

**Borough of Palmyra**  
**Regular Council Meeting, 7:00 PM**  
**Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Mayor Arnold read the 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**

Prayer was given by Thomas McElwee

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

President Russell made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from the October 15<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 November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

President Russell made a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting minutes from the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

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

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

**NAYES:**

**ABSTAIN: Mr. Howard, Mr. Yetter**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a thank you note received from the Palmyra Halloween Parade Committee.

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a letter received from Scott Coffina of the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office.

Mayor Arnold read a letter received from Senator Troy Singleton's office in support of extending the "Town Center" designation with the New Jersey State Planning Commission.

Mayor Arnold requested Resolution 2018-266 be removed from the consent agenda and be voted on separately, Resolution 2018-266, Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Brian Johnson to Sergeant for the Borough of Palmyra Police Department effective 11/19/2018 with annual salary of \$96,597.75.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-266. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-266. Mr. Howard second the motion.

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

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

**NAYES:**

**Resolution 2018-266 passed**

Mayor Arnold with the assistant of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson parents of Brian Johnson then administered the oath of office to Sergeant Johnson. Chief Pearlman then gave Sergeant Johnson his new badge and Mr. Bill Johnson pinned Sergeant Johnson. Chief Pearlman indicated Sergeant Johnson has been with the Police Department since 2008. Mayor Arnold thanked the Palmyra Police Department for keeping everyone safe.

### **PRESENTATION**

Mr. David L Wyche, Economic Development Manager of the Burlington County Department of Economic Development gave a presentation on the Small Business Loan Program of the Burlington County Department of Economic Development and Regional Planning. Mr. Wyche indicated the Burlington County Bridge Commission serves as the Burlington County Improvement Authority. Mr. Wyche stated the program does small business assistance by providing loans to businesses for creating or retaining jobs in the county, purchasing equipment for local small business and provides entrepreneurial opportunities for qualified individuals. Mr. Wyche indicated the program was available any Burlington County businesses. Mr. Wyche stated the commission also provides grant writing services to municipalities at no cost. Mr. Wyche stated the Borough of Palmyra has been the beneficiary of almost 3.6 million dollars in grants thru this program. Mr. Wyche left literature describing the program and his contact information so it could be forwarded to anyone with an interest.

### **PROFESSIONAL UPDATE**

Mr. Winckowski indicated Grove Park is well under way. Mr. Winckowski indicated the Contractor is required to have it ready for the December 7<sup>th</sup> Tree Lighting event and has committed to having the paver block walkways, grading and landscaping complete by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mr. Winckowski stated the archway and bike racks will be installed next week. Mr. Winckowski stated the light bases are installed and the light poles and pa system will be shipped by the manufactures on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, and we are hoping to have them installed by the 7<sup>th</sup> of December however if they are not there will be a temporary light system available. My Winckowski indicated there were some issues regarding the footings but they have been worked out. Mayor Arnold inquired if the park would be in the condition we expect by December 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Winckowski indicated he believed so. Mr. Winckowski indicated there was a color choice to be made regarding the stone veneer of the columns for the archway. Mr. Winckowski indicated they felt Aspen was best however would defer to council's color choice. After some discussion council indicated Aspen was best. Mr. Winckowski indicted the camera project warranty is on the agenda tonight and their recommendation is too entered into the maintenance and warranty contract for a three year period. Mr. Winckowski indicated the manufacture's warranty is for 90 days and we will be under it until February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, then the new extended warranty contract would begin. Mr. Winckowski indicated they also updated the drug free zone map which was required by law and the ordinance to adopt is on the agenda tonight.

Mr. Kirchner stated on the agenda tonight is the resolution for approval of the proposal ERI submitted for the elimination of the pump station on Public Road. Mr. Gural indicated this is a project we included in our capital bond ordinance and discussed previously at the budget meeting. Mr. Kitchener indicated the pump station is in need of and upgrade and it is more cost effective to eliminated it and install gravity sewer which has a life expectancy of seventy-five to one hundred years. Mr. Kirchner stated in the process they would be reconstructing New Jersey Avenue and one block of Charles Street.

