

Borough of Palmyra
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 15th, 2019

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 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Brandon Allmond, Mrs. Michelle McCann, Mrs. Gina Tait, President Timothy Howard, Mayor Michelle Arnold

Absent: Mrs. Bernadette Russell, Ms. Mindie Weiner

The pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence.

Noted the arrival of Bernadette Russell at 7:03 pm

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

The open public meeting statement was then read into the record by Mayor Arnold, Notice as follows: 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 11, 2019.
- Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 11, 2019.
- Notice to All Council Members.

Noted the arrival of Ms. Weiner at 7:04 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the February 19th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes.

President Howard made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from February 19th, 2019. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

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

NAYES: none

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the April 1st, 2019 Special Meeting minutes.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from April 1st, 2019. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was.

AYES: Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, President Howard

NAYES: none

Abstain: Mr. Allmond, Ms. Weiner

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the April 1st, 2019 Special Meeting Executive Session minutes at 6:03 pm

President Howard made a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from Special Meeting April 1st, 2019. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was.

Ayes: Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner, President Howard

NAYES: none

Abstain: Mr. Allmond

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a letter of resignation received from John Quigg

Mayor Arnold acknowledged an email received from Mark Remsa, Director of the Burlington County Bridge Commission and David Gerkens.

Mayor Arnold acknowledged a thank-you card from Howard Derby and Family

Mayor Arnold read a letter received from Dan Lambe, President Arbor Day Foundation

Mayor Arnold read a notification from New Jersey American Water Co

Mayor Arnold read a letter from Troy Singleton, Senator of New Jersey Senate

PUBLIC PORTION

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING (Public Hearing).

Ordinance 2019-02, An Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and To Establish A CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to open Ordinance 2019-02 for public hearing. Mrs. Russell made a motion to open Ordinance 2019-2 for public comments. President Howard second the motion

All members present voted in favor of the motion

No one wishing to be heard, Mrs. Russell made a motion to close the public hearing, Mrs. Tait second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-02. President Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-02. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None

2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution 2019-115, Resolution to Read the 2019 Budget by Title Only

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-115 President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-115. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None

Resolution 2019-115 was approved

Resolution 2019-116, Resolution Authorizing the self-examination of the 2019 Budget

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-116 Mrs. Russell Made a motion to approved resolution 2019-116. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None

Resolution 2019-116 was approved

Public Hearing 2019 Municipal Budget

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2019 Municipal Budget. Mrs. Russell made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2019 Municipal Budget. President Howard second the motion

All members present voted in favor of the motion

No one wishing to be heard, Mrs. Russell made a motion to close the public hearing, President Howard second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution 2019-117, Resolution to Amend the 2019 Municipal Budget

Mr. Gural explained that we learned subsequent to the introduction of the budget that we had funding in an incorrect line item for debt service so we are moving funding from operating expenses to debt service. Mr. Gural noted it does not change the bottom line so there is no need to re-advertise but wanted to the governing body to be aware of the change.

Mrs. Russell then made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-117 Resolution to Amend the 2019 Municipal Budget as mentioned. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES:

Resolution 2019-117 was approved

Resolution 2019-118, Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the 2019 Municipal Budget

Mrs. Russell then made a motion to adopt the 2019 Municipal Budget as presented. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES:

Resolution 2019-118 was approved

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING -Public Hearing to be held May 6th, 2019

Ordinance 2019-03, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra Authorizing the Acquisition by Purchase or Condemnation of the Real Property Located at 620-622 Highland Avenue, Block 24, Lots 1 & 2 Palmyra, New Jersey now Owned by Active Realty Company Profit Sharing Plan

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve ordinance 2019-03. President Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-03. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None

Ordinance 2019-04, An Ordinance Establishing as an Advisory Committee to the Governing Body, the Sustainable Palmyra Green Team

Mayor Arnold indicated after reading the ordinance, she suggested it be pulled and revisited after some changes are made. Mayor indicated the following things needed to be revisited:

