

Borough of Palmyra
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20th, 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 March 4th, 2019 – Council Caucus Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from March 4th, 2019. 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: none

Mayor Arnold requested a motion for approval of the May 6th, 2019 – Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the May 6th, 2019 – Executive Session Meeting Minutes. 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: none

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Arnold acknowledged the following correspondence.

Letter – Anthony Fratto, Jr. of Anthony Jewelers

Email – Senator Troy Singleton – NJDOT’s Commitment to Communities

Email – New Jersey Mosquito Control Commission information

PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

William Kirchner, ERI, Mr. Kirchner indicated the 2019 Misc. Concrete Project bids were opened and the lowest bidder’s price was \$66,000.00. Mr. Kirchner noted the project estimate was \$110,000.00 so he called to make sure there was not a mistake, the contractor indicated it was not, that his bid was correct. Mr. Gural indicated a resolution will be on the agenda at the next meeting authorizing that contract. Mr. Gural noted the 2019 Capital Bond Ordinance will also be on the agenda for introduction that night.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated he spoke with Mr. Brewer earlier this evening and he cannot be here tonight however offered his cell phone number if anyone has questions of him tonight.

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. Mrs. Tait 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 FIRST READING (Public Hearing to be held June 3rd, 2019).

Ordinance 2019-05, An Ordinance Of The Borough of Palmyra to Provide for and Determine the Rates and Ranges of Compensation of Each Employee and Officer of the Borough of Palmyra for years 2019 and 2020.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-05. President Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-05. 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

RESOLUTIONS Consent Agenda

Resolution **2019-142** to Resolution **2019-148** 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 other items need to be removed. There were no requests for removal.

Resolution 2019-142, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington Authorizing a Lien be placed on Blk. 63 Lot 2 for Failure to comply with our Property Maintenance Code – Chapter 86 Article 8 Section A & B et seg in the amount of \$17,425.00.

Resolution 2019-143, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington Authorizing a Lien be placed on Blk. 63 Lot 2 for Failure to comply with our Property Maintenance Code – Chapter 86 Article 8 Section A & B et seg in the amount of \$712.75

Resolution 2019-144, Resolution appointing Bashar Assadi, PE, of CME as the Borough of Palmyra Certified Recycling Coordinator until December 31, 2019.

Resolution 2019-145, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Conditional Redeveloper Designation and Interim Cost Agreement with P3 Jumbo Redeveloper, LLC Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. Seq.

Resolution 2019-146, Resolution Authorizing 2018-2019 Liquor License Renewal for Milmarian Inc. ABC Pocket License #0327-33-002-003

Resolution 2019-147, Resolution Authorizing 2018-2019 Liquor License Renewal for Ashburn Corporation T/A Roger Wilco Liquor Store Plenary Retail Distribution License #0327-44-005-007

Resolution 2019-148, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of May 2019 In the Amount of \$1,842,573.82

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda Resolution 2019-142 thru Resolution 2019-148. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-142 thru Resolution 2019-148. 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

Resolution 2019-142 thru Resolution 2019-148 noted in motion were approved

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

MONTION TO APPROVE SOCIAL PERMITS

Motion to approve Social permit for Palmyra Cove Environmental Education Foundation, Inc.

President Russell made a motion to approve the Cove social permit. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

Motion to approve Social permit for the Independence Fire Company Craft Beer Festival Inc.

President Russell made a motion to approve fire Company craft beer festival. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Mayor Arnold indicated the following events will be upcoming:

Memorial Day Ceremony at the War Memorial on May 27th, 2019 at 10:00 am

Palmyra Fire Company's 2019 Golf Outing at Riverton Country Club on July 22nd, 2019

Special Olympics Torch Run on June 7th, 2019, Mrs. Tait also noted that the PCCPB will be hosting a craft day on May 1st, 2019 for people to make signs for the run. Mrs. Tait indicated the torch should be at Borough hall around 10:15

Free Mammograms will be given by Virtua for Life on June 20th, 2019 in Burlington, NJ at Tabernacle Church from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Mayor Arnold indicated that Habitat for Humanity's ground breaking ceremony for the new homes on the former Tri-Boro Vets site was held this morning at 10:00 am.

