

Borough of Palmyra
Regular Council Caucus Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 21st, 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 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Brandon Allmond, Mrs. Michelle McCann, Mrs. Bernadette Russell, Mrs. Gina Tait, Ms. Mindie Weiner, President Timothy Howard, Mayor Michelle Arnold

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

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the October 7th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes:

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from October 7th, 2019.

Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

AYES: Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner

NAYES: none

Abstain: Mr. Allmond, President Howard

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the October 7th, 2019 Executive Session Meeting minutes:

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 7th, 2019.

Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

AYES: Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tait, Ms. Weiner

NAYES: none

Abstain: Mr. Allmond, President Howard

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Arnold acknowledged the following correspondence received:

Letter- Cinnaminson Township Zoning Board of Adjustment

Letter- Linda Doherty, President & CEO NJ Food Council

Letter- Lori Leonard, Habitat for Humanity

Letter- Felicia Hopson, Burlington County Freeholder, County Economic Development Roundtable

Letter- Mark Remsa, Director of Economic Development and Regional Planning at Burlington County Bridge Commission

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Arnold read the following Proclamation into the record. "A Day Without Water"

WHEREAS, the annual national day of advocacy, "Imagine a Day Without Water" being held on October 23, 2019 is an organized effort to educate the public about why water as an essential, invaluable resource, highlighting the critical importance of access to reliable, clean water and the need for water infrastructure investments necessary to maintain and rebuild these vital systems.

WHEREAS, the infrastructure that brings Palmyra residents water, and then safely returns water to the environment is essential to the quality of life, environment and economic vitality of Borough of Palmyra; and

WHEREAS, a day without water would be a public health and safety crisis due to the impacts which would limit the abilities of safety personnel such as firefighters and hospitals staff to do their jobs, as well as businesses and homes to function; and

WHEREAS, America's water infrastructure is aging and failing, and there are communities that have never had access to infrastructure in the first place; and

WHEREAS, living without water is an economic crisis, considering a single nationwide day without water service would put \$43.5 billion in economic activity at risk; and

WHEREAS, demographic changes and climate pressures, including natural disasters like droughts, flooding, and wildfires, threaten our infrastructure and increase the possibility of a day without water; and

WHEREAS, our water infrastructure supports every facet of our daily lives, but is facing unprecedented challenges; and

WHEREAS, these challenges look different to different communities and will require local solutions, but it's clear that reinvestment in our water systems must be a national priority; now;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Palmyra recognizes water is essential to the quality of life and economic competitiveness and acknowledges the importance of educating the public about the value of water through the "Imagine a Day Without Water" campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Borough is dedicated to investing in safe and reliable water and wastewater infrastructure and calls on our federal partners to bring much-needed funding and innovation to protect and restore our critical water infrastructure.

Mayor Arnold then invited the Boy Scouts Troop 9 and Mr. Mazier to the podium. Mr. Mazier indicated he was the assistant scout master of Boy Scout Troop #9. Mr. Mazier stated the Boy scouts are here tonight observing the Borough Council and noting communication methods of the governing body. He indicated some scouts had questions they would like to ask of the governing body.

Some of the questions asked are as follows:

How are you planning on keeping the kids safe city council to see how are you planning on keeping kids safe during Halloween?

How beneficial is the Boy Scout Troop pantry to the Borough?

What things are you doing in regards to recycling?

What is the day-to-day routine of the governing body?

What are the benefits, other than enjoyment, of Palmyra Day?

What do you believe is the most important constitutional right?

Mr. Mazier inquired, if one needed to do a service project for the town, to make Eagle Scout, who would I speak to first regarding that project.

There was discussion about the question and answers amongst the governing body and Boy Scout Troop #9. Mr. Mazier thanked the governing body for their time.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

William Kirchner, ERI- Mr. Kirchner spoke about the following projects:

Landscaping proposals – Mr. Kirchner indicated they have solicited four quotes however only received one response. Mr. Kirchner indicated the quote exceeded what the engineer anticipated the cost to be. Mr. Kirchner noted the contractor cannot begin until November 1st, 2019 which is close to weather changing into winter season. Mr. Kirchner recommended we hold off for now and look to do this in the early spring. Mr. Gural stated if we postpone to the spring we could incorporate into the budget for next year. Council indicated they would wait until the spring.

