving an email with a link to a website for a webinar for Stormwater management, please watch it and email back to Mr. Gural or Mr. Winckowski so that it will be ready for next year's report.

Mr. Winckowski indicated the Grove Park Project subcommittee held a meeting last week and reviewed the concept plans approved by the county additionally there was conversation regarding some minor changes which they will be working on and hopefully having another meeting with the committee in the next couple of weeks to look over those changes. Mr. Winckowski would like to have the project out to bid this year with construction to begin late summer early fall next year.

Mr. Winckowski stated there is a resolutions on the agenda tonight for SHI and New Jersey Business Systems for the purchase of additional materials and authorize labor hours for the items to be installed. Mr. Winckowski stated the project is about 95% complete.

Mr. Gural and Mr. Winckowski further explained the need for some additional larger monitors, relocating some cameras due to the installation of the new doors in Borough Hall and installing electric at the basketball court on Legion field and Ethel B Hardy Park. Mr. Gural stated the original budget approved by the governing body was \$410,000.00 and with the changes we are still under that amount. Chief Pearlman went on to explain how the cameras helped them solve an auto burglary which the cameras actually caught it on tape.

### **William Kirchner, ERI**

William Kirchner informed council that the fence is up at Legion field. Mr. Kirchner noted that as soon as the clay pit opens and they can get the clay they will be able to do the work on the softball field. Mr. Kirchner also noted that the pitching mound is completed as the contractor was able to get the infield mix but he needs a truck load or so to complete the infield. Mr. Kirchner stated the survey work is complete on the 2018 road program and the design is almost complete and should be complete by the end of month, with the intent of putting it out for bid in April and accepting bids back and awarding in May.

### **William Kirchner – Temple Blvd and 2018 Road Program Presentation**

Mr. Kirchner began the presentation regarding the Temple Blvd. and 2018 Road Program. Mr. Kirchner stated the reason for the study was numerous complaints from the residents on Temple Blvd. regarding the heavy volume, fast moving traffic. Mr. Kirchner noted even though trucks are prohibited, we are still seeing a lot of trucks. Mr. Kirchner also noted that at the intersection of Temple and Firth Lane there is a drainage problem and it floods when it rains. Mr. Kirchner noted the results of the field inspection are numerous and it would take a sizeable amount of time to disseminate that information the Mayor, Council and the residents, so he was hoping for a subcommittee from council, three members who could narrow down the information and determine the manner to present to council in which to proceed. Mr. Kirchner then described in detail some of the various issues on Temple Blvd., he presented handouts and many slides and gave a lot in information regarding accidents, traveling speeds, traffic counts, road conditions, designs to slow the traffic and address the drainage in the flooding area. After some discussion with council regarding the financing of the project and potential beginning of the project, Mr. Gural indicated a discussion would be had during the budget workshop as to the future financing of this project. Council and the Mayor indicated the public safety committee will work with Mr. Kirchner to determine the direction and manner of the project and will come back to council with that information.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Arnold then asked for a motion to open the Public Portion. Mrs. Russell made a motion to open the public portion for comments. Mr. Yetter second the motion

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

**Mr. Rader- Harbour Drive-** Mr. Rader stated two members of council without notice or explanation, decided the residents of Palmyra would not participate in the Burlington County mosquito program by tabling the vote on resolution 2018-75 for at least one month without explanation. Mr. Rader stated after tonight's presentation will there be a rebuttal from council member to explain exactly why the mosquito control program is not acceptable. Mr. Rader indicated both Riverton and Cinnaminson participate in the program and is there a priority to settle mosquito control. Mr. Rader stated the presentation tonight was very effective and if there is a rebuttal can it be tonight so that resolution 2018-75 can be resolved. Mayor Arnold stated a vote will be called for tonight on resolution 2018-75 and the information presented tonight was very helpful. Mr. Rader stated if there is a rebuttal can it be tonight before the vote, not just a "we don't want to do that and were not going to tell you why". Ms. Weiner asked Mr. Rader if he could repeat the first part of his comment. Ms. Russell indicated we had the conversation last year regarding our concerns about the chemicals used and the impact. After some discussion, Ms. Weiner stated the resolution was pulled and we asked if there was a way to get more information from the county regarding the program, which is what was done tonight. Ms. Weiner indicated the reasons for meetings are to get more information so that we educate ourselves before making decisions for the seven thousand or so residents. Ms. Weiner stated we gathered the information and the resolution is on the agenda for a vote tonight. Some additional discussion was had and additional comments were made Mr. Gural again explained exactly how we are at the point we are at

