

**Borough of Palmyra**  
**Regular Council Meeting, 7:00 PM**  
**Monday, October 15<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 7:00 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

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 Charles Soper, Palmyra Police Department Chaplin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the October 1st, 2018 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

President Russell made a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting minutes from the October 1<sup>st</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:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Arnold acknowledged and read a letter receive from Sara Tingle regarding 400 Arch Street.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Arnold indicated the presentation was in regards to the redevelopment of the old PNC Building.

Mr. Gural introduced Mr. Jeffery Wade and Mr. Edward Hill of Outlaw Training and Fitness to the governing body.

Mr. Wade of Outlaw Training and Fitness, presented pictures and explained his ideas of what he proposes to do with the redevelopment area located on Highland Avenue, Block 24, Lots 1 & 2.

Mr. Brewer stated this is a great example of a small scale redevelopment and it moving forward. Ms. Weiner asked, in addition to drawing up the redevelopment agreement you also look at the things he is proposing to do to make sure they are as stated. Mr. Brewer replied, they are required to submit site plans and the Land Use Board will approve those plans for conformance with the description of what they indicated. Mr. Brewer explained the process and compliance with the agreement.

### **PROFESSIONAL UPDATE**

Mr. Gural indicated he had spoken with PSEG and they indicated they would be in town paving some additional roads with the paving they are doing. Mr. Gural stated those roads were on our list but not anticipated to be paved until the 2019 Road Improvement project. Mr. Gural stated they are willing to come in and repave Veterans Drive, Van Sant Drive, East Broad Street, Rowland Street, Oak Avenue, East Henry Ave, Parry Avenue and Legion Avenue. Mr. Gural indicated we authorized ERI to proceed with a number of curbs and improvements in those areas.

Mr. Kirchner stated two years ago we negotiated with PSEG & NJAWC regarding the restoration of the roads in the current road program, it was all worked out and they began paving the various roads; two weeks ago when he contacted PSEG in regards to the schedule and to let them know we might need an additional day or so before they could begin their part of the paving of the streets we were working on the curbs, they indicated it would be ok as they had some other roads to pave in town. Mr. Kirchner inquired as to what roads they were speaking about they indicated Parry Avenue, East Henry, Rowland Oak, and East Broad. Mr. Kirchner indicated he was not aware of those and needed to check the curbs on those streets. Mr. Kirchner stated Parry was under moratorium and they thought they could just pave part of it, not the case, our ordinance indicates they need to pave the full width. Mr. Kirchner indicated on East Henry the curb is in really bad shape so he asked PSEG if they could wait until next year to give us time to fix the things which needed to be addressed. PSEG indicated they could not wait as their funding would run out at the end on year. Mr. Kirchner indicated they worked around some things and PSEG will pave in specific areas and next year when we have the funding they curb can be replaced without have to tear out the paving. Mr. Kirchner also noted there were some concerns on Rowland and East Henry as when they milled the road they went past the existing asphalt down to the road gravel. Mr. Kirchner indicated if the Borough had done this we would have removed four inches of asphalt and replaced four inches of asphalt. Mr. Kirchner stated if a utility company tears up a road they have to replace their trench and they mill and pave half the road two inches. Mr. Kirchner indicated when PSEG worked on Oak Avenue they milled the incorrect half of the road so they had to mill the correct half and repave the entire width of the road but it was necessary to complete curb work on the other side of the road. Mr. Kirchner stated Parry Avenue, Walnut Avenue, Oak Avenue and E. Henry Street have all be milled and paved. Mr. Kirchner indicated they will next be paving Horace Avenue, East Broad Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Delaware and Horace. Mr. Kirchner indicated Veterans Drive and Van Sant Drive are NJAWC project and he anticipated them to be completed by mid or late November, weather

permitting. Mr. Gural indicated change orders will be forth coming and the costs will be paid from capital funds. President Russell asked Mr. Kirchner what the life expectancy of the road would be for Rowland with the two inches of asphalt not four. Mr. Kirchner indicated that road had two inches on it for the last twenty years and felt it would be good for at least another fifteen years. Mr. Kirchner indicated they checked the subbase and made sure it was sound before they let them pave over it as they were concerns about it being a muddy roadway before it was paved. Mr. Kirchner indicated on Horace Avenue it was necessary to make a subbase repair, which we will have to pay, for as PSEG does not make subbase repairs. Mrs. Tait inquired about Walnut Street and Spring Garden Street. Mr. Gural indicated it is being addressed in house as soon as we received the hot box.

