

**BOROUGH OF PALMYRA**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:00 AM**

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra was called to order by Municipal Clerk, Doretha Jackson at 11:00 am.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence.

Ms. Jackson then read the following open public meetings statement into the record:

Public Notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act has been given by the Municipal Clerk in the following manner:

- A. Posting written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Palmyra Borough Hall on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- B. Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, Courier Post newspaper on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- C. Notice to all Council Members.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

New Mayor, Gina Ragomo Tait was sworn in as Mayor of the Borough of Palmyra for a 4 year term by U.S. Congressman Donald Norcross. Mrs. Tait was accompanied by her children, Patrick Tait, Liza Tait and Nicholas Tait.

Bernadette Russell was sworn in as Councilmember of the Borough of Palmyra for a 3 year term by her daughter, Constance Russell Tous, Esq., Deputy Attorney General. Mrs. Russell was accompanied by her husband Mark Russell, son-in-law, Marc Tous, grandchildren, Iris Tous, Callum Tous, AJ Tous and mother-in-law, Patricia Russell.

Farrah Jenkins was sworn in as Councilmember of the Borough of Palmyra for a 3 year term by Jacquelyn Rivers, Esq. Mrs. Jenkins was accompanied by her husband Calvin Perrin, uncle, John Turner, brother, Dermarc Jenkins, and sisters Telyna Jenkins, Nerrissa Jenkins-Sherrills.

**The new Council was then convened with a roll call.**

**PRESENT:** Brandon Allmond, Timothy Howard, Farrah Jenkins, Michelle McCann, Bernadette Russell, Mayor Gina Ragomo Tait

**ABSENT:** none

Mayor Tait indicated there was a council vacancy due to her taking the Mayoral seat. Mayor Tait indicated that at the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Borough Council meeting council received a list; from Mrs. Allie Rossignol of the Palmyra Democratic County Committee; of individuals to consider filling the seat of the unexpired term of Councilwoman Gina Ragomo Tait. (Term to expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.) The following were the names on the list.

Dr. Laura Craig Cloud  
Dwayne Robinson  
Allie Rossignol

Mayor Tait opened the floor for nominations for the vacant council seat.

Mr. Howard nominated Dr. Laura Craig Cloud to fill the vacant council seat.

Hearing no more nominations, Mayor Tait closed the nominations.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to accept the nominee, Dr. Laura Craig Cloud to fill the vacant council seat. Mr. Howard made a motion to accept the nominee for Dr. Laura Craig Cloud to fill the unexpired council seat of Gina Tait. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

Mayor Tait asked for a roll call vote to approve Dr. Laura Craig Cloud to fill the unexpired council seat of Gina Tait.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

**AYES. Mr. Allmond, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell**

**NAYES. none**

**Mayor Tait opened the floor for nominations for Council President.**

Mrs. McCann nominated Timothy Howard for Council President.

Hearing no more nominations, Mayor Tait closed the nominations.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to accept the nominee, Timothy Howard as Council President.

Mrs. McCann made a motion to accept the nominee Timothy Howard as Council President. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

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

**AYES. Mr. Allmond, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell**

**NAYES. none**

Congratulations to Mr. Howard our new Council President.

**Mr. Howard was sworn in as Council President of the Borough of Palmyra** by U S Congressman Donald Norcross. Mr. Howard was accompanied by his son Malik Howard and his grandson William Jr.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DIGNITARIES**

Mayor Tait acknowledged special guests in the audience, U.S. Congressman Donald Norcross, Burlington County Freeholder Balvir Singh; Chief of Police, Scott Pearlman; Chief of the Fire Department, Rick Dreby; Deputy Fire Chief Allen Zimmerman; Palmyra School Board Vice-President, Mark Russell; Riverton Mayor Suzanne Cairns Wells; former Councilwoman Mindie Weiner, Riverton Councilman Jim Quinn.