this point. Mrs. Russel stated tonight we learned what the difference is between how the county and the state work together and apart. Mr. Yetter indicated tonight we are only voting on whether or not the county can fly in our airspace and treat the area on the south side of Rt. 73. Mr. Allmond stated the delay in voting on the resolution was not a major concern as they do not begin treating until later in the year. Some additional discussion and comments were made. Mayor Arnold stated we will invite Mr. Softly back to have an informational seminar for the public.

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

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

### **RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda**

Resolution 2018-75 and Resolution 2018-99 to Resolution 2018-101 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 2018-75**, Resolution Authorizing Mayor Michelle Arnold to Execute the Agreement with the Burlington County Department of Public Works, Division of Mosquito Control
- **Resolution 2018-99**, Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the Sustainable New Jersey Grant Application
- **Resolution 2018-100**, Resolution Awarding Contract Change Order #1 to New Jersey Business Systems, Inc. for Equipment and the Installation of Security Camera Equipment per their Proposal Dated 02/05/2018 in the Amount of \$31,141.00 Under NJBS State Wireless Contract 83899 and Utilizing Capital Funds.
- **Resolution 2018-101**, Resolution Awarding a Contract Change Order #1 to SHI International Corp, for the Purchase of Equipment and Warranty for the Security Camera System per the proposal dated January 22, 2018 in the amount of \$4,793.54

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-75 and Resolution 2018-99 to Resolution 2018-101. Mr. Yetter second the motion.

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

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

**NAYES: None**

**Resolutions noted in motion were approved**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **New Business**

Mr. Gural stated the business and community development committee requested the Sunday hours for alcoholic beverage sales be placed on the agenda tonight and considered for changes. Mr. Gural indicated the past and current ordinances were forwarded to you so that you could review them, and perhaps those ordinances need to be update. Mr. Rosenberg indicated he looked thru it and it is obtuse.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated he and Mr. Gural would take a look at it if council so wished, and come back with some recommendations. Mayor Arnold asked the committee if they had some recommendations. Ms. Winer stated that the committee would like to see sales begin at 10:00 am on Sundays. Mrs. Tait stated she thought there was something in the ordinance which made a distinction between a retail store and a restaurant. Ms. Weiner indicated brunch is a big thing and Curran's is considering a Sunday brunch. Mayor Arnold indicated the ordinance does need to be clarified in some places and asked Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Gural to look it over and bring some recommendations back to council.

Mr. Gural stated the get well wishes, condolences which we send in the form of flowers and fruit baskets has become a de facto policy, understanding the desire of the Governing body to convey their concerns and well wishes to many, this is still something that state does not permit. Mr. Gural and the governing body discussed other ways to address this concern and several suggestions were made. Mrs. Russell stated, when we began discussing this our idea was to come up with different ways to do the same thing we have been doing. Mr. Gural indicated it was put on the agenda so some thoughts could be given to it and we would again discuss it during the budget workshop.

Mr. Gural stated Ms. Condo expressed some concerns regarding the Housing Rehab Program awarding contractors contracts for bidder projects without regards to the pay-to-play requirements. Mr. Gural noted in the past most contracts were 15,000.00 or less and under the threshold of pay-to-play, lately in an effort to help some residents whose rehab projects have exceeded that amount, because of the work which needed to be completed, contracts have exceeded the threshold. Ms. Condo and Mr. Gural in an abundance of caution for the Borough suggested resolutions be placed on the agenda, award the contracts and the governing body vote on them. Additionally the Borough will require the contractor to submit the pay to play documents for each project submitted for award.