### **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**

**Mrs. Jones – 5<sup>th</sup> Street** – Mrs. Jones asked if Veterans Drive , Madison Street and Jefferson Street had been look as they are in bad shape. Mr. Gural they should be done by the end of November. Mrs. Jones indicated the curbing on 5<sup>th</sup> Street is less than two inches deep. Mr. Gural indicated the curb should be four to six inches deep and curbing is replaced when the road is repaved. Mr. Gural stated he would have Mr. Kirchner look into it.

**Mrs. Jamerson – Van Sant Drive** – Mrs. Jamerson indicated the new fire hydrant which was replaced about mid-block appears to have a sink hole forming in the existing pavement. Mrs. Jamerson also noted the Ordinance on the agenda tonight 2018-17 regarding changing the hours of alcohol consumption and sales on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 she is against.

**Mr. Kearney- Rowland Street-** Mr. Kearney indicated he did not understand if the State code indicates you must have two to four inches of asphalt how can we get away with one and a half inches at best and he has many pictures to should it. Mr. Kearney indicated he stood in front of his neighbor's home and bounce on the road and it was moving under his weight. Mr. Kearney indicated when they paved the road, which looks beautiful, they paved over mud. Mr. Kearny stated he did not know why this was allowed. Mr. Kirchner explained the road requirements and the process of paving. Mayor Arnold asked if someone could go back out and look at it. Mr. Gural indicated that could be done. Mr. Gural also noted that the utilities have pretty much cart blanch to do whatever they want with our roads and we can't stop them. Ms. Weiner asked what would happen if we paved over it while it was soft. Mr. Kirchner indicated it might dry out or it would form a pothole there also it could last five years instead of ten years and begin to crumble. Mr. Kirchner indicated we do have a maintenance bond with PSEG and New Jersey American Water Company. President Russell asked Mr. Kearney if when he stood on it was it before or after they paved it. Mr. Kearney indicated it was after they milled it before they paved it.

**Mr. Daffner- Parry Avenue-** Mr. Daffner stated he was in support of Ordinance 2018-17 and he was hoping the council would allow the business to be open this one time and appreciated all that council was doing to help the business in town.

**Mrs. Proctor- Arch Street** – Mrs. Proctor indicated the letter received from Mrs. Tingle indicated she had no income and could not do anything with the house, so what happen now. Mr. Rosenberg

indicated there is a process.; the hearing officer rendered a decision which gives the property owner and or lien holder several time lines to complete various tasks on the property if they are not completed within the time prescribed then the Hearing Officer will decide if other corrective action should be taken or if the property should be demolished. Mr. Gural indicated the Borough cannot take any action until all of the property owner's rights have been exhausted. Mr. Gural also noted that given the letter received the code enforcement officer is currently soliciting quotes for the potential demolition of the property, if that be the hearing officer's decision, shortly after Thanksgiving. Mrs. Proctor asked if the code enforcement officer could also check on 300 Arch Street.

**Mrs. Holloway –Broad Street** – Mrs. Holloway stated she was not in favor of Ordinance 2018-17 and everyone is aware of why. Mrs. Holloway indicated she is aware of the snowflake lights but he has not heard anything about the red bows which are supposed to be place on other light poles, are they still going to be done. Ms. Weiner indicated she did not have a report today but she was working on it. President Russell indicated snowflakes were not placed on all the poles because they were concerned about the light shining in people's homes. There was some discussion regarding the placement of the snowflake lights and them being placed in town center where residents also reside on second floors where the lights would be shining. Mrs. Holloway also thanked the Chief of Police for sending a representative to the Health Fair held at Evergreen Baptist Church last week.

**Ms. Bullock– Arch Street** – Ms. Bullock indicated 300 Arch Street has sometime inhabitants and there are many animals. Mrs. Bullock indicated it is in awful condition and someone needs to take a look at it. Mrs. Bullock asked about Ordinance 2018-18 and it was possible to obtain a copy of it. Mr. Gural indicated it is for discussion and possible introduction tonight as there are something elements which still need to be decided. Mr. Gural noted it was placed on the agenda for introduction by title only. Mr. Gural stated that if could decides those elements tonight then it would be available by the end of week and Mrs. Bullock could obtain a copy then.