#### **STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS – Mayor Gina Ragomo Tait**

Mayor Tait stated this year the Borough stayed under 2% for tax increase, thus assuring the residents that the Borough is running very efficiently with their tax dollars. Mayor Tait noted we have continued major road improvements with the 1.1 million in grant money we received. Our engineers from ERI have worked diligently with the utilities PSEG and NJ American Water to lower the cost of road repairs for the taxpayers. We will be tackling Temple Blvd this spring and additional road improvements are planned. A solution for the flooding on Temple Blvd is a Rain Garden with a basin underneath to hold excess runoff water, this project is also funded by a grant from the state.

Mayor Tait stated, redevelopment has been exciting with the old PNC Bank property. The final stage of obtaining the property will be coming soon. This project will enable a local businessman to begin construction/ renovations on the property. Mayor Tait noted on the Redevelopment area on South Side of Rt. 73, we have obtained a Redeveloper with the help of Tony Finely of the Department of Environmental Protection. Council authorized a conditional redevelopment agreement with Stock Development Group, Inc. and we have extended that conditional redevelopment agreement for an additional 120 days so the redeveloper can continue his due diligence with the Fillet property and the contamination. We are waiting on many results from the Redeveloper to see when and if the project is a good fit for them and what can be placed in the redevelopment area. Mayor Tait also noted the Land Use Board took action to authorize a study to see if the old K of C building qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment. Mayor Tait indicated additional exciting news will be forthcoming.

Mayor Tait stated the parking issues were addressed by Council and should be put into place after some fine tuning with the local businesses input. Mayor Tait said it should occur in the first quarter 2020.

Mayor Tait indicated the Borough is working with the community's nonprofit organizations and volunteers on a grant to bring the community together. She indicated there were several meetings with great turnout and the 2nd stage of the grant was submitted on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Mayor Tait noted we were just notified that Palmyra made it to the next step which includes a site visit by the organization that is offering the grant. Great job done by all!

Mrs. Tait indicated she would like to see movement towards encouraging Palmyra residents to get involved in community projects; volunteering is the key to making the Borough run smoothly, attracting new business, and bringing in new residents. Mayor Tait stated she would be holding get to know your neighbor gatherings all over town once the weather breaks. "I feel that if everyone knows and cares about their neighbors, people will take more interest and ownership of Palmyra." Mayor Tait also indicated she would like to have a Mayor Advisory Board that could make recommendations regarding what the Borough could do to make Palmyra better.

Mayor Tait stated all should keep updated with the Borough's website regarding the things happening around town, and do not hesitate to email or call her with and concerns or ideas.

## **CORRESPONDANCE**

Mayor Tait asked Ms. Jackson if there was correspondence for Borough Council.

Ms. Jackson indicated yes and acknowledged the following:

Letter from Laine Rankin, NJDOT- Division of Local Aid and Economic Development  
Letter from Melanie R. Walter, Chairperson- Local Finance Board, State of New Jersey  
Notification from Ivan Alvarez, DEP Emergency Management Program  
Email from Erick Estrada, Transform South Jersey, Heart & Soul Program and  
A Thank-You Note from Linda Yansick  
An email from Mrs. Arnold regarding Land Use Board appointments

President Howard asked Mr. Gural if the letter received from the Local Finance Board indicated the specific charges according to the statutes had to be resubmitted. Mr. Gural indicated, yes; to be more specific regarding the actual violations of the law. Mr. Rosenberg indicated that was correct as stated by Mr. Gural; the Borough should specify the specific ethical violation and have an individual sign the complaint which should then be resubmitted.

Mayor Tait indicated a new section has been added to the agenda. Mayor Tait notes that heading is **Redevelopment Update**.

Mayor Tait asked Mr. Gural to explain. Mr. Gural stated this new section on the agenda will be used to update everyone regarding any redevelopment matters pending before the governing body also to keep everyone informed as to what is occurring with our redevelopment projects. Mr. Gural stated we will not be holding separate meetings for redevelopment but instead will incorporate that subject into our regular meetings so as much time as needed to any particular topic will be available and all will be informed without having to attend any additional meetings. Mr. Gural indicated Mayor Tait during her Borough address updated two of our current redevelopment projects.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Tait indicated moving forward we will be having only one public comments session which you will be able to address any item on the agenda on anything you wish to bring before the governing body. Mayor Tait indicated she wanted to give everyone the opportunity to share their ideas or thoughts and not have to sit thru the entire meeting to do so if they choose.