Mr. Gural indicated he forwarded the proposal from ERI to the governing body for the reconstruction on Temple Blvd so it could be discussed. Mr. Gural indicated the proposal is all inclusive and comprehensive and the number is still being discussed as it is a lot of money. Mr. Gural indicted there are a number of alternates included in the proposal. Those alternatives and the final cost will be determined by which portions of the project council decides to award. There was some discussion regarding the park proposed in the project and the number of flooding properties currently in the municipality and the ability to somehow contain and temporality store the storm water in that area.

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to open the Public Portion. President 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. Miller/ Ms. Still – Veterans Drive** – Mr. Miller asked if the potholes on Veterans Drive and Madison Street are going to be addressed. Mr. Gural indicated the street and intersections you are referring to are all part of utility work which is being completed in those areas. Mr. Gural noted in negotiations with NJAWC and PSE&G the governing body rolled those intersections and the entire road way of Veterans Drive completed before the end of 2018, weather permitting.

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.**

**ORDINANCE FOR INTRO public hearing December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Ordinance 2018-18**, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County Of Burlington, State Of New Jersey, Creating a new Chapter 206 of the Code of the Borough of Palmyra Entitled “The Regulation of Vacant Properties”.

Mr. Gural stated this ordinance not only addresses the residential properties but also addresses commercial and industrial properties. Mr. Gural noted Schedule A is attached and also noted on page 6 there was no need for both footnotes so footnote one will be eliminated and we will use footnote two as one.

Ms. Weiner indicated she was still having issues with 31% on the commercial properties. Ms. Weiner stated she felt these fees were not going to help or encourage the property owners to rent those properties and they would just become another fee they would have to pay. President Russell stated she too had issued with the changes for commercial properties in the ordinance indicated perhaps we might want to take a step back and consult other districts about this topic, as many towns are being plagued by this issue. Mr. Gural noted tonight is the last opportunity council has to address the ordinance in 2018, ordinances do not carry from year to year, indicating council would have to begin again in 2019 and all the fees of the current ordinance rate would then again bill January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 under the current ordinance. Mrs. Tait stated we could adopt this ordinance so the current terms would apply January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and if we felt changes needed to be made we could address them in 2019. After some additional discussion regarding commercial properties council decided to move forward with the ordinance in its current state.

President Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-18, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County Of Burlington, State Of New Jersey, Creating a new Chapter 206 of the Code of the Borough of Palmyra Entitled “The Regulation of Vacant Properties”. 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:**

**Ordinance 2018-18 was approved**

**Ordinance 2018-19**, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, Sate of New Jersey, Adopting the updated Drug-Free Zone Map dated July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and prepared by CME Associates.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-19, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, Sate of New Jersey, Adopting the updated Drug-Free Zone Map dated July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and prepared by CME Associates.

President Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-19. 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**

**Ordinance 2018-19 was approved**

#### **RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda**

Mayor Arnold indicated **Resolution 2018-260 thru Resolution 2018-265 and Resolution 2018-267 thru Resolution 2018-270** 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 2018-260**, Resolution Appointing Emma Melvin to the Borough of Palmyra Shade Tree Advisory Board

**Resolution 2018-261**, Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body and Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application

**Resolution 2018-262**, Resolution awarding a Contract to Environmental Resolutions, Inc. in the amount of \$88,500.00 for the Public Road Pump Station Elimination Project per their proposal dated November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Resolution 2018-263**, Resolution Appointing Jacquelyn Zimmer as a Substitute Crossing Guard for the Borough of Palmyra.