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 November 19<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 noted this Ordinance addresses not only residential properties but also addresses commercial properties. Ms. Weiner stated we have store front properties with residential areas on top, would the entire property have to be vacant to be considered. Mr. Gural indicated no, if the store front was vacant and the resident areas occupied it would not exclude the property from being considered vacant. Mr. Rosenberg indicated he would better define the vacancy consideration in the ordinance for mixed use properties. After some discussion regarding potential changes to the proposed Ordinance 2018-18 regarding the regulation of vacant properties, Mrs. Russell made a motion to table the introduction of the proposed ordinance to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 so additional recommendations and changes could be made. 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 tabled for additional discussion**

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING –public hearing**

**Ordinance 2018-15**, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County Of Burlington, State Of New Jersey, Prohibiting Smoking in Certain Locations.

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. Bullock – Arch Street** – Mrs. Bullock asked what the locations were. Mayor Arnold indicated in school zones, parks, and Borough owned properties. Mr. Howard noted the no smoking of cigarettes was already in place, the Ordinance was updated to included e-cigarettes and vaping. Mrs. Bullock asked who monitors that Ordinance. Mr. Howard indicated the police department.

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 asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-15. President Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-15. 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**

**Ordinance 2018-15 passed**

**Ordinance 2018-16**, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Appropriating the sum of \$40,000.00 now available from the Capital Improvement Fund (\$20,000.00) and General Fund Balance (\$20,000.00) for the Improvements to the Bandshell Located in Grove Park.

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

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 Arnold asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-16. President Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-16. Mr. Howard second 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**

**Ordinance 2018-16 passed**

**Ordinance 2018-17**, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 70 Alcoholic Beverages, article V Hours, Sections §70-6 and §70-7, of the code of the Borough of Palmyra allowing Plenary Retail Consumption and Distribution Licenses to sell and/or serve alcoholic Beverages during the Hours of 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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. Butler- Arch Street-** Mrs. Butler indicated it was disrespect to the people who live and worship in those areas to allow this at 9:30 am on Sunday morning. Mrs. Butler expressed concern about those drinking for that period of time and potentially being intoxicated and getting into an accident and someone getting hurt. Mrs. Butler also noted all the business would not gain form this Ordinance change only a select few. Mrs. Butler encouraged Council to vote no. Mrs. Butler also stated, when she was at a prior meeting she believed President Russell stated she was tired of or didn't like being threatened because she mention the election of 2018 and 2019. Mrs. Butler noted to President Russell, "I don't threaten people, but I darn sure do promise". Mrs. Butler also noted for last three meetings she has attended she has been verbally slammed by various gentleman in the audience. Mrs. Butler stated if the men in the audience think they will shut her by yelling at her, she suggested they should think again.

**Mr. Morris – Jefferson Street –** Mr. Morris stated he was not in favor of passing Ordinance 2018-17 and he to felt it was total disrespect to the Christian community of Palmyra. Mr. Morris indicated those who profit will not be us.

**Mr. Jamerson- Van Sant Drive-** Mr. Jamerson stated the subject of Ordinance 2018-18 is on the ballot as a referendum question in a couple of weeks and did not understand why Council would even entertain this request prior to hearing what the referendum results were. Mr. Jamerson stated you should not be opening the bars and selling alcohol at 9:30 am on a Sunday morning.

**Mrs. Jones- W 5<sup>th</sup> Street-** Mrs. Jones asked don't people have a decent home which you can invite your friends too to host a brunch for your friends. Is there really any reason why these establishments need to

be open at 9:30 on a Sunday morning? Invite your friends to your home and you can do whatever you want to do.

**Mrs. Bullock – Arch Street**– Mrs. Bullock stated her concerns with the Ordinance are the possibility of the Borough being sued if someone were to hit and hurt one of our children or adults because they had been drinking in one of these establishments, thus resulting in a tax increase to her property to cover expenses or cost of the law suit or other things no longer covered in the budget because monies had to be paid elsewhere.

**Mr. McElwee – Columbia Ave**– Mr. McElwee stated we are going to start at 9:30 in the morning the Eagles games is over at 12:30, that doesn't mean everyone is going to stop they will probably stay for the next game and the next, at 8:00 pm they could still be watching another game.

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.**

Mr. Yetter stated we have not done this before and there is no way of knowing how this will turn out, however would like to try it one time and see how it works out.