Mayor Tait then 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. Rader- Harbour Drive-** Mr. Rader asked if when resolutions and ordinances are first introduced in writing on the council meeting agenda is there a requirement that they be read aloud before a motion to accept is made. Mr. Rosenberg indicated no, there is no requirement for them to be read. Mr. Rader asked if the invocation would be eliminated at all council meetings. Mayor Tait indicated today it was not on the agenda, and no decision has been made moving forward. Mr. Rader indicated Resolution 2020-50 appoints three chaplains for the Police Department. Mr. Rader suggested perhaps that could be coordinated for Borough Council. Mr. Rader indicated eliminating the second public portion he felt eliminates additional comments people may have to say.

**Ms. Weiner – Charles Street-** Ms. Weiner stated she thought it was wonderful to move the public portion to the beginning and it was a benefit to all residents, she noted it was good the people would be able to speak their thoughts and not have to wait until the very end as some meetings can be quite long. Ms. Weiner also noted that people come here for Borough business and religion in this setting she felt was offensive. Ms. Weiner congratulated and wished all of Council well.

**Balvir Singh – Burlington County Freeholder-** Mr. Singh wished the Borough, Mayor and Council well and noted he was looking forward to working with all. Mr. Singh indicated at their meetings they have two public comments sections and he felt they lose people and comments

because people have to wait to the second comment portion to speak and they don't have time to sit thru a two and half hour meeting to express a problem or concern. Mr. Singh indicated it was thoughtful to allow people to comment earlier in the meeting.

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

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

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS – NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Council Committees Appointments**
- B. Mayor's Annual Appointments**
- C. Annual Citizen Appointments**
- D. Notice of Annual Borough Council Caucus Meeting and Regular Meeting Dates**

**Mayor Tait then read the following.**

#### **Mayor's Annual appointments**

Borough Administrator/Human Resource Officer	John Gural
Board of Health Secretary /Deputy Clerk	Marie Nagle
Tax Search Officer/ Alternate Registrar	Danielle Lippincott
Deputy Registrar	Doretha Jackson
Municipal Lien Search Officer/ Fair Housing Officer	Doretha Jackson
Community Center Exercise Facility Director	Tracy Kilmer
Police Records Clerk	Renay Montgomery
Crossing Guards	All names on resolution
Storm Water Coordinator	John Gural
Tree Officer	Jon Petite
Clean Communities Coordinator	Mark Allen
Recycling Coordinator	Earnest McGill
Police Matron	Geraldine Bright
Emergency Management Coordinator	Richard K. Dreby
1 <sup>st</sup> Deputy Emergency Mgmt.	Tracy Kilmer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Deputy Emergency Mgmt.	John Skowronski
CERT Team	All names on resolution
Fire Chief	Richard Dreby
Deputy Fire Chief	Allen Zimmerman
1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion Chief	Michael Stokes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion Chief	Howard Dreby
Fire Police/Fire Department Captain	William Quigg

Fire Police/Fire Department Lieutenant  
Fire Police  
Fire Chaplin

Teresa Bankowski  
James Teasdale  
David Confer

**Mayor Tait then read the following Annual Citizen Appointments;**

**LAND USE BOARD**

John Gural Borough Official Class II Member	1 year	01/01/20	12/31/20	
Tanyika Johns	4 years	01/01/20	12/31/23	
Lewis Yetter	4 years	01/01/20	12/31/23	
Emma Melvin	Alternate #1	2 years	01/01/20	12/31/21
Kwan Hui	Alternate #3	2 years	01/01/20	12/31/21
Mindie Weiner	Alternate #4	2 years	01/01/20	12/31/21

**SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD**

Jon Petite (tree officer)	1 year	01/01/20	12/31/20
Bernadette Russell - Council Rep	1 year	01/01/20	12/31/20
Andrew Lehrian	1 year	01/01/20	12/31/20
Tim Kaluhiokalani	1 year	01/01/20	12/31/20
Emma Melvin	1 year	01/01/20	12/31/20

