

Borough of Palmyra
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 19th, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra is hereby called to order by Mayor Michelle Arnold at 7:01 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

The pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a 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, 2018.
- Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 10, 2018.
- Notice to All Council Members.

INVOCATION

Prayer was given by Minister Charles Atkins, Jr.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a letter received from Cory A Booker, United States Senator and acknowledged several emails received from, Susan VanEmburch, Eileen Kelly, Riya Patel and Danny Norman, Chief of PRC EMS.

Mayor Arnold also acknowledged an email received from the Governor's Office regarding the possibility of being designated as an Opportunity Zone.

PROCLAMATION

National Poison Prevention Week

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals, and other substances; and

WHEREAS, every poisoning is preventable! From the youngest to the oldest, all people and even pets are at risk; and

WHEREAS, poison centers across the country will focus the public's attention on identifying poisoning hazards at home as well as learning ways to prevent poisoning emergencies; and

WHEREAS, a poison is defined as anything that is taken in the wrong amount, in the wrong way or by the wrong person; and

WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, drug overdose deaths including prescription pain medicine (opioids), heroin and fentanyl remain at epidemic proportions for both New Jersey and the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the majority of drug overdose deaths (more than six out of ten) involve an opioid; and

WHEREAS, although the majority of reported poison exposures involve children five (5) years old and younger; the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59; and

WHEREAS, childhood lead poisoning remains a major public health concern. Elevated blood lead levels can cause significant and permanent damage to the health and wellbeing of a young child. There is no safe level of lead. Stop a child's exposure to lead before it causes harm; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine of the New Jersey Medical School of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, provides expert advice, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 800-222-1222 Poison Help Hotline; and

WHEREAS, all services are free, confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year even during bouts of Mother Nature; and

WHEREAS, the public can contact a poison expert by calling (1-800-222-1222), chatting (www.njpies.org), or texting (8002221222@njpies.org); and

WHEREAS, consumers must be aware that e-cigarette devices, hookah pipes and liquid nicotine may contain very high doses of nicotine in enticing colors, aromas, and flavors – increasing the likelihood that small children and pets will focus their attention on them. These products pose serious risk of poisoning; and

WHEREAS, poison experts urge residents to use our services as a resource for poison and drug information instead of consulting the internet for information that may not be accurate; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Line 800-222-1222 into home, office, and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the use of poison centers services saves residents both time and money. Most cases are managed in the convenience of the caller's home, requiring no hospital visit; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES is also involved with the state's efforts in homeland defense, counter-terrorism, emergency preparedness and response, bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings and their sources (products, food and beverages, chemicals in the workplace and at home, environmental toxins, drugs and medicine, and animal and insect bites and stings);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Arnold, Mayor, of the Borough of Palmyra do hereby proclaim the week of March 18-24, 2018 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their communities.

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. Oberg – Curran's Broad Street – Mr. Oberg stated it was his understanding that Council would be doing the first reading of an ordinance tonight to amend the hours of alcohol sales in the Borough. Mr. Oberg stated the current code does not allow him to sell any type of alcohol before 12:00 noon on

Sunday. Mr. Oberg indicated on Sunday they open at 11:00 am and currently he has to turn business down or tell them they have to wait until 12:00 before they can offer any type of alcoholic beverage. Mr. Oberg indicated he wanted to be able to serve an alcoholic beverage to his early customers upon request and was hoping the governing body would consider allowing them to serve those customers by adding two additional hours before 12:00 noon. Mr. Oberg inquired if the time could be changed to 10:00 am instead of the current 12:00 noon. Mr. Oberg also thanked all who showed up for the Fair Funding for School Districts meeting in Delran and indicated he would continue to invite Council and keep them updated regarding any further meetings

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING (public hearing April 16th, 2018)

Ordinance 2018-02, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County Of Burlington, State Of New Jersey, Creating a Junior Firefighter's Auxiliary to the Palmyra Fire Department

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve ordinance 2018-02. President Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-02. Mrs. Tait 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