President Russell stated she would like to read an email Mr. Oberg sent as he could not be in attendance tonight. President Russell indicated she would forward it to the clerk.

Mr. Howard stated this Ordinance is before us because it was requested by a business owner; council cannot treat any one business different from any other so if it is changed for one it is change for all. Council did not request this it is a request as any other request from a resident or business owner we are obligated to look at it. Mr. Howard indicated he wanted to wait for the referendum.

Ms. Weiner stated we all loved this town for different reasons. Ms. Weiner indicated it seems very unfair to her that we can't keep an open mind and allow people to enjoy the things that they want to enjoy and spend their money on the things they want to spend their money on and to be with whoever that want to be with where ever they want to be for whatever reason. There is a lot of judgement which really makes her sad. Ms. Weiner indicated is wanted to understand the different points of view and is willing to talk with anyone who is willing to have a real conversation about this.

Mrs. Tait indicated she agreed with Mr. Howard and Ms. Weiner, everybody is different and everyone celebrates in their own way. Mrs. Tait indicated we want everyone's opinion that's why it is on the ballot as a question. Mrs. Tait indicated she felt allowing this one day when the referendum is so close is pushing it, trust the process.

Mr. Allmond stated he felt everyone should be able to do as they choose on Sunday morning but to him, he did not feel like this was the best decision to make an exception now.

President Russell stated she would summarize Mr. Oberg's email. President Russell stated he is the owner of Currans but could not be her because he is on the Delran Board of Education, he tried but they

have important things on their agenda as well. President Russell indicated she tried to get him to send a representative so his side could be told. President Russell stated every step we take for one on our businesses is a step for all of our businesses, we are looking to move Palmyra forward not sit in the past, at the last meeting we made a huge step with outdoor seating, these are things we are trying to do to make Palmyra better. President Russell stated at the last meeting there were a lot of people who were for this particular Ordinance. President Russell stated, Mr. Oberg stated in his email that he does contribute to the community, it's not just a bar, he has been working to make this a family restaurant and his goal is to have it similar to Dunn's which is in Delran. He does not want the perception that it is a bar, he wants a family restaurant. He does a lot of fundraisers in town, you need a fundraiser they are there to support you. He talks about paying taxes to the town and he gives to different school sports and the Palmyra Improvement Association. They do a lot and see the potential of what's going on here. There is the positive. President Russell stated in her opinion and in talking to various people who set whether we do this or not, to get an idea of what the story is actually going to be instead of creating scenarios that haven't happened. President Russell noted we are talking about a few hours that good for one business eventually down the line will be positive for other businesses as well. President Russell indicated it is not personal for her she will be home watching the Eagles. President Russell indicated her goal is the best for Palmyra and that's what she been working for.

Mayor Arnold stated she would read the referendum as it appears on the ballot on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Do you approve extending the hours that plenary retail distribution and plenary retail consumption licensees in Palmyra can sell alcoholic beverages or permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages upon the licensed premises for the additional period from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm on Sundays? Mayor Arnold indicated it is a referendum and it is on the ballot and it is non-binding.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-17. President Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-17. Mr. Yetter second the motion.

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

**AYES. Ms. Weiner, Mr. Yetter, President Russell**

**NAYES. Mr. Allmond, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Tait**

**Council tied, Mayor was asked for her vote.**

Mayor Arnold stated because Council indicated to the residents of Palmyra that they would not make a decision on this until the referendum was heard she would be voting no.

**Mayor Arnold voted no to break the tie.**

**Ordinance 2018-17 Failed**

## **RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda**

Mayor Arnold indicated Resolution **2018-243** to Resolution **2018-247** 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 requested Resolution 2018-246 be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

**Resolution 2018-246**, Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Outlaw Investment Group, LLC Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law N.J.S.A. 40:A-12 A-1Et. Seq.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-246. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-246. 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 2018-246 passed**

Mayor Arnold and Mr. Wade then signed the redevelopment agreement for Block 124 Lot 1 & 2

Ms. Weiner requested Resolution 2018-245 be removed from the consent agenda for additional comment.

**Resolution 2018-243**, Resolution Authorizing a Refund in the Amount of \$318.55 for Overpayment of Taxes on Block 125 Lot 1.01

**Resolution 2018-244**, Resolution Appointing Brian Johnson and Michael Hynes as Humane Law Enforcement Officers for the Borough of Palmyra

**Resolution 2018-245**, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra to Adopt the Revised Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual (PPPM), and Supervisory Supplement to the PPPM, effective October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Resolution 2018-246**, Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Outlaw Investment Group, LLC Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law N.J.S.A. 40:A-12 A-1Et. Seq.