Mayor Arnold stated the Special Meeting regarding Cannabis Discussion; Medical and Adult Usage scheduled for May 29th, 2019 at Community Center at 7:00 pm will be rescheduled to a another date, additional information will be forthcoming.

Ms. Weiner thanked members of the PIA for their work on the flower beds on Broad Street.

PUBLIC REMINDERS

Mayor Arnold noted that public works is now open on Wednesdays from 3-7 PM beginning this Wednesday, May 22nd. 2019 thru September 4th, 2019.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NEW Business

Public Events

Mayor Arnold noted the Arbor Day Celebration was held at Charles Street School May 17th, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Mayor Arnold indicated the first Farmers Market was this past Thursday and was a great success.

Mayor Arnold indicated we have already spoken in detail regarding the Memorial Day Celebration at the Palmyra War Memorial noting the various things which the staff and council need to complete for the event.

Mayor Arnold stated the County is holding their Memorial Day Ceremony, which she will be attending.

Mayor Arnold request approval to purchase a wreath for the memorial ceremony. Mr. Gural indicated that was ok.

Mr. Gural explained the situation with the Board of Education Tax Levy. He indicated the information in their budget presentation was inflated to make it appear as thou there was a decrease in taxes in the amount of \$4.12; when in fact there was an increase in the amount of \$53.82. The Board of Education

has corrected their budget presentation to reflect the increase of \$53.82 not a decrease of \$4.12 as improperly stated. Mr. Gural explained how this occurred and indicated the Board of Education should be notifying the public regarding the discrepancies. There was some additional discussion amongst Council regarding the effect it will have on our residents and our budget. Mr. Gural indicated the \$33,000.00 difference has the impact of an additional .47 cents which needed to be raised from the taxpayers. Mr. Gural noted we now do not get to raise that money however we still have to pay to the school board. Mr. Gural indicated that will have an effect on our surplus. There was some additional conversation regarding the discrepancy, the professionals handling the budget and the ability to recoup that money.

Ms. Weiner indicated the Ordinance establishing the Green Team was passed at our last meeting. Mrs. Weiner indicated she put together short biographies of individuals recommended for the team or potential appointees to the team. Ms. Weiner indicated these people are key and have been helping the Green team all along. Ms. McCann indicated their biographs are impressive.

Mayor Arnold indicated the names submitted for appointment are Laura Craig Cloud, Emma Melvin, Michael Cloud, Wendi Wence, Lewis Yetter and Loretta Kelly.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-149 Resolution to appoint the following to the Borough of Palmyra Green Team: Loretta Kelly, Lewis Yetter, Laura Craig Cloud, Emma Melvin, Michael Cloud, and Wendi Wence. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

Mr. Rosenberg explained the Motion to Intervene filed in the case NJDEP V Fillit, et al. He noted the motion was filed in Superior Court of Burlington County requesting permission to intervene in the lawsuit filed by New Jersey Dept of Environmental Protection V Fillit, Inc. Mr. Rosenberg noted the motion is to allow Palmyra a seat at the table because what happens between the State of New Jersey and Fillit, Inc. directly affects the Borough's Redevelopment project. Mr. Rosenberg indicated we should have a decision in early June regarding the motion.

Mr. Gural noted that RFP's for Municipal Prosecutor will be sent out soon as we received notification our current prosecutor is moving on to another position.

Mr. Gural indicated 2019 Capital Bond Ordinance will be introduced on June 3rd, 2019.

Mr. Gural stated will be extending our advertisement time for the Construction Office Technical Assistant position.