Ordinance 2018-03, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 70, Alcoholic Beverages of the code of the Borough of Palmyra

Mr. Gural stated included in your packet is Ordinance 2018-03 along with details of the existing code and a markup indicating the proposed changes and explanations for those changes. Mr. Gural indicated there are very few changes, and then explained those changes to the governing body. Mr. Gural stated if council is in agreement with the proposed changes then the Ordinance can be introduced by title only tonight. Mr. Gural also noted that if any material changes are made to this ordinance besides the ones discussed between tonight and April 16th, 2018, the public hearing, the Ordinance would have to be reintroduced. Mr. Rosenberg asked Mr. Gural about the hours that a holder of a Retail Plenary Distribution License #44 would be able to sell. Mr. Gural stated they would not be permitted to sell from 10:00 pm on Saturday until 12:30 pm on Sunday. Mr. Rosenberg inquired if the Retail Plenary Distribution License #44 would also be included in the 10:00 am sales. Ms. Weiner stated the Business and Community Development committee suggested that 10:00 am be the time to allow sales for both Retail Plenary Consumption Licenses #32 and #34 and also for Retail Distribution Licenses #44. Mr. Rosenberg asked Mayor Arnold if she would poll the governing body to see if they were amenable to the changes. After some additional discussion regarding the time the governing body was in agreement to change the times to 10:00 am.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-03, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra amending the hours of operation for Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses and Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-03. Ms. Weiner 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 indicated Ordinance 2018-04 was being tabled to another time as additional work needed to be done on it.

Ordinance 2018-04, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra Amending Chapter 121 relating to Fire Safety Fees of the code of the Borough of Palmyra.

Mr. Gural stated this ordinance still needs review so it will be pulled from the agenda and presented again at next meeting.

Mayor Arnold indicated Resolution **2018-104** to Resolution **2018-109** 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. Mayor Arnold asked if anything needed to be pulled. Ms. Weiner requested that resolution 2018-108 be pulled.

Resolution 2018-104, Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Federal Grant Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety

Resolution 2018-105, Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment to Block 122.01 Lot 16.02 in the amount of \$2,770.43

Resolution 2018-106, Resolution Awarding the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract to Republic Services, Inc., for a five year period ending March 31st, 2023.

Resolution 2018-107, Resolution Approving LOSAP Eligible Volunteers for 2017 in Accordance with Chapter 21.A1 of the Code of the Borough of Palmyra Entitled "Fire Department Length of Service Awards Point System"

Resolution 2018-108, Resolution Awarding a Contract to Consulting and Municipal Engineers (CME) for the Grove Park Improvements Project in the Amount Not to Exceed \$31,500.00 per their Proposal dated March 15th, 2018

Resolution 2018-109, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of March 2018 In the Amount of \$2,085,062.05

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-104 thru Resolution 2018-107 and Resolution 2018-109. Mr. Yetter made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-104 thru Resolution 2018-107 and 2018-109. 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 then went back to Resolution 2018-108, Resolution Awarding a Contract to Consulting and Municipal Engineers (CME) for the Grove Park Improvements Project in the Amount Not to exceed \$31,500.00 per their Proposal dated March 15th, 2018

Ms. Weiner stated, we applied for a grant in the amount of \$190,000.00 for improvements to the band shell, we received the grant but for only \$115,000.00, the soft cost is \$31,500.00 to the engineer to handle the project, and we have to set aside additional monies for other cost. Ms. Weiner expressed concern that this project is going to cost the tax payer a lot on money. Mrs. Russell stated that the cost could go up any additional \$100,000.00 as the electrical was not covered by the grant. Mrs. Tait stated we are obligated to pay \$30,000.00 towards the project if we take the grant from the county. Ms. Weiner asked if the \$30,000.00 included the engineers cost. Mr. Gural noted the County does not pay for soft costs. Mr. Gural indicated the application was submitted in the fall of 2016 and was for \$188,000.00. We were told we won the grant in the winter of last year, the amount would be for \$115,000.00 and that the two alternate items requested would not be funded. Mr. Gural noted the items not funded included all of the site lighting and electrical, additional trees and the second of two archways: one going to the Band Shell and the other going into the water fountain area. Mr. Gural explained the grant we could receive is \$115,000.00, we have a matching obligation of \$30,000.00 additionally we have the soft costs of \$31,500.00. Mr. Gural stated the committee is still reviewing the plans and we do not know what those costs could be and won't know until the final concept plans and costs are submitted to the governing body. Mrs. Gural indicated it could be as much as \$100,000.00. Some additional discussion was had regarding the project, meetings upcoming regarding the project and what could amount to additional costs to the project.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve resolution 2018-108. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-108. Mr. Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ms. Weiner