**Resolution 2018-247**, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of October 2018 In the Amount of \$1,194,965.72.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda Resolutions 2018-243, Resolution 2018-244 and Resolution 2018-247. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolutions 2018-243, Resolution 2018-244 and Resolution 2018-247 as read. 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**

**Resolutions 2018-243, Resolution 2018-244 and Resolution 2018-247 were approved.**

**Mayor Arnold then went back to Resolution 2018-245, , Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra to Adopt the Revised Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual (PPPM), and Supervisory Supplement to the PPPM, effective October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Ms. Weiner asked if this needed to be done for JIF and if it had to be done by a certain date.

Mr. Gural indicated yes and it needed to be done by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Ms. Weiner indicated she did not read it in its entirety and felt she would be uncomfortable voting on it. Mr. Gural indicated it is very complicated and they have been working on it for an extended period of time however it needs to be adopted within the time frame allotted. Mr. Gural noted if there were additional changes it would be brought back to council for re-adoption.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-245. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-245. 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 2018-245 passed**

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

President Russell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2018. Mr. Howard 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 stated the free mammograms will be done on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Burlington from 10:00am to 4:00 pm.

Mrs. Tait stated the Alumni Soccer game was played this past Saturday with about 48 people signed up to play.

Mrs. Tait also noted the PHS Hall of Fame induction will be held this Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Riverton County Club.

Mayor Arnold also noted PFFEE raised \$15,500.00 at the Casino Night for the science program at Palmyra High School

Mayor Arnold stated on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 is the Homecoming game at Palmyra High School and they will be honoring the 1978 Group I Champions at the game.

Ms. Weiner indicated the Fire Department held their Golf outing today.

Ms. Weiner indicated the Halloween Parade is holding a fundraiser at Chipotle tomorrow from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **NEW Business**

Mr. Gural indicated we were looking for direction as to what the staff needs to do for the Tree Lighting on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mrs. Tait indicated Ms. Sykes is working on it and has indicated the cost should be between six and seven hundred dollars. Mrs. Tait indicated she would like for everyone on council to help with the event and they have contacted PHS Student Council and Interact Club to help also. Mrs. Tait indicated we are also searching for a new Christmas tree. Mr. Gural noted Mrs. Nagle has already selected a pre-lit spruce tree for about seven hundred dollars with council approval we will purchase. Council approved. Mrs. Tait indicated the theme is "Polar Express" and went of a few details of how they wanted to handle the event. Mrs. Tait asked council if there was anything in particular the members of council would like to do please let her know. There was some discussion. Mayor Arnold indicated how things were done the past two years with limited help from council although help was requested many times. The events were completed with a lot of help from the Borough staff Mr. Yetter and Mr. Allmond. Mayor Arnold indicated many of the things we are talking about were done last year and it worked out very well. There was additional discussion regarding how information is disseminated regarding events and participation and planning of those events with the governing body. Mr. Gural indicated he would like to know how the governing body wished to handle the old decorations which are usually placed along the rail road tracks. Mr. Gural indicated they would be placed out this year but moving forward how would you like to handle them, should they be stored again or will they be retired. The governing body agreed to retire those items and not renew the contract.

Mr. Gural indicated we have a basic idea of what needs to be placed at Legion Field for the Halloween Parade but wanted to know if there was anything outside of the tables, pa systems, trash and recycling receptacles which needed to be done. All agreed there was nothing else.

Mr. Gural noted the Veterans metal ceremony will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 however to date there have been no requests. Mr. McElwee indicated there has been no interest in the Veterans Metals so perhaps we could award those metals at the Memorial Day event. Mr. McElwee noted the requirements are that you be a Veteran and live in Palmyra, it is also available to those who are deceased if the families wish. Mr. Allmond asked if the information regarding veteran's deductions for taxes could be used to solicit people for metals. Mr. Gural indicated yes.

Mr. Gural indicated we are currently repairing the roof repaired and doing some internal painting, however now because the exterior of the building over by Grove Park is so visible it is time to think about doing some repairs and sprucing up of the building's exterior.