Mr. Gural indicated the following donation requests have been requested, all the amounts were approved during the budget process : Post Prom Committee - \$2,000.00 (Check issued), War Memorial Committee - \$5,000 request (check issued), Palmyra Halloween Parade Committee - \$4,000 request, Palmyra Community Center Program Board - \$7,500.00 request, Boys and Girls State -\$600.00 donation, Fire Company- Palmyra Downtown/ Public Safety Day - \$1,300.00 for Band & \$500.00 invoice for portable toilets previously paid. Mayor asked if there was any additional discussion, she noted that at budget time we indicated we would have further discussion regarding the Community Center Program Board request. Ms. Weiner stated she thought the request was originally for \$15,000.00

but was lowered to \$7,500.00, which was approved during the budget process. Mayor Arnold noted that amount was inserted into the budget but final approval needed to be done by upon request of funding. Mayor Arnold stated the Community Center Program Board operated in the red last year to the tune of \$5,641.00. Mrs. Tait noted they received a grant to subsidize some of the money they need. Mrs. Tait stated the entire purpose of the Community Center Program Board was to provide programs/ classes at a discounted price or free to residents. Mrs. Tait noted there are some programs they offer for free but the instructors still need to be paid. Mayor Arnold stated she thought the discussion which we had at budget was not about the programming, but the Borough giving a donation of \$7,500.00 the program coordinator being paid \$8,667.00 and the program winding up in the red for \$5,641.00. Mayor Arnold asked why we are paying for an employee who doesn't work for us. Mayor Arnold indicated she felt a lot of the programming for the center could be turned over to the three employees we have working in the center currently. Mayor Arnold stated she was not in favor of giving them the requested amount and felt it should be lowered. Mrs. Tait indicated in the beginning the Community Center Program Board Coordinator was opening and closing the center for all the groups using the center which she does not do anymore because we have a staff. Mrs. Tait indicated the Program Board will be having a meeting and looking into this. Mrs. Russell asked if we should give the requested amount but look closer into it next year, as it doesn't make sense to be running in the red. Ms. Weiner stated she felt it was a great idea to have the employees that we have but thought it was a lot of work to be done to get the up to speed with being able to do the center programming. Ms. Weiner indicated the funding is to keep the next three seasons, summer fall and winter programming going. There was additional discussion regarding the donation request of the PCCPB. Mayor Arnold indicated the Community Center Program Board requested \$12,000.00 from the Borough this year, they have a negative balance of \$5,641.00, even with the \$4,500.00 increase the board anticipates ending in the red \$2,300.00. Mayor Arnold noted that was with the \$12,000.00 donation, if the donation is \$7,500.00 that's and additional \$4,500.00 in the red. Mayor Arnold stated that "just didn't make sense to her". Mayor Arnold noted she understood the importance of having the Program Board to have programs which could be offered to the residents for little or no cost and the idea of keeping it going so smaller groups could utilize the insurance and be able to use the building, but there also is fiscal responsibility, and the tax payer should not be taking the hit for it. There was some additional discussion. Ms. Weiner indicated she was ok with giving them the donation of \$7,500.00 this year. Mayor Arnold indicated she would rather give them \$5,000.00 as she was not comfortable with giving them \$7,500.00 of tax payer money while they were paying \$8,667.00 for a program coordinator, and we should revisit it next year, but in the meantime they should work on reducing their cost.

There was additional discussion. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the following requests:

Post Prom Committee- \$2,000.00

War Memorial Committee - \$5,000.00 request

Palmyra Halloween Parade Committee - \$4,000.00 request

Boys and Girls State -\$600.00 donation

Fire Company- Palmyra Downtown/ Public Safety Day - \$1,300.00 for Band & \$500.00 invoice for portable toilets. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

Mayor Arnold indicated she wanted to give the Community Center Program Board \$5,000.00. President Howard indicated he wanted to remain with the \$7,500.00 donation. After some additional discussion, Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the donation request of \$7,500.00 to the Community Center Program Board. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

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

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Tait

Mr. Gural just wanted to make council aware of the MOU with Cinnaminson Fire District regarding confined space entry and rescue service he would be resigning. This service Cinnaminson Fire Department provides at no cost.