#6 providing advice and suggestions to the Land Use Board

#7 Mayor indicated, as an advisory committee they do not have the ability to organize ad hoc groups or committees

Mayor Arnold also stated it indicates all members should be residents of Palmyra, and the proposed list has names of individuals who are not residents of Palmyra. Mayor indicated it also establishes a secretary/ treasurer, however there is no need for a treasurer. Mrs. Russell indicated the committee mirrored the ordinance of another municipality. Ms. Weiner indicated the ad hoc committees were thought of as a means of efficiency. There was some additional discussion. Mayor Arnold indicated perhaps we should postpone the introduction until the next meeting. Mr. Rosenberg stated the proposed changes are not material, council could introduce by title only and have the changes in place before advertising. Mr. Gural stated the title should be An Ordinance Establishing as an Advisory Committee to the Governing Body, The Palmyra Green Team. Mr. Gural indicated the sustainable was not necessary. Council agreed.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve ordinance 2019-04 An Ordinance Establishing as an Advisory Committee to the Governing Body, The Palmyra Green Team. President Howard made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-04. Mrs. Russell 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

Ms. Weiner asked Mayor Arnold to share her concerns with the green team advising and or giving suggestions to the Land Use Board. Mayor Arnold asked Mr. Rosenberg if the committee would be able to interact with the Land Use Board. Mayor Arnold also indicated there could be a possible conflict as Ms. Weiner is a member of council, the land use board and the green team. Mr. Rosenberg indicated he did not feel it was an issue. Mr. Rosenberg stated this is an advisory board with essentially no power to do anything that would affect the Borough, they can only give advice. Mr. Rosenberg also noted the Green Team should report to Borough Council, who created them, so the Governing Body is aware of what's going on with recommendations/ suggestions to the Land Use Board.

RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda

Resolution **2019-119** to Resolution **2019-132** 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 any items which needed to be removed from the consent agenda.

Mrs. Russell requested 2019-125 and resolution 2019-126 be removed from the consent agenda.

There were no other requests for removal.

Resolution 2019-119, Resolution Requesting Approval of item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) 2019 Summer Expansion Program for \$10,500.00

Resolution 2019-120, Resolution Requesting Approval of item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) 2016 Recycling Tonnage Grant for \$10,998.94

Resolution 2019-121, Resolution Requesting Approval of item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) Small Cities CDBG 2019 for \$100,000.00

Resolution 2019-122, Resolution Requesting Approval of item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) 2018 Body Armor 20740 for \$2,137.98

Resolution 2019-123, Resolution Awarding Change Order #3 to Charles Marandino LLC for the 2018 Road Improvement Program Project in the Amount of \$39,994.80 for a New Adjusted Contract Price of \$841,772.80 per ERI'S Letter Dated March 28th, 2019

Resolution 2019-124, Resolution Awarding a Contract to Eastern Environmental for the 2019 and 2020 Tree Maintenance Contract Effective April 15th, 2019 to December 31st, 2020

Resolution 2019-125, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Special Counsel/Bond Counsel

Resolution 2019-126, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Special Counsel/Conflicts Attorney

Resolution 2019-127, Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement with Independence Fire Co. No. 1 for the Borough's Use and Storage of Equipment in the Firehouse and Authorizing the Mayor to execute said Lease Agreement

Resolution 2019-128, Resolution approving amendments to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual dated October 19, 2018 with a new effective date of January 1, 2019.

Resolution 2019-129, Resolution Requesting Approval of item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) 2019 Municipal Aid-Temple Boulevard Reconstruction-Phase II for \$260,000.00.

Resolution 2019-130, Resolution Accepting the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety-OJJDP Award for the 2019 Summer Expansion Program in the amount of \$10,500.00 and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute all Necessary Documents.