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports of February 2018. President Russell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2018. Mr. Yetter second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Gural requested approval for attendance to the Municipal Clerks Association Conference in Atlantic City from May 1st thru May 4th, 2018 for Ms. Jackson, noting overnight stay is requested. Mayor Arnold requested a motion to approve the Municipal Clerk's Conference with overnight stay for Ms. Jackson. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the request. 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

Mr. Gural stated Mr. Lunemann, our code enforcement officer has reported that the property located at 703 Pennsylvania Avenue will be fenced off by weeks end and we have had animal control come in to remove some dogs which were being contained in the house and were are trapping and removing other animals from the property currently. Mr. Gural indicated the property is a public safety matter and will probably have to be demolished. Ms. Weiner asked how we know it has to be demolished. Mr. Gural stated we will have licensed inspectors and will have a structural engineer provide a report. Mr. Rosenberg indicated there is a process in our ordinance which indicates the steps required to be taken to remove any unsafe structure. Mr. Rosenberg indicated a title report is necessary along with the engineer's report stating the condition of the property additionally the property owner is entitled to a hearing. Mr. Gural indicated the title report has been ordered. Mr. Rosenberg stated the decision of the engineer will determine if the building can be repaired or needs to be demolished, the governing body has no control over that decision. Ms. Weiner asked if the property would be billed for the costs. Mr. Gural indicated yes, a lien would be placed if necessary.

Mr. Gural indicated there are two grants for discussion, FEMA SAFER Grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) which provides assistance to help fire department hire new firefighters and recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. The application is being funded by the BCBC and Mr. Gerkens is currently working on it. Mr. Gural noted the other grant opportunity is the USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program which is available to both municipalities and 5013C nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Gural stated we receive a report from the Rt. 130 Study Commission regarding the Rt. 73 and Broad Street intersection. The report indicated the intersection was identified as a dangerous intersection and suggested making it a one way. Mr. Gural indicated to them that the governing body would not consider making Broad Street a one way street as it would isolate our downtown district. Mr. Gural noted all information was forwarded to the governing body.

Mr. Gural noted 708 Park Avenue, which is in our Housing Rehab Program is being foreclosed upon. Mr. Rosenberg noted our only option is to bid on the property when it goes to sheriff's sale which is something we have never done however Mr. Rosenberg is obligated to notify the governing body of the option to do so.

Mr. Gural stated the handicap parking permits are applied for by residents for handicap parking spaces in front of their homes. Mr. Gural noted a landlord recently notified us that his tenant had moved and the handicap space could be removed, as it was no longer needed. Mr. Gural noted when permits are issued it is done by resolution and the thought is that perhaps we may have to eliminate the handicap space by resolution also. Mr. Gural indicated that being the case we would need to look at all the spaces in the community to see if there are additional spaces which need to be removed. Mr. Gural stated when that report is complete we will come back to the governing body for approval. Mr. Gural noted the sign at that location has been dismantled.

Mr. Gural stated that effective April 3rd, 2018 our new contract with Republic goes into effect. Mr. Gural noted the bids were very competitive and it overall is about a 3% increase. Trash days will be on

Tuesdays, bulk trash will still be on Mondays and we will be using the same containers. Mr. Gural stated it has been noted on our website and blasted on social media.