**Resolution 2018-264**, Resolution Approving the Model Information Technology Plan and the Cyber Security Response Plan for the Borough of Palmyra

**Resolution 2018-265**, Resolution Awarding a Contract to New Jersey Business Systems, Inc. for a three year Maintenance/Warranty Coverage Plan for the Video Surveillance Project in the amount no to exceed \$29,484.00 per their proposal dated August 2017. Coverage period shall be from February 1, 2019 to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**Resolution 2018-267**, Resolution Authorizing the purchase of Body Worn Cameras for use by the Palmyra Police Department to AXON Enterprises, Inc. in their initial year amount of \$13, 854.00 and for years two thru five the cost of \$5,676.00 annual license and cloud storage, to be purchased using funds from the Mitchell Trust Account.

**Resolution 2018-268**, Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Make Budget Transfers to the 2018 Budget

**Resolution 2018-269**, Resolution to Cancel Property Taxes on Block 126 Lot 12 Due to Fire on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Resolution 2018-270**, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of November 2018 In the Amount of \$2,314,785.26.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-260 thru Resolution 2018-265 and Resolution 2018-267 thru Resolution 2018-270**. President Russell made a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-260 thru Resolution 2018-265 and Resolution 2018-267 thru Resolution 2018-270**. Mr. Yetter second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

**NAYES:**

**Resolution 2018-260 thru Resolution 2018-265 and Resolution 2018-267 thru Resolution 2018-270 passed**

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2018. President Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

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

**NAYES:** None

#### **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

Mayor Arnold noted "Coffee with a Cop" will again be held November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Wawa on Cinnaminson Avenue from 9:00 to 11:00 am

Mayor Arnold indicated the Clarence B Jones Youth Leadership Summit was held at Palmyra High School and was a great success. Ms. Valeria Still indicated this was the first event the Institute held and students came from Camden, Pennsauken and a national empowerment group. Ms. Still noted the attendance of Mayor Arnold, Senator Troy Singleton. Ms. Still indicated the next event will be taking the participants to Washington, DC soon to meet with Senator Cory Booker. Ms. Still thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Arnold noted the Military Veterans Service Medals Ceremony was held earlier this evening. Mr. McElwee indicated there was a great turn out and he thanked council and the Borough staff for their help with the event.

Mayor Arnold indicated Patrolman Kendall and the Palmyra Police Department are helping with the "Toys for Tots" program for children in our area. Chief Pearlman indicated the application is on the website or can be picked up in the Police department for families with an interest. Chief Pearlman indicated Patrolman Kendall is also working on a program called the Friends for Ron which will be supplying Thanksgiving dinner for families in the area.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mayor Arnold stated "Santa" is coming to town on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018; he will be riding thru town and will light the tree in Grove Park. Immediately after the tree lighting in Grove Park there will be festivities in the Community Center. Mrs. Tait indicated the planning is coming along, the theme being "Polar Express". Mrs. Tait stated Mrs. Sykes ordered little trains for the children however there may not be enough so they would like to order and additional 100 more to make sure every child receives one. Mrs. Tait also asked council members to let her know how they wished to help during the event.

#### **OLD Business**

Mayor Arnold noted the nominations for Student Representatives to Borough Council are in your packets.

\*\*It should be noted Mrs. Tait has requested herself and left the dais.

Mayor Arnold indicated the two students who submitted applications are Kaya Robinson and Patrick Tait. Mr. Allmond stated they will be appointed at Reorganization in January of 2019.

\*\*Mrs. Tait returned to the dais.

Mrs. Gural stated he requested of our professionals their historical input as to what they have done regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Southside of Rt. 73 and also requesting their input and recommendations for moving forward and is awaiting those replies.

Mr. Gural also noted with the signing of the addendum for the PNC Bank redevelopment project, it established November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as the date by which the redeveloper was to secure an agreement of sale on the property. Mr. Gural indicated we have not had a response from the redeveloper so Mr. Brewer will be reaching out to them to see where that currently stands.

Mayor Arnold indicated she has been in contact with the engraver for the Grove Park paver block engraving/donation program however all the information is not currently complete. Mayor Arnold indicated she should have it by the end on the week and will get the information to council so we can move forward with that project.