Resolution 2019-131, Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to South Jersey Turf Consultants, LLC per the attached proposals for Maintenance, Cleaning and Repair of Artificial Turf Field in the amount of 10,039.90 and for Natural Turf Fields in the amount of \$17,989.26 for a Total Contract of \$28,029.16.

Resolution 2019-132, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of April 2019 In the Amount of \$1,777,961.00

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda Resolution 2019-119 thru Resolution 2019-124 and Resolution 2019-127 thru Resolution 2019-132. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-119 thru Resolution 2019-124 and Resolution 2019-127 thru Resolution 2019-132. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None

Resolution 2019-119 thru Resolution 2019-124 and Resolution 2019-127 thru Resolution 2019-132 noted in motion were approved

Mayor Arnold then went back to Resolution 2019-125 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Special Counsel/Bond Counsel

Mrs. Tait indicated RFS were requested and she wanted to recommend the firm Parker and McKay for Special Bond Counsel. Mayor Arnold agreed.

President Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-125. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Special Counsel/Bond Counsel, Parker and McKay. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

RECUSE: Mrs. Russell

Mayor Arnold then went to **Resolution 2019-126** Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Special Counsel/Conflicts Attorney

Mrs. Tait recommended Malamut and Associates for the Special Counsel/ Conflicts Attorney

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-126 Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Special Counsel/Conflicts Attorney, Malamut and Associates, LLC. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

RECUSE: Mrs. Russell

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS

President Howard made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2019. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

PRESENTATION

Ms. Jennifer Jones Hamilton of the New York Office of the U.S. Census Bureau gave a presentation regarding the upcoming 2020 Censes, Ms. Hamilton stated census data is used to appropriate over 275 billion dollars per year. Ms. Hamilton indicated she would partner with the Borough to establish a complete count committee. Ms. Hamilton also noted the United States Census Bureau will be hiring a lot of people for the 2020 Census and anyone interested should go to their website www.2020census.gov/jobs for additional information.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Mayor Arnold noted the Virtue for Life is offering Free Mammograms April 18th, 2019 at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Burlington, New Jersey.

Mayor Arnold noted the Independence Fire Company hosted its Annual Pancake this past Sunday at 8:00 am was a great turnout.

Mayor Arnold reminder all that April is Town wide Spring Clean- Up.

Mayor Arnold noted this past Saturday was the Celebration of Dr. Rev. Guy Campbell Jr's. 50 Pastoral Anniversary of Evergreen Baptist Church.

Ms. Weiner indicated the Art show at Palmyra Community Center on May 3rd, 2019 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

President Howard stated opening day for baseball was Saturday 13th, 2019.

PUBLIC REMINDERS

Mayor Arnold asked everyone to be aware of the crossing guards and children out now as the weather is getting nicer.

Mayor Arnold asked everyone to remember to clean up behind their dogs when visiting the parks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW Business

Mayor Arnold noted the following Public Events are coming soon, Community Cleanup Day on April 27th 2019 and Arbor Day Celebration at Charles Street School on May 3rd, 2019. Mrs. Russell indicated the May 3rd, 2019 date needs to be changed as Mr. Kaluhiokalani and Mr. Lehrian are not available that date. Mr. Gural stated he would contact Superintendent McBride for another date that is better suited. Mr. Gural indicated the events list has been posted on the special events and meeting calendars of the website. Mr. Gural noted only the official Borough of Palmyra events have been listed. Ms. Weiner asked why the events of the PIA were not listed on our calendar. Mr. Gural stated they are not official Borough of Palmyra events and they have not been approved by the governing body. Mr. Gural stated if we post one organization then other non-profit organization may also want their events posted on our calendar, what is done for one must be done for all. Some discussion ensued and it was decided that a policy would need to be in place to determine what would be placed on our calendars. Ms. Weiner indicated she was the liaison to the War Memorial Committee and the Palmyra Improvement Association. Mayor Arnold stated she was not aware that Borough Council had approved a liaison for the Palmyra Improvement Association or the War Memorial Committee. Ms. Weiner indicated it was brought up at the end of last year. Mrs. Tait indicated she brought it up last year so that someone would be aware on what was going on. Ms. Weiner indicated her being liaison for the War Memorial Committee was also not listed on the website. Mr. Gural noted that liaisons are appointed by resolution and we do not have resolutions making those appointments. Mr. Gural stated they may have been a casual choice, but unless it is done by resolution then it will not appear on our website.