Mr. Gural stated we have another grant opportunity, the DVRPC TCDI (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission – Transportation Community Development Indicative). Mr. Gural indicated he and Mr. Gerkens attended a pre-application meeting last week. Mr. Gural noted we have won this grant in the past and are looking to identify another opportunity.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gural reminded all that the 2018 Stormwater Permit Compliance Training needs to be completed by everyone on the Land Use Board and the governing body.

Mr. Gural also reminded the governing body that the BURL CO JIF Elected Officials Liability Seminar is Wednesday March 28th, 2018 at 5:30 PM at O'Connor's Restaurant in Easthampton, and noted the BURL CO Safety Celebration Breakfast is Tuesday April 10th, 2018 which the governing body is also invited to attend.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Weiner indicated the Palmyra Players held their production of "Bye Bye Birdie" last week which was amazing. Mayor Arnold stated PHSFEE held a "Bingo" Friday night to benefit the Palmyra post prom. Mayor Arnold noted the Fire Company will be holding its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday March 25th, 2018 at 8:00 am. Mayor Arnold indicated there is a new group in town called the Palmyra, Riverton Hikers which meet on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 am in front of the Palmyra Pharmacy. Mayor Arnold indicated she will be hosting a "Women Empowering Women" event at the Community Center on March 26th, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mrs. Tait indicated the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 24th, 2018 at 10:00 am, and the Spring Clean-up of Legion Field will be held at 11:00 am. Mr. Howard indicated the travel team did very well this year, several teams made it to the first and second round of the playoffs. Mrs. Tait stated the Palmyra High school students were noted in the Burlington County Times newspaper for the manner in which they handled the student walkout for change regarding the gun laws.

Mayor Arnold noted she and Brandon attended a seminar at Rutgers Center for Government Services. Mayor Arnold also noted she serves on the NJ Conference of Mayor's legislative committee and indicated there are a numbers of things pending at the state level which impact the municipalities. Mayor Arnold indicated she attended the Palmyra Harbour Condo Association meeting. Mayor noted the association which will be holding its board elections on April 16th, 2018 and having a flea market among its residents soon. Mrs. Tait indicated the Town Wide Spring Clean-up will be held on March 31st, 2018 and all will be meeting at the band shell that morning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Howard – Youth and Recreation, Public Building, Grounds and Parks – Mr. Howard indicated his committees also met today and opening day for Baseball is April 14th, 2018. Mr. Howard stated we are still waiting for the ground to thaw so we can get the infield mix for the softball field. Mrs. Tait asked when the bathrooms would be open. Mr. Gural indicated they would be open for the Easter Egg Hunt

but would not be open on the weekends until April 1st, 2018. Mr. Howard also noted the committee working on the plans for the band shell will be meeting Wednesday night at 6:00 pm

Mrs. Tait – Public Safety Director, Board of Education Liaison, and Public Events – Mrs. Tait indicated the public safety committee is still working on a date for their meeting; however Mrs. Tait indicated she attended the Board of Education meeting and learned they have updated their website additionally they have separated the Clarence B Jones Institute from the school so they are their own entity. Mrs. Tait also indicated there have been some changes to their meeting dates so check the website to see the changes.

Ms. Weiner – Administration and Finance, Business and Community development, Homeowner Association – Ms. Weiner indicated the finance committee met on March 12th, 2018 and have lots of discussion regarding the budget. Ms. Weiner asked when the information from the budget would be on the website. Mr. Gural stated after the budget is adopted. Ms. Weiner indicated the business and community development committee will met next week and has decided the Farmer’s Market will continue to be a Borough event starting sometime in mid-May.

Mr. Allmond –Communications and Public Relations Committee – Mr. Allmond indicated the communication committee will be meeting next week.