Chief Pearlman indicated there were 3100 cars that passed thru Spring Garden Street during the time of study and there is not a speeding problem. Chief Pearlman went over the report with Borough Council.

## **OLD Business**

Mayor Arnold indicated we have already spoken about the vacant property ordinance.

Mayor Arnold stated the adopt a city program from North Carolina and South Carolina is a lot harder than one would expect, so what we are going to do in a blood drive with the ambulance squad in November. Mayor Arnold indicated once that date has been selected everyone will be notified.

Mr. Howard noted that we were trying to sell the old fire truck but perhaps a company down there could use it and we could donate it to them. Mayor Arnold agreed

Mayor Arnold indicated she needed to speak with Mr. Winckowski to finalize the details about the paver block engraving program and would get back to council when she had additional details.

Mr. Gural indicated second interviews are being held tomorrow for the Administrative Assistant for public works and he will be proceeding accordingly.

Mr. Gural indicated there was nothing else to discuss regarding the 2018 Road Improvement Program.

Mayor Arnold asked when the hot box would be here. Mr. Gural indicated in about one week.

Mr. Gural stated he had instructed the engineer to proceed with the structural evaluation at the cost of \$7,000.00. Mr. Gural explained there was a deficiency and we have a plan to move forward to address it. Mr. Gural explained the ownership of the property and noted the floor is significantly over stressed and although the Fire Company #1 owns the building our asset is housed in that building and until we can get this resolved that asset is out of service. Mr. Gural indicated where the large ladder truck is parked it is over a basement, the remainder of the building is concrete slab on grade. Ms. Weiner inquired if we knew how much the truck was going to weight. Mr. Gural indicated no.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Gural noted the new audio and recording system are in place and if anyone noticed no one is saying they cannot hear tonight.

Mr. Gural stated the PCR EMS again approached us regarding covering their workmen's compensation liability insurance. Mr. Gural again he explained we could have that conversation in another year and also explained why it would not be good for the Borough to extend that insurance to an independent non-profit organization. Mr., Gural noted he spoke with our insurance consultant to see if there was something they could offer them.

Mr. Gural noted the flashing stop lights on Charles Street and Park Avenue are working well, any we have had no complaints from the residents regarding the signs.

Mr. Gural noted the Master Plan hearing for the Borough of Riverton notification is in your packet and Mr. Gerkins is preparing the latest re-examination for the Borough of Palmyra and will notify all when the date has been set. Mr. Gural noted Ms. Jackson is required to maintain a copy in her office, when she receives it she will forward it to you.

Mr. Gural noted the next meeting November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will begin at 6:30 pm and there will be no Redevelopment Agency meeting before that meeting. Remember this is the night before elections and we try to keep the meeting light as the polls open early and the clerk must be in very early.

Mr. Gural stated MS Office 365 we are working on the price and are hoping to have a resolution on the agenda on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, if not then November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Mr. Gural noted the JIF reports will go into you mailboxes.

Mayor Arnold stated she attended the Winter Splash at the Cove and delivered a proclamation from Senator Troy Singleton.

Mayor Arnold stated she also attended the economic and fiscal policy report roundtable regarding the things that are going on in Trenton.

Mayor Arnold noted she attended Cinnaminson Township Day in Cinnaminson.

Mayor Arnold noted the new ladder fire truck was delivered last week.

Mayor Arnold handed out information regarding American Recycling Resources and a Municipal Clothing recycling program. Mayor Arnold noted we spoke about them being placed down a public works and in the information also indicated it is Sustainable Jersey certified so perhaps we can get some points for it.

Mayor Arnold indicated she will be attending the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Development Summit.

Mayor Arnold also noted she and Mr. Gural will be attending the Accelerated Land Reuse for Community Revitalization.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mr. Yetter – Public Works, Redevelopment and Negotiations** – Mr. Yetter indicated the public works committee will be meeting next week. Mr. Yetter stated the Green Team met last week and is still working towards our goal of certification. Mr. Yetter stated they were waiting for Laura to get back to use regarding the Diversity Survey and how it is going to be disseminated.

**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 she attended the Riverfront Homeowners Association meeting and notified them of the various things that are going on in the Borough. The business and Community development committee and Admin and Finance committees met on the 26<sup>th</sup> of last month and will be meeting again on Monday. Ms. Weiner indicated the Farmers Market is closed until next year; Ms. Weiner thanked Mr. Allmond for all his help with the Farmer's Market.