Mayor Arnold indicated she would like for Council to have some sort of guidelines for the Farmers Market so everyone is aware of who and how the Market operates.

Mayor Arnold noted Palmyra & Public Safety Day will be held May 4th, 2019.

Mayor Arnold requested approval of NJ State Association of Chief of Police Annual Training Conference attendance for Chief Scott Pearlman on June 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 2019 in Atlantic City including a 3-night stay.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Chief Pearlman's request for overnight stay at the Chief of Police Training Conference in Atlantic City for 3 nights June 24th, 25th, and 26th. 2019. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

Council voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Casparro indicated the Palmyra Improvement Association is requesting approval of the Downtown Clean-up and flower planning project for April 27th, 2019. He explained the adopt-a-plot program and exactly what and where they wanted to plant flowers and weed. Mr. Casparro indicated they wanted to place a new flower pot in front of Jenny's Java. Mayor Arnold asked if it would fit given they were placing an application for outdoor dining. Mr. Casparro indicated he would with the Construction Official to determine the correct location for the pot. Mrs. Russell indicated there needs to be some consistency in the down town area, noting some flower bed areas have Belgium blocks and others don't. Mrs. Russell asked how we can go about getting that consistency with the Belgium block. Mr. Gural indicated if done in house, which would be least expensive, we are talking about a time consuming project which could go into the fall of this year. There was some discussion regarding a potential project and council decided to allow Mr. Gural to look into the possibility and getting back to council. Mr. Gural also noted the county would need to give permission as the Broad Street sidewalk is in a county right of way. Mayor Arnold asked Mr. Casparro if they would be monitoring and keeping up with the weeding throughout the year. Mr. Casparro indicated yes.

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the request from the Palmyra Improvement Association for the Downtown Clean-up/ Planting and new Flower Pot Request. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

Council voted in favor of the motion

Mrs. Tait indicated she had the Legion Field and Chief Payton I Flournoy, Sr. Park usage policy written and would be sending it to council for consideration. Mrs. Tait inquired about the date of the dedication of the Chief Payton I Flournoy Park. Mrs. Tait asked if the coordination of the police awards could be done at the same time as the dedication. Chief Pearlman indicated the awards are usually given out the second meeting in June. Mayor Arnold indicated she would try to coordinate those dates with the Flournoy Family. President Howard noted if it cannot be completed for that date perhaps we could hold the dedication and awards to National Night Out in August.

Mr. Allmond indicated he would have the Digital sign use policy draft next month.

Mr. Gural indicated the proposed laptops for use at Community Center proposal is included in your packets. Mr. Gural indicated the cost for 5 laptops, installation, Micro-Soft Home and Business software is \$7,200.00 thru Allcovered. Mr. Rosenberg asked how they would be secured so they did not just walk away. Mr. Gural indicated they would be stored at the Community Center and they would be signing them in and out. President Howard indicated the lock on the door from the kid's room would need to be changed as people still have keys to get into the computer room when the community center staff is not there. President Howard indicated the laptop use should be in the computer room only. Mr. Gural indicated council may wish to allow people to use those laptops in the lounge or a classroom. Mr. Gural indicated the staff would come up with a usage guide for the laptops. Ms. Weiner indicated she would like to know the computers are going to be used as this is a lot of money to spend. There was additional discussion regarding the use, cost, a policy, and various programs to use the computers. Ms. Weiner

stated she would like to see programs lined up for the computer use before we purchased them. Mayor Arnold asked if it can be put on the agenda for next month. Mrs. Russell and President Howard indicated they wished to move forward Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to purchase the computers. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve **Resolution 2019-133** Resolution authorizing the purchase of the laptops computers for the community center per the proposal presented by Allcovered in the amount of \$7,239.95. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

AYES. Mr. Allmond, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, President Howard

NAYES. Mrs. Weiner

Mr. Gural indicated Mrs. Weiner provided a list indicating all of the business in the Borough which registered last year, to post on our website under Business Listings for Market Place page.