**GREEN TEAM**

Bernadette Russell	1 year	01/01/20	12/31/20
Michelle McCann	1 year	01/01/20	12/31/20
Laura Craig McCloud	1 year	01/01/20	12/31/20
Wendy Wentz	1 year	01/01/20	12/31/20
Lewis Yetter	1 year	01/01/20	12/31/20
Emma Melvin	2 years	01/01/20	12/31/21
Loretta Kelly	2 years	01/01/20	12/31/21
Mindie Weiner	2 years	01/01/20	12/31/21
Michael Cloud	2 years	01/01/20	12/31/21

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2020**

Mayor Tait asked President Howard for Council Committee Appointment Recommendations. Present Howard presented the following:

### **Gina Ragomo Tait**

Public Safety & Municipal Court; Redevelopment & Negotiations; Public Events

### **Borough Council President**

#### **Timothy Howard**

Committee Member: Public Works & Sewer; Youth & Recreation; Public Buildings, Parks & Grounds; Redevelopment & Negotiations; Communications & Public Relations; Public Events; Public Safety & Municipal Court

### **Borough Council**

#### **Brandon Allmond**

Committee Member: Youth & Recreation, Public Works & Sewer; Public Buildings & Grounds; Communications & Public Relations; Public Events; Board of Education Liaison

#### **Michelle McCann**

Committee Member: Public Works & Sewer, Youth & Recreation, Public Buildings, Grounds & Parks, Public Safety & Municipal Court, Public Events; Green Team

#### **Bernadette Russell**

Committee Member: Administration & Finance; Construction/Housing/Code Enforcement; Business Community & Development; Green Team; Shade Tree Advisory Board Liaison; Public Events

#### **Farrah Jenkins**

Committee Member: Administration & Finance; Construction, Housing & Code Enforcement; Business and Community Development; Public Events; Board of Education Liaison; Riverfront Liaison, Homeowners Association Liaison

President Howard noted all Committee Chairpersons will be selection upon the committees meeting.

### **Palmyra High School Student Representative**

Kaya Robinson

Patrick Tait

Mr. Gural stated a Public Safety Director must also be appointed.



Mayor Tait requested a motion to nominate someone for Public Safety Director. Mrs. Russell nominated Mayor Tait.

Mayor Tait requested a vote.

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

Mayor Tait then read the following **Notice of Borough Council's meeting dates for 2020:**

All such meetings to be held on the first Monday (**Caucus Meeting**) and third Monday (**Regular Meeting**) of each month, unless otherwise noted due to a holiday. Meetings shall be held at 6.30 P.M., unless indicated with \*\*, in which case those meetings shall begin at 6.00 P.M. All meetings will be held in Borough Hall at 20 West Broad Street,

Palmyra, New Jersey 08065. Any and all business involving the Borough may be discussed. Formal official action may be taken at such meetings.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Tues)**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 \*\*\***

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 \*\*\***

**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Be it further resolved; the Annual Budget Workshop Meeting Shall be held on **Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at 8:00 am.

At that time, the governing body may adopt a resolution to retire into closed session for the purpose of discussing qualified exemptions from the Open Public Meetings Act. The Borough Council, immediately following closed session will resume with the general business of the meeting and formal action may then be taken. The public is welcomed to

attend and speak at any meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey.

Mayor Tait indicated Resolution 2020-01 to Resolution 2020-80 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 Tait asked if any resolutions needed to be removed from the consent agenda.

Mrs. Russell requested resolution 2020-20 be removed from the consent agenda.