Mr. Gural noted that the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety is increasing their fees 29% across the board. Mr. Gural explained these are the fees we have to pay to the Division and pass on to the residents who need the various services. Mr. Gural stated we will have to adopt and change our Ordinance to reflect those amounts in our fee schedule.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Gural noted the new Ordinance reflecting the addition of the Fire Department, Junior Members was in council's packet for review. Mr. Gural stated it was sent to the Fire Company for review and they believe it is ok and are looking forward to the adoption of it. Mr. Gural indicated and Mayor Arnold asked it be placed on the agenda at the next meeting.

Mayor Arnold noted the 2016 Municipal Park Development Program Grant for the Band Shell/Grove Park Project we have already discussed.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Gural stated the DVRPC (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission) has a TCDI (Transportation Community Development Initiative) Grant Program which requires a mandatory information workshop 3/13/2018. Mr. Gural explained that Borough representatives must be in attendance if we intend to apply for this grant. Mr. Gural indicated he and Mr. Gerkens would be attending.

Mr. Gural stated he received requests from Mrs. Tait, Mrs. Russell for background checks and Mr. Allmond has made some inquiries regarding the background checks. Mr. Gural again went over the process and stated Chief Pearlman will get the paperwork you need to make your appointments. He also noted the Borough will reimburse Council for the charges.

Mr. Gural stated he would be sending the list of public events to our insurance carrier which may utilize student volunteers, if anyone else has any other event they would like to add please send it to him.

Mr. Gural noted he, Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Dreby are working on the Fire Company lease agreement, and it should be complete by the time the budget is adopted.

Mr. Gural noted the FEMA grant which we received for the drainage ditch repairs, Mr. Kirchner is reaching out to FEMA to see if we can apply those outstanding funds to the new grant application for the drainage boxes issues which are a little further upstream and on our property than the drainage ditch which is not, and perhaps we might not have to repay the funds. Mr. Gural noted as more information is know he will notify council.

Mr. Gural reminded council that the BURL CO JIF Elected Officials Liability Seminar is on Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 pm at O'Connor's Restaurant in Easthampton.

Mr. Gural asked if everyone had received the instructions for the Wi-Fi access for their laptop computers. Mr. Gural also stated that with the new camera system being installed works with Wi-Fi and because it does we may have an opportunity to offer Wi-Fi access in the immediate area of those cameras in Ethel B Hardy Park and at the Promenade.

Mr. Gural stated the glass doors are being installed in Borough Hall.

Mr. Gural stated he met with Judge Ahart, Mrs. McGill and Chief Pearlman noting that court days in Palmyra are currently the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 7:30 am. Mr. Gural indicated Judge Ahart is requesting the time be changed from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Mr. Gural indicated the time change actually works out better for us in regarding parking and building accessibility. Mr. Gural stated he anticipated this will begin about April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Mr. Gural also noted the Stormwater permit educational requirement Mr. Winckowski referred to requires Council, the Land Use Board to attend the webinar. Mr. Gural indicated he would be sending the link to council for them to review.

### **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

Mayor Arnold stated the NJCEED Program at Virtua is offering free mammograms for uninsured residents of Burlington County on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Christ the Redeemer Church on Pine Street in Mt. Holly, NJ. Mayor Arnold also announced the Burlington County Freeholders are hosting another shredding event on Sunday March 11, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex located in Florence. Mayor Arnold stated the Palmyra Fire Company is holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mayor Arnold noted a benefit is being held for the Minnix Family on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Cove in Palmyra. "Designer Purse Bingo" is being held on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church in Riverton proceeds to benefit the Palmyra High School Post Prom. Mayor Arnold stated March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the play "Bye Bye Birdie" is being performed at Palmyra High School. Mayor Arnold stated the Palmyra Band Parents are having a