Mr. Kirchner indicated they submitted a proposal for additional work on Rowland and Madison Streets. Mr. Kirchner indicated they are getting ready to do the sewer replacement on New Jersey Avenue. Mr. Kirchner stated they would complete the designs and include them as alternate bid items within the

main project. Mr. Kirchner stated if council is inclined to agree the hope to have the project out to bid sometime in November and award in December of this year.

Mr. Kirchner indicated the next proposal was for on call contracting services for 2020, this is done every year, he explained. He indicated it would be awarded in January of 2020.

Mr. Kirchner stated NJAW intends to do additional work on, Maryland, Virginia, Oregon, Leconey Circle, 2nd Street, Walnut Street and Pear Street. Mr. Kirchner indicated he is talking with NJAW, to determine what the most cost effective manner is to get those streets repaved. He indicated he and Mr. Gural were working on it and would get back to council when they had additional information.

Mr. Kirchner explained the various valve issues at the sewer plant. He indicated the repairs to the various valves has been costly. Mr. Gural indicated we may have to do an emergency appropriation for the funding, however currently Ms. Condo is looking around in the budget to see if we can find the funding for the \$54,000.00 cost. Mr. Kirchner also noted, this fixed the current problem however additional work will be needed next year and the cost could be as much as \$100,000.00. Mr. Kirchner indicated the cost will be included in the, bid specs/ proposal for on call maintenance contract, so we will have an idea of what to include in the budget for next year. Mr. Gural indicated after some conversation with Ms. Condo they wished to change the bill list to pay Neri's Construction the \$54,127.00 and let Ms. Condo and Mr. Gural figure out the best way to fund that payment. There was some additional discussion regarding the valves, the current cost and the potential cost for next year's budget and the way of how it could be funded, budget, capital, emergency etc. Council agreed to allow Mr. Gural and Ms. Condo determine how it should be funded.

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

Mr. Schwartz- Palmyra Arms Apartments- Mr. Schwartz indicated we have a drug problem in the apartments and nothing is being done about it. Mr. Schwartz indicated it is a cancer which we must get rid of.

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 2019-10, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 195, of the Code of the Borough of Palmyra regarding the Operation of Business within the Borough of Palmyra.

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

All members present voted in favor of the motion

Mrs. Veitenheimer – Rowland Street- Mrs. Veitenheimer asked if the Ordinance change could be explained. Mr. Rosenberg explained.

No one from the public wishing to be heard, 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 Arnold asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-10. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-10. 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

RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda

Resolution **2019-230** to Resolution **2019-236** 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 indicated Resolution 2019-235 would be removed to amend the dollar amount. Mayor Arnold asked if any other items needed to be removed from the consent agenda. Ms. Weiner requested Resolution 2019-236 be removed.

Resolution 2019-230, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra Amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual Regarding Bereavement Leave for Part-Time and Seasonal Employees

Resolution 2019-231, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra Amending the Personal Policies and Procedures Manual Regarding Reimbursement of Travel Expenses

Resolution 2019-232, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra Amending the Personal Policies and Procedures Manual Regarding Overtime

Resolution 2019-233, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra incentivizing full-time employees eligible for NJ State Health Benefits to consider Horizon OMNIA Health Plan by offering \$1,000.00 financial incentive per the attached Borough and State program requirements

Resolution 2019-234, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Shared Service Agreement with the Burlington County Freeholders for certain services.

Resolution 2019-235, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of October 2019 In the Amount of \$1,352,493.26

Resolution 2019-236, Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Business Directory Kiosk in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00, a capital expense exceeding \$15,000.00

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda Resolution 2019-230 thru Resolution 2019-234. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-230 thru Resolution 2019-234. Mrs. Tait 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

Mayor Arnold then went back to 2019-235. Mr. Gural and Mayor Arnold indicated the new amount of the bill list is \$1,406,620.26. Ms. Weiner indicated she also had other questions regarding the bill list.