**Mayor Tait then read Resolution 2020-1 to Resolution 2020-19 and Resolution 2020-21 to Resolution 2020-80.**

1. **Resolution 2020-01**, Resolution to Confirm Council Committee Appointments
2. **Resolution 2020-02**, Resolution to Confirm Mayor's Annual Appointments
3. **Resolution 2020-03**, Resolution to Confirm Mayor's Annual Citizen Appointments
4. **Resolution 2020-04**, Resolution Approving the Borough of Palmyra Official Caucus and Regular Monthly Public Meeting Dates for the Borough Council for 2020
5. **Resolution 2020-05**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Ted Rosenberg, Esq., as Municipal Solicitor.
6. **Resolution 2020-06**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Philip A Norcross, Esq. of Parker McCay as Special Counsel/Bond Attorney.
7. **Resolution 2020-07**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Armando Riccio, Esq. as Special Counsel/Labor Attorney.
8. **Resolution 2020-08**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Eric M Bernstein, Esq. of Eric M Bernstein & Associates, LLC as Special Counsel/Conflict Attorneys.
9. **Resolution 2020-09**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Andrew Brewer, Esq. of Maraziti Falcon, LLP as Special Counsel/Municipal Redevelopment Attorney.
10. **Resolution 2020-10**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Robert P. Nehila Jr., of Bowman & Company LLP, as Municipal Auditor
11. **Resolution 2020-11**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of William Kirchner of Environmental Resolutions Inc., (ERI) as Municipal Engineer
12. **Resolution 2020-12**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of William Kirchner of Environmental Resolutions Inc., (ERI) as Municipal Sewer Engineer
13. **Resolution 2020-13**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of John Hogue & Valdimir Raskin of Environmental Resources Management (ERM), as Municipal Environmental Engineer/Consultant and LSRP.
14. **Resolution 2020-14**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Gregory R. Valesi and James Winckowski of Consulting & Municipal Engineers (CME) as Special Projects Engineer

15. **Resolution 2020-15**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of David Gerkens of Community Grants, Planning and Housing, (CGP&H) as Municipal Planner/Grants Coordinator.
16. **Resolution 2020-16**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Community Grants, Planning and Housing, (CGP&H) as Municipal Affordable Housing/RCA Administrator.
17. **Resolution 2020-17**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of James D. Fattorini, Esq., as Municipal Public Defender.
18. **Resolution 2020-18**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment Greg Perr, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor.
19. **Resolution 2020-19**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of any/all other Municipal Prosecutors In Burlington County, as Substitute Prosecutor
20. **Resolution 2020-20**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Christopher J Powell of Hardenbergh Insurance Group as Insurance Consultant/ JIF Risk Management Consultant and Authorizing JIF Risk Management Consultant Agreement
21. **Resolution 2020-21**, Resolution Authorizing The Mayor to Execute Contracts with All Appointed Professionals After Review and Approval by the Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer.
22. **Resolution 2020-22**, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Administrator for The Borough Of Palmyra
23. **Resolution 2020-23**, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Burlington County JIF Fund Commissioner.
24. **Resolution 2020-24**, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Burlington County JIF Claims Coordinator
25. **Resolution 2020-25**, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Hearing Officer For Non-Uniformed Employees
26. **Resolution 2020-26**, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Storm Water Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra
27. **Resolution 2020-27**, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Human Resources Officer for the Borough of Palmyra.
28. **Resolution 2020-28**, Resolution Appointing Scott Pearlman as Burlington County JIF Alternate Fund Commissioner.
29. **Resolution 2020-29**, Resolution Appointing Robert Verry as Hearing Officer for Uniformed Employees
30. **Resolution 2020-30**, Resolution Appointing Tracy Kilmer as Burlington County JIF Safety Coordinator.
31. **Resolution 2020-31**, Resolution Appointing Tracy Kilmer as Housing Official and Housing Inspector for The Borough Of Palmyra
32. **Resolution 2020-32**, Resolution Appointing Tracy Kilmer as Zoning Officer for the Borough of Palmyra.