Mayor Arnold indicated the public hearing for the Reexamination of the Master Plan will be held December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 PM here at Borough Hall.

Mr. Gural indicated at the last meeting we agreed upon a program with the Textiles recycling program. Mr., Gural indicated at the last meeting we asked Mr. Rosenberg to prepare an agreement with American Recycling Solutions however since that time Mr. Rosenberg has brought some concerns to our attention. Mr. Rosenberg stated that if the Company was a charitable entity, the Attorney General requires charities to register, however since this is a for-profit entity that local public contracts laws may come into play. Mr. Rosenberg indicated the amount or value of the clothing donated to a for-profit company could trigger a requirement that there be a public bidding of the contract. Discussion ensued and the governing body decided additional information regarding the company was necessary to determine how we should proceed.

Mr. Gural stated the hearing officer sent notification to the property owner and lien holder of 400 Arch Street to secure the property and apply for demolition permits within seven days; that has not occurred. That notification also indicated that if it did not occur, the Municipality could take whatever action it deemed appropriate up to and including demolition of the structure. Mr. Gural indicated we know the notifications were received. We have fulfilled our notification requirements so if council is amenable we can move to demolish that structure. Mr. Gural noted we have received three quotes to demo the structure, the lowest being \$17,400.00. President Russell asked what the time frame would be. Mr. Gural indicated as soon as possible.

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-271 Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra authorizing the demolition of 400 Arch Street, Block 63 Lot 2 due to being unfit for human occupancy and/or dangerous conditions pursuant to the Hearing Officer's letter dated October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, giving the property owner seven days to secure the site and submit for a demolition permit; awarding a demolition contract to Ricco Demolition of Bellmawr, NJ in the amount of \$17,400.00; and authorizing a lien for the demolition expenses to be filed against the property.

President Russell second the motion.

**At the call of the roll.**

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

**NAYES: None**

### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Gural stated the Annual JIF Elected Officials Seminar flyer is in your packet. Mr. Gural noted we usually attend together in March however if it is more convenient for anyone to attend at a different time other dates and times are on the flyer for you., just remember for everyone who attends the Borough receives a \$250.00 dollar credit on our insurance premiums.

Mr. Gural indicated the revised Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual will be complete for the next meeting December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Mr. Gural indicated he and Ms. Johns are scheduled to have a meeting with one of the companies who submitted a quote for the MS Office365 project and will have additional information at the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mr. Yetter – Public Works, Redevelopment and Negotiations** – Mr. Yetter indicated the public works committee has not yet met. Mr. Yetter stated the Green Team is not going to meet the deadline for certification this year, but we will continue on the path hoping for next year.

**Mr. Howard – Youth and Recreation, Public Building, Grounds and Parks** – Mr. Howard indicated had nothing to report currently.

**Ms. Weiner – Administration and Finance, Business and Community development, Homeowner Association** – Ms. Weiner indicated the committee met and are working on a small business Saturday campaign to promote it for our local businesses. Ms. Weiner indicated they reached out to a local artist who created a logo for that event. Ms. Weiner stated they reached out to all the local business to see if that were offering or would like to offer a promotion for that event. Ms. Weiner stated they were also asked to return the form so we could update the Borough Market page. Ms. Weiner handed out the flyer and asked council for their comments and approval to post it on the Borough's website. Council agreed. Ms. Weiner stated, we worked diligently on the outdoor seating ordinance and there seems to be some issues with it with our businesses. Ms. Weiner indicated there was a lot of discussion about it over the weekend and one of our business owners is her tonight to talk about it. Ms. Weiner indicated there seems to be some challenges in the ordinances for our businesses so we will have to look into that and there may be some changes sooner than later to that ordinance.

**Mrs. Tait – Public Safety Committee, Board of Education, Public Events**– Mrs. Tait indicated she had nothing further to report.