Ms. Weiner stated she had questions regarding the paver bill the Borough received. Ms. Weiner stated at the last meeting she expressed how disappointed she was with the handling of the etching and placement of the pavers. Ms. Weiner stated there was more than the placement and the font of some bricks, there were also pavers that were paid for and not etched and some that were etched but not paid for. Ms. Weiner indicated there were concerns regarding paying the invoice. Ms. Weiner indicated the bricks that were not paid, have since been paid for. Mayor Arnold indicated all pavers paid by the cutoff were engraved. There was some additional discussion regarding the billing and exactly what the cost was for. Ms. Weiner indicated some of the pavers which were paid for in a timely manner were not etched and those people will have to wait until the next time the engraver comes, which could be weeks. There was some additional discussion regarding various issues with the pavers. Ms. Weiner indicated the bill will be paid however it is just upsetting and the four Flournoy bricks are not in the center where they should be. Ms. Weiner indicated she did not know how to fix it, but it needs to be fixed. Mrs. Russell indicated the vendor is not at fault in any manner, he did as instructed. Mayor Arnold indicated all pavers paid for before the cutoff were engraved. Mayor Arnold indicated the two hundred dollars service fee was not supposed to be paid and as noted she questioned that with the company and the engineer. Mayor Arnold indicated the layout was derived because some people purchased a number of bricks that in total spelled out a message so need to be aligned together. Mayor Arnold indicated when the proofs were sent she could not open the proof email. Mayor Arnold indicated three bricks were sent with a check for the incorrect amount thus a delay in their payment. Mayor noted the other four bricks in question, she was going to bring to the governing body to see if they wanted to pitch in and pay for them or to waiver the fee for them, however she just decided to pay for them herself. There was some additional discussion.

Mayor Arnold indicated the bill list amount was changed to \$1,406,620.26.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-235. **Resolution 2019-235**, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of October 2019 In the Amount of \$1,406,620.26.

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-235. Mrs. McCann 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

Mayor Arnold then moved on to 2019-236

Resolution 2019-236, Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Business Directory Kiosk in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00, a capital expense exceeding \$15,000.00.

Ms. Weiner indicated this was brought to the Business and Community Development Committee and was discussed and their thought/suggestion was that we not move forward with the kiosk at this time. Ms. Weiner stated the money was placed in the budget, but not approved. Ms. Weiner noted no money was borrowed or was spent from the budget for this item. A little discussion was had. Mayor Arnold pulled the resolution 2019-236 from consideration. There was no vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURERS REPORTS

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 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

BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY

Mr. Gural handed out the Best Practices Inventory commenting and noting our responses for each item. He went over all the questions in detail that are on the Best Practices inventory questioner and asked if there were questions regarding our responses. Mr. Gural indicated he will email it to all and will also forward to the state before October 30th, 2019.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Mayor Arnold noted the following events:

The Soup Bar grand opening is scheduled for Sunday, October 27th, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

Ms. Weiner indicated the Halloween Parade Committee will be doing the Halloween House decorating Contest and bug counting contest this month.

Mayor Arnold noted the following events held last week:

Palmyra Harbour Art Festival held October 20th, 2019 which was well attended.

Palmyra Fire Company Designer Bag Bingo was held October 20th, 2019.

Ms. Weiner indicated the PIA held their Trunk or Treat on October 19th, 2019.

Mrs. Russell noted The Palmyra High School Homecoming was held on Friday October 18th, 2019.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW Business

Ms. Weiner indicated the final Farmers Market will be held on October 24th, 2019 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. She noted they are looking forward to a photo taking area and pumpkin decorating contest with the help of the PTA and Halloween Parade Committee.

Mrs. Tait indicated the Halloween Parade will be held October 30th, 2019 starting 7:00 p.m. will end at legion field.

Mayor Arnold indicated that Veterans Day is November 11th, 2019 and the War Memorial Committee indicated they will not have a medal ceremony this year but are planning something special for next year.

Mayor Arnold indicated the Holiday Event and Santa Visit will be on December 6th, 2019. Mrs. Tait indicated the theme is "The Night Before Christmas" and additional information will be coming at the next meeting.