33. **Resolution 2020-33**, Resolution Appointing Donna Condo as Public Agency Compliance Officer For the Borough of Palmyra
34. **Resolution 2020-34**, Resolution Appointing John Gural, Doretha Jackson and Ernest McGill as DOT/CDL Designated Employer Representatives
35. **Resolution 2020-35**, Resolution Appointing Danielle Lippincott as Alternate Registrar for the Borough of Palmyra
36. **Resolution 2020-36**, Resolution Appointing Doretha R. Jackson As Fair Share Housing Officer For The Borough of Palmyra
37. **Resolution 2020-37**, Resolution Appointing Doretha R. Jackson as Deputy Registrar for the Borough of Palmyra
38. **Resolution 2020-38**, Resolution Appointing Marie Nagle as Board of Health Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra
39. **Resolution 2020-39**, Resolution Appointing Marie Nagle as Burlington County JIF Wellness Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra
40. **Resolution 2020-40**, Resolution Appointing Ernest McGill as Recycling Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra.
41. **Resolution 2020-41**, Resolution Appointing Mark Allen as Clean Communities Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra.
42. **Resolution 2020-42**, Resolution Appointing Jon Pettite as Tree Officer for the Borough of Palmyra
43. **Resolution 2020-43**, Resolution Appointing the Crossing Guards for The Borough of Palmyra for 2019.
44. **Resolution 2020-44**, Resolution appointing John Yansick as a Part-time Public Works Laborer, effective January 1, 2020 with a term expiring 4/30/2020, not-to-exceed 28 hours per week at \$16.50 per hour.
45. **Resolution 2020-45**, Resolution appointing James Brett as a Part-time Public Works Laborer, effective January 1, 2020 with a term expiring 4/30/2020, not-to-exceed 28 hours per week at \$16.50 per hour.
46. **Resolution 2020-46**, Resolution Appointing the Borough of Palmyra Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Members
47. **Resolution 2020-47**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Richard K. Dreby as Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra
48. **Resolution 2020-48**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment Michael Lunemann as Code Enforcement Officer
49. **Resolution 2020-49**, Resolution Appointing Philip Opalski as part-time Housing Inspector, Fire Inspector and RCS Building Inspector not-to-exceed 16 hours per week.
50. **Resolution 2020-50**, Resolution Appointing Dominic Petito as Plumbing Sub-Code Official and Plumbing Inspector
51. **Resolution 2020-51**, Resolution Appointing Raymond Holshue as Electrical Sub-Code Official and Electrical Inspector

52. **Resolution 2020-52**, Resolution Appointing Michael Lunemann as Mechanical Subcode Official and Mechanical Inspector
53. **Resolution 2020-53**, Resolution Appointing Michael Lunemann as Abandoned Property List Public Official for the Borough of Palmyra
54. **Resolution 2020-54**, Resolution Appointing Charles Soper, Wesley Allen, and Ella Graham as Chaplains for the Borough of Palmyra Police Department
55. **Resolution 2020-55**, Resolution Appointing Dale Palmer as part-time Supervisor for Public Buildings and Grounds Department
56. **Resolution 2020-56**, Resolution Appointing George Moore as part-time to Public Buildings and Grounds Department
57. **Resolution 2020-57**, Resolution Appointing Michele Wright-Sykes as part-time Community Center Scheduling Coordinator and Public Events Organizer For the Borough of Palmyra
58. **Resolution 2020-58**, Resolution Appointing Selina Korab and Christiana Quinton as part-time Community Center Scheduling Assistants for the Borough of Palmyra
59. **Resolution 2020-59**, Resolution Appointing Stacey Brugler as part-time Payroll Clerk and Finance Assistant
60. **Resolution 2020-60**, Resolution Appointing Linda Yansick as part-time Tax Clerk and Public Works/Sewer Administrative Assistant
61. **Resolution 2020-61**, Resolution Designating the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post as the Legal Newspapers and GovDeals.com as the Legal Auction Site for Vehicles and Property.
62. **Resolution 2020-62**, Resolution Authorizing the 2020 Temporary Budget Appropriations.
63. **Resolution 2020-63**, Resolution To Approve 2020 Temporary Debt Service for the Borough of Palmyra in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey
64. **Resolution 2020-64**, Resolution Approving a Cash Management Plan for The Borough Of Palmyra.
65. **Resolution 2020-65**, Resolution Fixing the Rate of Interest to Be Charged On Delinquent Taxes, Sewer Payments and Assessments
66. **Resolution 2020-66**, Resolution Authorizing The Tax Collector to Cancel Debits and Credits of \$10.00 or Less for Tax and Sewer Payments
67. **Resolution 2020-67**, Resolution Authorizing the Tax Assessor to file Rollbacks, Assessments, Added and Omitted Tax Appeals and Assessor's List of Corrections and Errors on behalf of the Borough of Palmyra
68. **Resolution 2020-68**, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Shared Service Agreement with Willingboro Township for 2020 Animal Control Services in the amount of \$14,000.00.
69. **Resolution 2020-69**, Resolution Authorizing a Contract with the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Retrospective Program