Mr. Gural indicated he had no update regarding Main Harbour Drive .Mr. Gural indicate we have not received a response for them regarding a meeting.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated he has spoken with Camden County regarding their claim for reimbursement for former CCPD Office now a Palmyra Police department new hire. Mr. Rosenberg indicated we pay Camden County first, then the employee reimburses the Borough thru payroll deductions. Mr. Rosenberg indicated Camden County has agreed to reduce the amount of their claim. Chief Pearlman indicated the Borough is ultimately made whole.

Mr. Gural indicated DEP will be giving away free tree seedlings they can be will pick up in Moorestown on April 26th, 2019 at the Perkins Center. Mr. Gural noted the information will be placed on the website.

Mr. Gural indicated Mr. McMann, our accessor requested the digitizing of the Borough Tax Maps. Mr. Gural stated we asked our engineer for a cost proposal which came in at \$16,000.00, which we did not included in the budget. Mr. Gural stated we will digitize the minimum amount we can this year with is about 25% at a cost of about \$3,500.00 and the balance will be done and budgeted in 2020.

Mr. Gural indicated a new problem developed indicating PSE& G wants to repave Broad street want to work at night 8:00 pm to 5:00 am instead of during the day and the project could go as long as 10 days. There was a lengthy discussion with various suggestions of how it could be handled. Mr. Gural indicated we suggested they do Broad Street from Delaware Avenue to Rt. 73 during the day and Broad Street from Delaware to Morgan at night. Council indicated John and Chief Pearlman can handle it and get back to council as long as everyone is notified as to how it is going to be done.

OLD Business

Mr. Tait indicated PHSFEE won a \$3,000.00 grant to do a mural with the school children, and perhaps they could finish the mural at Tony's Barber shop. Ms. Weiner indicted the design part of the project was almost complete and time would not allow for it as that mural has to be completed soon. President Howard stated Tony's Barber Shop has some idea of what it is he wants so why don't we follow his idea. There was some discussion regarding various ideas and thoughts for the bottom of the wall. Mr. Gural indicated he wants a decision by mid-May. Arnold stated Tony wants the names of the business and the length of time they have. Mayor Arnold noted another mural design may clash with the existing mural. Mayor Arnold indicated if we don't want the names of the business on the bottom of the mural we need

to make a decision on something and move forward. Mrs. Tait agreed. There was some additional discussion regarding the project and Mayor Arnold indicated she would get some examples of the plaques and materials and bring them back to council for consideration.

Mr. Gural indicated the recreation subcommittee of council and he met with the YMCA regarding the Summer Camp Agreement and voiced our concerns. Mr. Gural indicated with the current discount many of our residents still can't afford the program so we asked for additional discounts for our residents and he is still waiting for additional feedback from the YMCA regarding that additional discount.

Mr. Gural indicated the South Side Rt. 73 Redevelopment Area update should be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Gural indicated we are talking about ordering additional holiday decorations & banners. Mr. Gural noted we already have banners for Market Street we just need to order the Military banners. Once Market Street is complete we will move back to Broad Street.

Ms. Weiner indicated she saw the textile flyer in the agenda packet but it is still not posted on the website. Ms. Weiner stated she thought we approved both flyers presented. Mr. Gural indicated nothing was approved just both were presented. There was some discussion regarding the two proposed flyers and Mr. Gural indicated he would make the flyer and post it on the website. Mayor Arnold asked Mr. Gural to post both flyers to the website.