**Mr. Allmond –Communications and Public Relations Committee**– Mr. Almond indicated he had nothing to report currently.



**President Russell – Shade Tree Liaison** – President Russell thanked council for approving the new shade tree advisory committee member. President Russell indicated the committee is currently working on the plan which needs to be submitted to the state. President Russell indicated she found an intern in Moorestown who can do our tree canopy at no cost. President Russell indicated the construction committee has not yet met.

Chief Pearlman indicated the police department is again participating in the November no shave campaign which goes to men's health issues and prostate cancer. Chief Perlman indicated additional information is available on the Palmyra Police website. Mayor Arnold stated if you wish to donate you can do it on the website.

Mayor Arnold reminded everyone the Homecoming is Thanksgiving Day at Palmyra High School and they will be recognizing the 1978 South Jersey State Championship football team.

Mayor Arnold stated she attended a conference in Washington DC last week and has information to share. Mayor Arnold noted a national website which is available for recalls on all vehicles. Mayor Arnold indicated she is working with Assemblywoman Carol Murphy in putting together a program which when registering your vehicle it would check to see if there were any recalls on the vehicle which needed to be addressed. Mayor Arnold also noted a scholarship is available to young women for \$3,000.00 and the ability to attend the conference of women legislators, anyone interested should contact her for additional information.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to open the Public Portion. President 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**

**Mrs. Stackhouse – Delaware Avenue.** – Mrs. Stackhouse stated I want you all to know that I don't blame anyone for this issue and I hope that I have not offended anyone during my protest... I also wish to apologize for anything that may have been said on social media, it was never my intention to bash, humiliate, or hurt members of our local government... but instead to bring a sense of urgency to an issue that needs to be resolved. I was only aware of a day time restriction, not a seasonal one. Perhaps it was miscommunication or perhaps it was confusion... however all of the businesses that I have spoken with were unaware of this stipulation and we simply do not approve. It was extremely disappointing to receive that paperwork and read the first paragraph; it needs to be amended immediately, because this waiting only hurts the businesses who wait on you.

A couple of Council members as well as the Mayor had reached out to me in the last few days and I am grateful for that. It seems as though we are all on the same page and long for the same thing. This experience has shown me just how important it is for us to work together.

The weather around here is rather inconsistent, no one, not even the weathermen, really know what each day will truly be. How many times have we been surprised with an unseasonably warm Thanksgiving, or a sunny Christmas Day? I understand not putting tables out during a storm or a blustery day. But to act as if all nice days begin on April 1<sup>st</sup> and end on November 30<sup>th</sup> is ludicrous. There will be many days during that time period when we will not be able to put our tables out... but being restricted to those times only creates missed opportunity to take advantage of those off season days.

As for the rule about to-go containers I understand the reasons why, I too do not want litter around town...but I also know that accommodations can be made. To keep this rule on this ordinance will exclude many businesses that supported it, which is completely unfair. This needs to be amended so that our local Take-out businesses can also make use of this ordinance.

The smoking rule I have concerns with... it will be extremely difficult to enforce such a rule considering that Public smoking is not currently illegal... and unless a law like that passes it cannot logically be expected to be imposed on our downtown. To do so is simply looking to cause trouble for the local businesses that will be expected to enforce it. It was mentioned to me before that on the Train Platform, the transit police are able to enforce it. However, we business owners are not transit police and do not have the power to enforce such a rule in a public space, especially if there is no current law on the books to back it up. There for we cannot be expected to do so. We need to have a conversation about this, and see if there is a way we can come to a compromise.

The council should be working closer together on things like this. When ordinance that so closely affect the business are brought to vote, it is imperative that we get to read and discuss all of the aspects that will impact our businesses and our store fronts... it is important that we know every aspect, so that problems like this do not happen again.