70. **Resolution 2020-70**, Resolution Awarding 2020 Maintenance Contract for Sewage Treatment Plant to Municipal Maintenance Company in the amount of \$307,610.00, subject to the Solicitor's review and Chief Financial Officer's certification
71. **Resolution 2020-71**, Resolution Awarding 2020 On-Call Contracting Services Contract to Neri's Construction & Rentals, Inc. in the amount of \$400,079.00 subject to the Solicitor's review and the Chief Financial Officer's certification
72. **Resolution 2020-72**, Resolution Awarding 2020 Sewer Treatment Plant and Pump Station Debris Removal Contract to FRANC Environmental in the amount of \$42,840.00 subject to the Solicitor's review and the Chief Financial Officer's certification
73. **Resolution 2020-73**, Resolution Authorizing a refund in the amount of \$1,532.29 for Overpayment of Taxes on Block 152 Lot 9.02 Qualifier C7505
74. **Resolution 2020-74**, Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for a totally Disabled Veteran at Block 5 Lot 10 Partial Tax Year Beginning November 5, 2019 and Thereafter and Refunding Taxes Paid
75. **Resolution 2020-75**, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of December bills in the amount of \$1,957,426.11.
76. **Resolution 2020-76**, Resolution Authorizing the Chief Finance Officer to Pay Vendor Bills during the Month of January 2020.
77. **Resolution 2020-77**, Resolution Appointing Donna Condo as Secondary Human Resources Officer for the Borough of Palmyra.
78. **Resolution 2020-78**, Resolution Approving Adam Fries as a member of the Junior Firefighters' Auxiliary to the Palmyra Fire Department
79. **Resolution 2020-79**, Resolution Authorizing the Closing of Public Road in Conjunction with the Public Road Pump Station Elimination Project.
80. **Resolution 2020-80**, Resolution Calling for the study Commission to review the Open Records Act.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda Resolutions 2020-1 thru Resolution 2020-19 and Resolution 2020-21 thru Resolution 2020-80. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolutions 2020-1 thru Resolution 2020-19 and Resolution 2020-21 thru Resolution 2020-80. President Howard second the motion.

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

**AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard**

**NAYES: None**

Resolution 2020-1 thru Resolution 2020-19 and Resolution 2020-21 thru Resolution 2020-80 were approved.

Mayor Tait then went back to Resolution 2020-20, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Christopher J Powell of Hardenbergh Insurance Group as Insurance Consultant/ JIF Risk Management Consultant and Authorizing JIF Risk Management Consultant Agreement

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to approve Resolutions 2020-20. President Howard made a motion to approve Resolutions 2020-20. Mrs. McCann second the motion.

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

**AYES: Mr. Allmond, Mrs. McCann, President Howard**

**NAYES: None**

**ABSTAIN: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Russell**

Resolution 2020-20 was approved.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY**

**Brandon Allmond** thanked everyone for coming out. He congratulated Mayor Tait and Mrs. Russell and welcomed Mrs. Jenkins to Council.

**Farrah Jenkins** thanked everyone for voting for her and entrusting her with the guidance of our town. Mrs. Jenkins indicated she is looking forward to getting to work.

**Michelle McCann** stated indicated she was looking forward to a great year her in Palmyra.

**Bernadette Russell** welcomed everyone back and indicated she is looking forward to a good year. She noted the residents influence is what makes this town work. Mrs. Russell thanked all for coming.

**President Howard** thanked everyone for coming out. President Howard congratulated and welcomed Mrs. Jenkins to council, he congratulated Mrs. Russell on her re-election to council. President Howard congratulated Mayor Tait and noted how hard she works for the Borough of Palmyra he noted there were a lot of things that he and Mayor Tait have worked on over the years and to see it begin to come to light is and Mrs. Tait become Mayor is just heartwarming. President Howard stated there are lot of things on deck and we are exciting about the things that are coming.

**Mayor Tait** thanked everyone for coming out. Mayor Tait stated if you have any ideas regarding things you feel would make this town better please call or email those thoughts and ideas to her. Mayor Tait stated she is always willing to listen to the things residents feel are lacking here in Palmyra.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, President Howard seconded the motion.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

Doretha R Jackson, RMC  
Municipal Clerk