Mrs. Russell indicated the Palmyra Improvement Association needs trash bags and pick-up of trash on April 27th, 2019.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gural indicated financial disclosure statements have been forwarded to all by Ms. Jackson. Those FDS need to be completed ASAP, if there are questions or if someone needs their password reset please contact Ms. Jackson

Mr. Gural stated the Artificial Turf Field Inspection & Certification should be complete in the next 30 to 40 days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Robinson indicated The presentation of "High School Musical" was this weekend at the Palmyra High School and Friday night was an almost sellout performance. Ms. Robinson indicated the spring concert is coming on May 9th, 2019 and World Culture day is coming May 18th, 2019. Ms. Robinson noted on March 26th, 2019 Environmental Day was celebrated.

Mr. Tait stated the Senior Prom will be held May 10th, 2019. Mr. Tait also noted the PARCC testing was just finished and spring break is the 19th thru 26th of April.

Mrs. Tait thanked the interact club and the other children who came out to help with the Easter egg filling and helped with the actual Easter Egg Hunt. Mrs. Tait indicated the school is gearing up to move the 6th grade over to the high school.

Ms. Weiner asked Mrs. Tait if there was going to be a public meeting in reference to parking in the downtown area, and if so what date is it going to be held. Mrs. Tait indicated it could be with either the Public Safety Committee or the Business and Community Development committee. After some discussion it was decided it would be a meeting with no more than three members from council and some of the business owners.

Mr. Howard indicated they went over the fields regarding concussions.

Mayor Arnold indicated the Harbour Condo Association held their board election tonight. Mayor Arnold also stated she attended a presentation at Perkins Art Center in Moorestown, which they have now opened another location in Collingswood, and they spoke about the possibility of opening another location here in Palmyra. Mayor Arnold indicated as she gets additional information she will be it to council. Mayor Arnold asked Ms. Weiner to work with her on the project. Mayor Arnold also noted she and Mr. Russell attended the ALICE training at Palmyra Schools.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion

Mr. Koltonuk – Broad Street. – Mr. Koltonuk indicated most of the people who are store owners here are not opposed to the vendors coming in for the farmers market. Mr. Bill complained about the trash on Broad Street especially from Dollar Store indicated Council needs to address it. Mr. Bill complained about parking on Broad Street, the conditions of the buildings for rent on Broad Street. Mr. Bill indicated we don't have a parking problem we have issues and the parking laws on the book are not being enforced. Mr. Bill stated Joe from Tony's Barber shop just wants painted on the building the business in town no vinyl.

Mrs. Furrer – Maryland Avenue – Mrs. Furrer indicated she worked with the PIA regarding the flower beds and plantings project last year in front of Palmyra Liquor Store. Mrs. Furrer indicated she noticed the cover for the water meter was broken. Mrs. Furrer indicated she was by there the other day and it still has not been repaired, so perhaps while the Water Company is in town it should be mentioned to them.

Bob Bostock– Morgan Avenue – Mr. Bostock indicated he complained about his neighbor who didn't follow the rules regarding leaf pickup. Mr. Bostock indicated he spoke with public works regarding the matter and the leaves were removed within two day. Mr. Bostock indicated when he was on Council the screening was done for our current Police Chief. Mr. Bostock stated he called the Chief Pearlman regarding the condition of the road which he felt was a road hazard and the Police and public works took care of it within one week. Mr. Bostock indicated he wanted to thank the police department, public works and the zoning/construction official for jobs well done.

Mr. Rader – Harbor drive – Mr. Rader asked why tax payer's monies were being used to pay for investigations sent to NJ Dept of Community affairs and to the State of realtors. How many investigations will there be and how much tax payer money is Council willing to spend on these

investigations? Mayor Arnold indicated this should not be responded to. Mr. Rosenberg indicated no reason to respond. President Howard indicated he would respond during his comments.