I feel disappointed that we waited just to be told to wait some more. I am asking that you make these amendments a priority. Thank You. Mayor Arnold asked was the suggestion to change the Ordinance to reflect any nice day instead of seasonal. Ms. Stackhouse indicated it could read weather permitting instead of seasonal. There was additional discussion regarding understanding of the exact changes Ms. Stackhouse felt need to be done. Mayor Arnold, Mr. Gural, Mr. Rosenberg tried to explain what the governing body was intending when they designed the ordinance and noted along the way the changes to those various ordinances were discussed many times at various council meetings. Mr. Howard indicated it would have been helpful to have this insight at the time the ordinance was been considered. Mrs. Weiner inquired how council felt about changing the dates/wording of the Ordinance to reflect year round weather permitting. President Russell asked how we could move forward with that. Additional discussion was had regarding making changes to the ordinances. Mr. Gural explained that there is no opportunity to change these two ordinances in 2018. Mr. Gural explained the process of

introducing, notification to Land Use Board, waiting for response, public hearing and the fact that Ordinances cannot carry on into a new year. Mr. Gural explained the first opportunity to address these Ordinances will come in 2019 after reorganization and looking at the most aggressive approach to this change with all that needs to be completed by statues, the earliest adoption could be is about March of 2019. Ms. Weiner stated she felts like council could work towards trying to keep better lines of communication open with the businesses. Ms. Weiner indicated while she is ecstatic that the ordinance was passed, we all recognize that changes will be needed and they will happen.

**Mr. Koltonuk – Broad Street** – Mr. Koltonuk indicated he came in to support Jeny in what she is doing regarding the Ordinance. Mr. Koltonuk stated when he attends meeting and thinks things are straighten out, wait and find when ordinances are passed they are not what was discussed; there is a lack of communication with the board and the business owners. Mr. Koltonuk asked if he could get a copy of the vacant ordinance introduced tonight. Mr. Gural indicated yes and Mr. Rosenberg gave him his copy of Ordinance 2018-18, noting the changes which were discussed at the meeting. Mr. Koltonuk asked how long the P.S.E. & G. trucks would be on Broad Street. Chief Pearlman indicated the hope is to be complete in the next two weeks weather permitting. Mr. Koltonuk noted he saw new stripping on Broad Street and why would that be completed if the Street was going to be repaved. Chief Pearlman stated the State did the stripping of the streets and it was part of a grants to New Jersey Transit Light Rail; although the street will be repaved next year, that time line had not be established, so the State decided to proceed.

**Ms. Smith– w. 4<sup>th</sup> Street**– Ms. Smith thanked council for installing the driveway apron at her home. Mr. Smith also noted that before she could fill out the shade tree request regarding a dead tree the tree was removed. Ms. Smith thanked council for working so well tonight.

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.**

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

**Mr. Allmond** – no comment

**Mr. Howard**– Mr. Howard stated when contemplating an Ordinance we try to ask for input regarding the Ordinance. It would have been nice to have those comments while we were working on the ordinance, but still a great job by the committee.

**Mrs. Tait**– Mrs. Tait told everyone to have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

**Ms. Weiner** – No comment

**Mr. Yetter** – Mr. Yetter indicated everyone should go to the Thanksgiving Homecoming game. Mr. Yetter also noted we should not be afraid to try something new.

**President Russell** stated the NJLM Conference was very educational. President Russel also told everyone to have a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Mayor Arnold – Mayor** Arnold thanked everyone for coming and sharing their thoughts and ideas. Mayor Arnold indicated one of her greatest pleasures is serving on Council, and to see the positive

changes that we are making here. Mayor Arnold stated to take moment during this holiday season to think about what other people are feeling. Mayor Arnold noted a quote from Theodore Roosevelt, "Let us remember, that is much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true amage comes from heart as well as from the lips and shows itself in deeds." Mayor Arnold told everyone to have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Mayor Arnold asked if there was any business for executive session. Mr. Gural and Mr. Rosenberg indicated no.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R Jackson, RMC  
Municipal Clerk