**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 the communication committee is working on the next newsletter with a deadline of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**President Russell – Shade Tree Liaison** – President Russell thanked Mr. McBride for his help and support for the student rep on council. President Russell indicated the PAR scores were released and only two students did not participate. President Russell stated Mr. Dreby indicated the school participated in an active shooter training session which was very informative. President Russell indicated we are actively working on the Tree Management Plan which getting the key players in place. President Russell indicated the construction committee will be meeting on Monday. Mayor Arnold asked if the construction committee was working on the sign ordinance. President Russell indicated yes.

## **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. Yetter second the motion

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

**Mr. Rader – Harbour Drive.** – Mr. Rader asked if council if Ordinance 2018-18 which was tabled would apply to Palmyra Harbour Condos. Mr. Rader asked if the majority members of Council had identified the alleged ethics violations for attorney review. Mr. Rader stated Resolution 2018-173 was passed on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and committed \$3,000.00 dollars of taxpayer money for an Ethics Attorney. That was 125 days ago and we still have not heard anything about the ethics violations. Mr. Rader noted the election is two weeks away and he was hoping not to hear anything more about it until after the elections. Mr. Rader noted in Grove Park the big tree was taken down was there something wrong with it or was that just part of the plan. Mr. Gural stated it was part of the plan as it had lost quite a few limbs over the years and it was in the way.

**Mrs. Holloway – Broad Street** – Mrs. Holloway asked if someone could explain what non-binding means in relationship to the referendum. Mayor Arnold explained.

**Mrs. Butler– Arch Street–** Mrs. Butler stated when deciding to take down trees would council give careful consideration to the trees they decide to take down. Mrs. Butler asked what is going on with the redevelopment on Southside of Rt.73. Mayor Arnold indicated we are currently still working on the redevelopment of the Southside of Rt. 73 and are always looking for opportunities for redevelopment. Mrs. Butler noted Palmyra has always had a Christmas Celebration so no one here invented that, Mr. Price played Santa for many, many years, so can we keep with the spirit of Christmas and all work together towards having a wonderful celebration. Mrs. Butler indicated it she thought it was going to be the second Friday night in December but now it going to be the first Friday. Mrs. Tait noted the Tree Lighting and Santa’s visit to town was always held on the first Friday in December after Thanksgiving; it was only the last two years that the event was held on the second Friday in December. Mrs. Butler indicated we would like to see council work together and stop fighting and sniping at each other. Mrs. Butler noted we want to see business come to town and we want to see Palmyra grow but we want it to get with the right things and businesses and in the right direction.

**Mr. Kearney– Rowland Street** – Mr. Kearney stated not two years ago he sat were you are. Mr. Kearny noted there was a lot of money spent regarding the high school drop off and pickup locations. Mr. Kearny indicated everything we put in place has been forgotten, he noted he was there Thursday and there was a mass exit across 4<sup>th</sup> Street, teachers, students and a police officer’s watching. No one was using the crosswalks, perhaps we need to remind the school board of what they should be doing. There was additional discussion with Chief Pearlman regarding issuing tickets for jay walking.

**Mr. Roundberger – Park Avenue–** Mr. Roundberger inquired if there is someplace where we can get a list of who is on the Halloween Committee. Ms. Weiner stated on the Borough website there is a listing of who on Council sits on which committee. The Halloween Committee is not a Borough Committee, but there is a link on the Borough page with information about the Halloween Parade Committee. Ms. Weiner also noted, she, Mrs. Tait and Mr. Howard all help with the Halloween Parade Committee.

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**– No comment

**Mrs. Tait**– Mrs. Tait stated two years when you became Mayor, Council was shut out of everything and does not like being told that she does not put it out there for everyone. Mrs. Tait stated she is willing to accept help from anyone who is willing to help.

**Ms. Weiner**– Ms. Weiner noted there was a story regarding the Outdoor seating in the Burlington County Times and also on the front page in the Palmyra Sun newspapers.

**Mr. Yetter** – no comment

**President Russell** stated she was in agreement with Mrs. Tait.

**Mayor Arnold** – Mayor Arnold stated what was said is incorrect, when she became Mayor she gave everyone an opportunity to choose what committees they wanted and what their interests were and everybody was included in everything.; unlike it is now where only certain people are included and other are excluded.

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 10:15 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R Jackson, RMC  
Municipal Clerk