Mr. Gural indicated he forwarded the new CDL and General Drug & Alcohol Testing Policies to council. He indicated he wanted to have those policies adopted at the next meeting.

Mr. Gural stated all public works and sewer employees hold CDL licenses and are obligated to federal rules and regulations regarding those licenses.

Mr. Gural stated, he, Ms. Jackson and Mr. McGill attended the Designated Employee Representative Training sponsored by JIF explaining the new CDL requirements, including drug/ alcohol testing policies, and national Clearinghouse CDL registration. Mr. Gural indicated this includes reviewing all CDL License and motor vehicle licenses abstracts of employees of the Borough annually.

Mr. Gural also noted we have an Employee Assistance program, which has not been used as extensively as we would like, however moving forward we need a more comprehensive program which has a SAP (substance abuse professional). Mr. Gural indicated we have someone we have been working with over the past few years who holds the necessary federal accreditation for handling CDL licenses, who has presented us with a proposal and we are hoping to move forward with this company in 2020 and let our previous company know we will no longer require their services. Mr. Gural indicated a resolution will be on the agenda for council's consideration at the next meeting.

Mayor Arnold indicated BCRCC Voice of Business 2020 nominations due November 15th, 2019. Awards will be awarded on April 20th, 2020. Mayor Arnold indicated council would talk about it some more and perhaps come up with something.

Rice Notice – Chief Scott Pearlman

Chief Pearlman indicated he was here tonight seeking direction as to his reporting to Borough Council. Chief Pearlman stated it was his understanding that all of his notifications were to go to the Director of Public Safety, who is the liaison to the police department. Ms. Weiner indicated all communications Chief Pearlman has done has been professional. Ms. Weiner noted everyone has seen the emails and she was embarrassed by the manner in which Chief Pearlman was spoken to. Mrs. Tait stated all communication should go thru the public safety director and committee as Chief Pearlman previously stated. Mayor Arnold indicated the information stated was correct and by no means did she wish to circumvent anyone's authority or position, she simply wanted the information to be shared with the Mayor. Chief Pearlman indicated the Mayor's email from June was threatening to him. Mayor Arnold stated to the Chief, if she hurt your feelings, she apologized and felt this was something which they could have had a conversation about. Mayor Arnold noted she has asked in the past to be included in information being disseminated to residents etc.

Chief Pearlman questioned the manner in which he was told to address mails be sent to the public safety committee and the governing body. He noted he believed and was told he should address the Public Safety Director and committee before addressing anyone else. He asked if that was the correct manner. Ms. Weiner indicated she felt the Chief was here trying to handle a situation professionally

which he has been put in many different times. Chief Pearlman indicated he was here asking the governing body to tell him exactly what they want to be told and how. There was some additional discussion and comments. Mr. Allmond indicated he trusted the Chief's discretion and he saw no issue with the manner in which the Chief has been handling things, President Howard agreed. Mrs. Russell noted this is not the first time this has occurred.

Old Business

Mr. Gural indicated the next steps for the downtown parking possible changes, are notifications to residents and business regarding the downtown parking & parking lot changes. Mr. Gural stated we don't want to advance the introduction of the ordinance until we have had comments from the business owners and residents regarding the proposed changes. There was some additional discussion. Mrs. Russell asked what the time frame is. Ms. Weiner was hoping to have it available for introduction at the next meeting November 4th, 2019.

Mayor Arnold indicated we have been invited to submit a full application for the Transform South Jersey – Community Heart & Soul Program. Mr. Gural indicated the application is due December 6th, 2019 and there is a lot of work to be completed by that time. Mr. Gural explained it is a \$100,000.00 grant payable over a two-year period to implement the Community Heart & Soul Program. Mr. Gural indicated currently he is noted as the contact person, but moving forward we need to identify a municipal representative, who would take this project forward next year. Mr. Gural indicated we also need to identify one local direct partner for this project. Mr. Gural indicated of the 32 invited only 10 will be chosen to move forward in January 2020.