fundraiser at Whistlers on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Mayor Arnold stated “Panther Con” was great success. Mayor Arnold noted “the Relay for Life” is holding a fundraiser at Park Tavern on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 3:00pm to 5:00 pm. Ms. Weiner stated she attended the Islamic Center which holds a Family night on Fridays, the next is on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 and everyone is welcomed to attend. Mrs. Tait congratulated the boy’s and girls’ basketball teams which are going to the playoffs. Mrs. Weiner stated the PIA will be holding its next meeting on Monday at 7:30 pm the church on Maple Avenue. Mr. Howard indicated the youth basketball teams are also going to the playoffs.

Mayor Arnold stated she attended Read Across America last week at Charles Street School which was a lot of fun. Mayor Arnold also noted the children did reach their reading goal and Mr. Plese did spend the night on the roof of the school. Mayor Arnold indicated she was a Regional Judge for the DEC and she was asked to come back be a State Judge for the State Leadership Conference. Mayor Arnold indicated she attended a meeting of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors last week and as things come about she will keep Council informed. Mayor Arnold indicated the EMS has given us their new slate of officers, Chief being Danny Norman. Mayor Arnold indicated she attended the 200 Club 28<sup>th</sup> Honor-Valor Awards dinner on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 where Sgt. Josiah Murphy and Pfl. Brian Johnson were presented with a Meritorious Service Award. Additionally the Palmyra, Cinnaminson, Riverton EMS was presented with the Johnson Memorial Advanced Training Award. Mayor Arnold stated the “Chat with the Mayor” is being held at Evergreen Baptist Church tomorrow from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Mayor Arnold indicated she also attended the School funding meeting in Delran regarding the current status of the school funding and some changes which may be coming. Mayor Arnold stated she was pleased to be contacted by PSE&G regarding the preparation for the storm which we had last week.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mr. Howard – Youth and Recreation, Public Building, Grounds and Parks** – Mr. Howard stated the Youth Recreation, Public Buildings Grounds and Parks committees will be holding their next meeting before the next regular council meeting.

**Mrs. Tait – Public Safety Director, Board of Education Liaison, and Public Events**– Mrs. Tait inquired as to the official date the fields would be available for use. Mr. Gural indicated April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Ms. Tait indicated she spoke with Mr. Holt and he may be able to help with some infield mix perhaps half truck load.

**Ms. Weiner – Administration and Finance, Business and Community development, Homeowner Association**– Ms. Weiner stated the finance committee had conversations regarding paying down our existing debt. Ms. Weiner also indicated the Business and Community development committee is still working on outdoor seating and holiday lights and decorations. Additionally we had conversation regarding parking in the downtown area, Sunday hours of alcohol sales and landscaping on the tracks. Ms. Weiner stated there is a new business opening where the barista was which will be another coffee shop and there is possibly a new restaurant, farm to table, going into the luncheonette on Broad Street.

**Mr. Allmond –Communications and Public Relations Committee**– Mr. Allmond stated the communications committee is working on getting more content on the calendar.