Mr. Furrer – Maryland Avenue – Mr. Furrer indicated if anyone wanted to see the investigation documents regarding the allegations he received an anonymous copy of them in the mail. Mr. Furrer indicated it was a shame, he was very surprised and if someone wanted a copy they could have it. Mr. Rosenberg inquired about the documents. Mr. Furrer indicated he received the packet in the mail and had no idea of who sent it. Mr. Rosenberg indicated the packet has already been open but he was going to open it again to review the contents. Mr. Rosenberg indicated the following documents, which should have been kept private, were

1. His letter to the Mayor, which was not intended for public dissemination at the time written.
2. The initial investigative report written by Daniel Rosenberg marked Privileged and Confidential

Mayor Arnold asked, if there was a return address, what was the date of the mailing, and where it was sent from? Mr. Rosenberg indicated there was no return address, the date of mailing appeared to be 3/21/19 and there was no location as to where it was sent from. Mayor Arnold asked who would have access to that privileged and confidential information. Mr. Rosenberg indicated he did not know everyone, but the report was discriminated to Mayor and the Governing body, Mr. Gural, Mr. Rosenberg went on and indicated also enclosed in the packet are documents which appear to be the alleged complaints. Mr. Rosenberg again noted it was not supposed to occur that these documents be discriminated currently. Mayor Arnold asked if the documents were those which were requested by Mr. Rader. Mr. Rosenberg indicated yes. There was some additional discussion. Mayor Arnold asked how this was going to be investigated, to determine who released those documents. Mr. Rosenberg indicated that was up to the governing body, it was not his decision. Mayor Arnold asked what the governing body was going to do. Mrs. Russell stated they could have been released by anyone sitting at the Dias including yourself. There was some additional discussion. Mr. Gural indicated he had two other members of the public give him packages appearing to be similar to the one Mr. Furrer received, which he reported to the governing body. Mr. Rosenberg indicated he was not aware of others that maybe out there or if there are other members of the public which have received these packets. Mr. Rosenberg indicated there are a lot of privacy interests that are implicated, Mayor Arnold, the identity of certain complaints, others individual who's names are mentioned during the normal course of business. Mrs. Russell asked if they were permitted to see what was in the packet. Mr. Rosenberg indicated you have seen them. Mr. Rosenberg indicated we could ask the Mayor and other individuals if they want this disclosed at this point. Mayor Arnold indicated the documents in the packet are privileged and confidential and we should not be talking about any details of any documents. There was some additional discussion. Mr. Rosenberg explained the OPRA process. Mayor Arnold noted that what she is being accused of; that the release of these documents is clearly an ethical violation of confidentiality and attorney client privilege. Mr. Rader asked where the reporter from the Burlington County Times got her information.

Mr. Taylor- Spring Garden Street – Mr. Taylor indicated he was just about to get up and indicate the council has shown great improvement in the manner in which they treat on another, her was glad he didn't. Mr. Taylor indicated there is a double standard. Mr. Taylor indicated this needs to stop and everyone needs to be ashamed of themselves. The governing body needs to work together. Mr. Taylor stated Spring Garden Street needs to asphalt.

Mayor Arnold left the meeting at 10:12

No one from the public wishing to be heard, President Howard asked for a motion to close the public portion. Mrs. Tait made a motion to close the public portion, Mrs. Russell second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Allmond – no comment

Mrs. Russell – no comment

Ms. Weiner – no comment

Mrs. McCann –no comments

Mrs. Tait – no comments

President Howard – no comments

President Howard asked if there was any business for executive session. Mr. Gural yes several matters.

President Howard asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 2019-134**. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-134, Resolution Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings pursuant to section 89 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P.L. 1975 regarding Personnel, and Potential Litigation. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None

Resolution 2019-134 is approved

Borough Council went into closed session at 10:16 PM

Closed Session

Borough Council returned from closed session at 11:12 PM

Mrs. Tait made a motion to open to the public. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

All voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn.

President Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

All voted in favor of the motion

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Doretha R Jackson, RMC