Mr. Gural stated we need a committee of three from the governing body to get busy with this project. Mr. Gural indicated he, Mrs. Nagle and Mrs. Sykes would help from the staff. Mrs. Weiner, Mrs. Russell, Mayor Arnold and Mrs. Tait indicated they were willing to help from the governing body, Mrs. Weiner indicated she would step back if the other three wanted to proceed. Mayor Arnold indicated the PIA will be the direct partner.

Mayor indicated the sign ordinance regarding political signs should not be discussed at this time. Mr. Rosenberg indicated, given the time of year we are currently in, it would be ill advised to introduce that ordinance today. Mrs. McCann indicated she did want to move it forward today. Mr. Allmond explained it can wait until a later date as nothing is going to happen that would change anything currently going on. Mr. Allmond indicated it will not go away, it will be included in the changes to the sign ordinance. Mr. Allmond indicated he would put together a Social media policy and bring it to council for consideration.

Mr. Gural indicated he currently had no update for the Palmyra Riverfront contract amendment to provide salting & brining.

Mr. Gural asked council what they wished to do with the holiday lights on Borough Hall. Mayor Arnold asked about the community center. Ms. McCann asked if wreaths could be placed on the doors of Borough hall. President Howard indicated we should outline the building with lights. Mrs. Russell wished to update the lights on the building and install rope lights around the poles. Mr. Gural indicated something would be worked out.

Mr. Gural indicated we will have budget transfers at the next meeting.

Mr. Gural stated the information has been disseminated for the 2020 budget, all budgets are due back to the administrator by December 6th, 2019

Mr. Gural also noted the verified complaint has been filed with the court, between the Borough of Palmyra and Active Realty Profit Sharing plan regarding 620-622 Highland Avenue property.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gural indicated he is working on a new episode of "Did You Know", just has not got it out yet. Ms. Weiner indicated she had a suggestion regarding collecting pumpkins that are not painted to take to the Cove to feed the deer, if it's ok with the Cove.

Mr. Gural indicated everyone will be signed up for the JIF Elected Officials Liability Seminar on December 5th, 2019 at O'Connor's. Mr. Gural indicated there is also a session being held at the NJLM Convention but it is a little different.

Mr. Gural noted we requested a check for the BURLCO JIF dividend, in the amount of \$8600.00.

Mr. Gural indicated the PRC Lion's Club plaque will be installed next Friday, he noted at the same time the permanent plaque for Chief Payton Flournoy will also be installed and the temporary removed. Mr. Gural stated that if council wished they could purchase the temporary one for \$150.00 and give it to the family. Council agreed to purchase it and give it to the family.

Mr. Gural indicated the Quench water coolers have been installed.

Mr. Gural indicated we are now members of the Downtown New Jersey and there is additional information in your packets regarding that program.

Mr. Gural indicated the JIF program is offering a Land Use Liability Training which every member of the Land Use Board who participates, get and additional \$50,000.00 in coverage. Mr. Gural indicated we will make this a mandatory training for the Land Use Board Members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Russell – Construction- Shade Tree Liaison – Mrs. Russell indicated that Mr. Pettit is continuing classes to get his certifications. Mrs. Russell indicated all other areas have already been covered. Mrs. Russell stated that the committee looked over the ordinance regarding trailers, she noted the possibility of the changing the length of the trailer from 20 to 25 ft., and indicated a consideration of changing the natural barrier requirements. Mrs. Russell indicated the committee is looking at the complete ordinance and will bring something to council for consideration.

Mrs. McCann – Administration and Finance– Ms. McCann stated the Admin and Finance committee met and discussed the paver etching, placement and billing.