Mr. Yetter – Public Works, Redevelopment and Negotiations – Mr. Yetter indicated the public works committee met earlier tonight and had discussion regarding plowing and getting ready for the upcoming storm. Mr. Yetter indicated there were some complaints regarding clearing of corners and sidewalk access to the street however it is the homeowner’s responsibility to clear a path from the corner to the street not the Borough. Mr. Yetter indicated public works will be trying not to pile the snow up at corners which should make it easier for the resident. Mr. Yetter indicated they were contemplating holding an open house sometime in the spring, and inviting everyone down to public works to see what is going on. Mr. Yetter also indicated the Green Team met last week and is working on getting the Borough certified.

President Russell – Construction, Housing and Code Enforcement Committee – Mrs. Russell stated the construction committee has been working on the ordinance updates, and will be having another meeting soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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. Adams – Temple Blvd – Mr. Adams stated several residents came to a council meeting back in July to complain about the trucks and the speeding on Temple Blvd. Mr. Adams indicated things have not changed, indicating the weekends are the worst. Mr. Smith indicated the trucks pulled the wires down on three houses last week. Mr. Smith indicated there are no signs on at Rt. 73 Souder and Market telling

trucks how to get back under the bridge, it is dangerous. Mr. Smith noted residents will be showing up again letting you know something has to be done. Mayor Arnold noted at the last meeting the engineer was here with an entire presentation regarding ways to slow the traffic on Temple Blvd. Mayor Arnold also noted we also received a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 towards the cost of the project. Chief Pearlman indicated all the signs requested have been installed, and his officers have written over 150 tickets in the last 5 months. Chief Pearlman stated the Borough cannot just go and install stop signs to control speed, DOT requires engineers studies and recommendations of need before signs can be installed. Mr. Gural agreed. Mayor Arnold asked if the reports presented by the engineer could be released to the public. Mr. Gural indicated those reports are currently drafts so they would not be release to the public however he could instruct they to complete them and then it could be released. Ms. Weiner indicated once the safety committee and the engineers have met they will be reaching out to the residents and the engineers will be presenting the presentation to the residents as well.

Mr. Schmidt – Temple Blvd – Mr. Schmidt stated he also wanted to talk about the speeding cars and tractor trailers on Temple Blvd. Mr. Schmidt indicated there were signs up which indicated no trucks were permitted on Temple Blvd and the trucks were routed up Market Street, those signs are gone, and have been replaced with signs which indicate no trucks over 4,000 lbs. Mrs. Schmidt also noted some time ago he sent an email regarding a child crossing the street and almost getting hit. Mr. Schmidt also stated during the storm several large limbs fell from his neighbor's tree into his back yard, he called public works to see how they should be handled however got no response. Mr. Schmidt also indicated on Delaware Avenue there is just enough room for two cars to get by; people should not be parking their vehicles on the street which is happening more and more. Mr. Schmidt stated he would like to see someone address this problem.

Mr. McElwee – Columbia Avenue – Mr. McElwee reminded everyone that the Sheriff's Department will be here Friday to issue Senior and Veterans ID cards. Mr. McElwee indicated he liked that the trash collection date had changed to Tuesday as trash does not lie around all week after a weekend party.

Mrs. Norwicki – Morgan Avenue – Mrs. Norwicki stated it would be nice if everyone used their microphones because it is impossible to hear some of you. Mrs. Norwicki asked if the house is demolished does the borough pay for it, and does the property get a lien for the cost. Mayor Arnold indicated yes. Mrs. Norwicki stated she liked the idea of having an open house at public works.

Ms. Hiu – Pennsylvania Ave – Ms. Hiu thanked council for addressing 703 Pennsylvania Avenue. Ms. Hiu indicated she works at DVRPC and has a planning and policy background. Ms. Hiu indicated one of the things she has been working on is the truck route traffic issue, and found that many of the issues were related to GPS systems directing truckers to use various streets which they should not be on. Ms. Hiu also indicated she would like to see the traffic calming study from Temple Blvd and the design of it. Ms. Hiu also indicated her emails were quite long regarding the master plan review and no information regarding the Borough was given out to anyone regarding the survey. Ms. Hiu indicated she is aware that the master plan review is handled by the Land Use Board however hoped that the survey would be

considered. Ms. Hiu indicated about 1% of the population; about 52 people have taken the online survey.