**Mr. Yetter – Public Works, Redevelopment and Negotiations** – Mr. Yetter indicated the public works committee will be meeting before the next meeting, he also noted the green team is moving along and they are hoping to have the Sustainable New Jersey application complete by June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Mayor Arnold inquired if anyone had signed up for the spring recycling tour. Mrs. Russell and Ms. Weiner indicated the grant which Mr. Gerkens applied for is because Sustainable New Jersey exists. Ms. Weiner stated that the Borough gets points with sustainable New Jersey for having, had and continuing to have the Farmers Market. Mrs. Weiner stated we discussed giving the Farmer's Market over to the PIA and she believed there was some discussion regarding an agreement and the Borough would give it over to them however she did not feel as though an agreement was necessary. Ms. Weiner stated other organizations which have agreements are asking for funding and help from various departments and so the agreement was needed however the PIA is not requesting any funding they would just take it over for the Borough. Ms. Weiner stated we agreed to let them take it over. Mayor Arnold stated it was not agreed upon it was presented however there was no discussion on it. Mayor Arnold stated Mr. Rosenberg stated that if the PIA wanted to take it over they should present something to the governing body indicating that request, and the governing body has the final say. Mrs. Russell stated is it necessary for the governing body to do if we simply choose not to continue doing the Farmer's Market anymore due to time constraints. Mr. Rosenberg stated the PIA is an autonomous organization however due to the fact they are wishing to utilize Borough property they would permission from the Borough. Ms. Weiner stated what would happen is the would make application, provide their insurance, schedule the event with the scheduling coordinator, make a request to the Borough asking for assistance with public works or staff as needed. Mayor Arnold stated this conversation requires more information and a more in-depth discussion so it can be placed on the agenda at next meeting for that discussion, as we are currently doing committee reports. Ms. Weiner stated this is part of her report for Sustainable New Jersey and the Farmers Market action, we need some sort of wording saying we are handing it over to the PIA and when the PIA makes application and they are approved that they will be able to use the property. Ms. Weiner stated the business and community development committee will not be doing the Farmer's Market and the PIA has taken it over. Mr. Gural stated the only agreements which we currently require with any organizations are those that receive funding from the Borough and utilize Borough property. Mr. Gural indicated if the PIA were to take over the Farmer's Market they would be utilizing Borough property but they would not be receiving Borough funding so an agreement as we require in its current form would not necessarily be necessary, however this is presently a Borough function. Mr. Rosenberg stated to what extent they would be utilizing Borough property, what would be the Borough's contribution in man hours and written hours, what would be the Borough's liability; it could be the basis for an agreement to the extent it is a permanent arrangement. Mrs. Russell indicated that we would need that in writing so that it would be the documentation for the Sustainable New Jersey application. Mr. Yetter indicated that Sustainable New Jersey needs something in writing. Ms. Weiner made a motion to have the business and community development committee hand over the Farmer's Market to the PIA. Mrs. Russell second the motion. Mr. Howard asked how you can hand over an event, it was an event we are not going to do it anymore. Mr. Rosenberg stated I don't know that you can turn over the function to another organization, if you don't do it anymore they can apply to do it if they wish. A lengthy, contentious and arduous conversation ensued regarding the Farmer's Market, PIA

and the Borough's ability to hand it over. Mayor Arnold stated that motion on the floor was not viable. Ms. Weiner stated she would look into it. Mayor Arnold stated has it been decided that the Borough is not doing the Farmer's Market anymore? Ms. Weiner stated we have. Mayor Arnold stated if the Borough wasn't doing the Farmer's Market anymore, who is it to say who is going to do it next, what if there is another organization besides the PIA who wishes to handle or take over or provide and event of that kind. After additional conversation, Mr. Rosenberg suggested that if they are interested in so doing they could simple write a letter to council and the Mayor indicating their desire to conduct a Farmer's Market in the event the Borough was not interested in doing it anymore.

**President Russell – Construction, Housing and Code Enforcement Committee-** Mrs. Russell indicated everything she had to say was already covered throughout other council comments in their various reports.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

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

**Mr. McElwee – Columbia Avenue** – Mr. McElwee reminded everyone March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 the Sheriff's Department will be in Palmyra to issue Senior and Veteran Id cards at the community center from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Mrs. VanEmburch –Garfield Avenue** – Ms. VanEmburch noted the Band Parents will be having a fundraiser at Whistler's Restaurant on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and tickets are \$15.00.

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

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

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Gina Tait** had no comment.

**Brandon Allmond** had no comment

**Lewis Yetter** stated the "Panther Con" was great and the next time they have "Panther Con" he would sign up for two time slots.

**Mr. Howard** had no comment

**Mindie Weiner** had no comments.

**Bernadette Russell** had no comments.

**Mayor Arnold** thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone to be good neighbors and be kind to one another.

Having nothing for closed session Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

President Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Yetter second the motion.

**All voted in favor of the motion**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R Jackson

Acting Municipal Clerk