Ms. Weiner – Business and Community Development, Homeowner Association – Ms. Weiner indicated the committee met and discussed the trash issues in the down town area. Ms. Weiner stated the committee discussed placing ashtrays in the downtown area attached to the light poles. Ms. Weiner indicated there is money in the clean communities' grant which could be used for payment of the ashtrays. Ms. Weiner showed council pictures of the ashtrays. Mayor Arnold asked that we get thoughts from the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall regarding usage. Mr. Gural indicated he would inquire from PSE&G about attaching ashtrays to the light poles. There was some discussion regarding contacts at PSE&G. Ms. Weiner indicated some trashcans in the downtown area are overflowing and more than once a week trash collection is needed. Mr. Gural indicated, Republic picks the trash up on Tuesdays

and public works picks it up on Friday. Mayor Arnold asked if it was possible to have recycling containers placed in the downtown area as there currently are none. Ms. Weiner indicated she attended the Riverfront Homeowners meeting and updated them regarding various events and ongoing projects. Ms. Weiner indicated they inquired about the kiosk and noted they were not in favor of having one. Ms. Weiner stated the Green Team has lost a key member of the team so they are reorganizing and working on how to move forward with educating the public with all things green. Ms. Weiner noted we are still waiting for the signs from, the breath right program.

Mr. Allmond –Communications and Public Relations Committee– Mr. Allmond indicated he will be sending out emails later this week soliciting information for the next edition of the Borough Newsletter.

Mrs. Tait – Public Safety Committee, Board of Education, Public Events– Mrs. Tait stated the committee met and the problem at legion field has been corrected. Mrs. Tait stated she met with a resident who does sound buffering, he indicated some things which could be done to improve the hearing in the gym at the community center. Mrs. Tait indicated she will be looking further into the idea. Mrs. Tait indicated the committee met with the athletic associations who informed us of the hole in the fence on Chestnut Street. Mrs. Tait indicated the hole is getting bigger.

President Howard – Youth and Recreation, Public Building, Grounds and Parks, Public Works & Sewer– President Howard asked if the “NO Parking Sign” had been placed in the area where we had the sewer collapse. Mr. Gural noted he would look into it. President Howard indicated the PAL/RIV Association’s basketball league is going into a new league, a travel league, which is more restrictive and will have 16 games instead of 8.

Mayor Arnold asked President Howard if he attended the DVRPC meeting. President Howard indicated he had attended the meeting however found most of the information presented related to various things they were working on in Pennsylvania. Mayor Arnold asked if we were participating in restaurant week. Ms. Weiner indicated not this year, but perhaps next. Mayor Arnold asked Chief Pearlman if the Department was participating in no shave November. Chief Pearlman indicated yes. Mayor Arnold indicated she attended the Harbour Condo Association meeting and they are still having trash issues. She noted the trash collection has been very early in the morning before our noise ordinance allows. Mr. Gural stated he was looking into it.

Mayor Arnold asked if the \$20,000.00 donation from the Mitchell estate to the Palmyra Police Department was specifically given for a k-9 dog. Chief Pearlman noted the donation was not specifically ear marked for anything. Chief Pearlman indicated how the prior money used, was spent, noting it was primarily for community outreach and stated that there is about \$2,500.00 remaining. Mayor Arnold stated she had a question regarding the purchase of the cookies for the dedication of the park. Mayor Arnold stated the cost of purchasing those cookies was not talked about and decided at a meeting. Mrs. Russell indicated it was mentioned, Mayor Arnold noted we talked about placing the badge on the cookie but did not discuss the cost for obtaining them. Mayor Arnold asked that when moving forward we bring all costs before council to have it approved so there are no surprises when the bills arrive. Ms. Weiner indicated there are only two months left in the year and it would be nice if the Mayor would share all upcoming events with the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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 asked for a motion to close the public portion. Mrs. Tait made a motion to close the public portion, President Howard second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no Council comments.

Mayor Arnold asked if there was any additional business for executive session. Mr. Gural indicated yes regarding Negotiations, Contracts

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 2019-237**. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-237, Resolution Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings pursuant to section 89 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P.L. 1975 regarding Contract Negotiations. 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: None

Resolution 2019-237 was approved

Borough Council went into closed session at 9:51 PM

Closed Session

Borough Council returned from closed session at 10:16 PM

Mrs. Russell made a motion to open to the public. President Howard second the motion.

All voted in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-238, Resolution Authorizing the Assignment of the Palmyra's Fillit Judgement to Cherokee. 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 2019-238 was approved

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

All voted in favor of the motion

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Doretha R. Jackson

Doretha R Jackson, RMC

Municipal Clerk