Mr. Patel – Broad Street – Mr. Patel owns the Wash Line Laundromat and indicated he did not understand his sewer bill; he expressed concern regarding the correctness of the bill. Mr. Patel indicated he has spoken with everyone and something needs to be fixed. Mayor Arnold indicated she would be happy to talk with him again however keep in mind the bill is based on exactly what it cost to treat that water so it is based on the usage. Mr. Patel stated all the water coming into the building is not going back into the sewer system; some of the water is retained in the clothes, and the water is not that dirty. Mayor Arnold indicated there are state regulations which determine how the water has to be cleaned before it goes to the plant and certain equipment which would need to be installed at the location. Mr. Patel indicated that equipment costs about \$200,000.00 which is not affordable. Ms. Weiner stated having a laundromat in town is a great service, and there are talks about looking at our sewer costs again. Ms. Weiner asked Mr. Yetter if when we talk about sewer again we can look into his account with more detail. Mr. Yetter stated our sewer plant cannot differentiate between clean and dirty water once the water gets there it has to be treated. Mr. Yetter indicated may be there is a way to measure the outflow. Mr. Gural indicated measuring the out flow is what we do for SIN (special industrial user) which is regulated by the state and requires a device be installed which measures the water out flow. Mr. Gural stated the water which we discharge into the river is heavily regulated and when processed you can drink it. Mr. Gural indicated the only way to change the billing is to measure the water outflow. Mr. Gural also noted it costs the Borough \$10.92 cents to treat 1000 gallons of waste water before it is discharged into the river.

Mr. Casparro – Morgan Avenue – Mr. Casparro stated there is a common misconception that he is the PIA, that he does everything. Mr. Casparro noted there are many members and usually about 15 or 16 people regularly attend their meetings. Mr. Casparro indicated they all just wanted to come out and say “Hi”, and let everyone know they want to help with various different events and it not just Mr. Casparro, that’s why they are here tonight.

No one else 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 Arnold inquired if there was anything for closed session. Mr. Gural indicated no.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Gina Tait had no comment

Brandon Allmond had no comment

Lewis Yetter had no comment

Mr. Howard told everyone to stay safe in the upcoming storm, and public works is doing the best they can, given the circumstances.

Mindie Weiner stated she wanted to touch base with what Ms. Hiu was talking about regarding the master plan. Ms. Weiner indicated council has seen the emails and she feels what Ms. Hiu is advocating for is public involvement in the master plan. Ms. Weiner asked Mr. Gural is there some way we can encourage the land use board to include the public; I understand there is a public hearing however that will probably be after the process instead of during the process. Mayor Arnold indicated the Land Use Board is an entity to itself, council cannot, tell, suggest or otherwise influence that process. The Land Use Board does hold meetings and have public comment sessions where anyone is welcomed to go and share any comments or concerns they would like. Mayor Arnold indicated the next meeting is Wednesday night here at Borough Hall, weather permitting. Ms. Weiner stated she was aware that they are a separate entity, but do they not ever take any direction from Council. Mayor Arnold, Mr. Rosenberg and Mr. Howard indicated no. Mr. Gural stated they are not under any obligation to do anything which the governing body would suggest, once appointed they make their own decisions. Mr. Gural stated Borough Council could ask them to include the public but it is entirely their decision. Ms. Weiner asked how we would go about that. Mr. Rosenberg stated, you would communicate to Mr. Gural what the consensus of the governing body is, and you could write a letter to the Land Use Board secretary. Ms. Weiner stated, we could not write a resolution and send it to them. Mr. Rosenberg indicated no.

President Russell told everyone to have a good week.

Mayor Arnold thanked everyone for coming and indicated it was good to see everyone. Mayor Arnold thanked all for sharing their thoughts and reminded everyone to be good neighbors and be kind to one another.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn.

President Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Howard second the motion.
All voted in favor of the motion

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R Jackson
Acting Municipal Clerk