Mayor Arnold indicated the Palmyra Improvement Association Trunk or Treat, October 19th, 2019 is on the agenda for approval. Ms. Weiner indicated the request is very similar to the event they held last year. Mr. Gural noted that Council has no authority to close the street so the street closure application is Chief Pearlman's decision. Mr. Gural indicated council should be mindful the request from a private organization to use Borough facilities where fees will be charged. Mr. Gural indicated they wanted use of tables and chairs, bathroom facilities, trash cans and recycle containers. There was some additional discussion regarding attendance of food trucks and permitting.

Mayor Arnold requested a motion to approve the application of the PIA for their Trunk or Treat Event, no Haunted House. Ms. Russell made a motion to approve the PIA request for use of Borough Facilities for Trunk or Treat, no Haunted House, President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Arnold indicated we have a request from Epworth United Methodist Church for use of the Chief Payton Flournoy Park for the 10th Anniversary of the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Mr. Gural indicated this is the first request for the Park and we have don't have rules and regulation established for the park use. Mrs. Tait indicated they were working on the rules and regulations and there were thinking of following the same rules and regulations that were currently have for all park uses. Mrs. Tait noted they would have to go thru the scheduler and have insurance. Mrs. Tait indicted the committee is working on updating the rules and regulations along with fees for all parks and Borough facilities. Mayor Arnold and Ms. Weiner noted they believed the location of the celebration had changed. Chief Pearlman stated he had spoken with Mr. Confer and they had talked about a block party but he did not have a formal application. Mr. Gural indicated Council could act on the application and they can choose what they wish to do and not have to come back before Council. Mayor Arnold asked for a Motion to approve the request. Mrs. Tait made a motion to approve the request of Epworth United Methodist Church. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

All voted in favor of the motion

Mr. Gural explained that currently we are down to two employees in the Public Works dept. and we may want to consider seasonal employees. Mr. Gural explained what a seasonal employee is. If council agrees we will place add but will come back to council to make that decision at a later date.

OLD Business

Mayor Arnold indicated she spoke with Tony regarding the mural and it won't be the stone face he talked about but it will be a mural with plaques regarding the length of time the businesses chosen have been in operation. Mayor Arnold explained the design she and Tony spoke about, she indicated she would have additional information on the design layout and samples at the next meeting.

Mr. Gural indicated he had reached out to but had not gotten a response from the YMCA in regards to the Summer Camp.

Mr. Allmond indicated guidelines and application for the Digital sign usage policy are in the packets for review. He asked if there were questions or if something needed to be added. There was a little discussion. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the implementation of the Digital Sign Usage Policy and application as presented with the changes noted. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the roll.

All in Favor

Mr. Gural indicated there was a meeting held with reps from Palmyra Harbour Condo Association. President Howard, Mayor Arnold, Councilman Allmond were in attendance. The meeting was to discuss what was involved in the dedication of Main Harbour Drive, if the governing body decided to. Mr. Gural indicated information was given to the reps in attendance regarding where we were in the process when we last spoke regarding the possible dedication. Mr. Gural indicated the Reps were going to take that information back to their attorneys and get back to us. Mr. Gural noted have not heard back from them yet. Mr. Gural stated they also wanted us to look into some lighting issues in the back of the property. Mr. Gural indicated he has someone looking into it and will get back to council and the association when he has additional information. Mrs. Tait asked about Mayor Arnold about owning property in the Harbor. Mayor Arnold indicated she did not. Mrs. Tait asked if her husband did. Mayor Arnold indicated he did. Mrs. Tait stated she felt that it was a conflict for her to sit on the committee, potentially negotiating, when she had an interest in a property in that location. Mrs. Tait asked who are you representing the Borough or the Harbour. Mayor Arnold stated if a family member owns a property in the Harbour it has nothing to do with her. Ms. Weiner stated perhaps you should not be involved. Mr. Rosenberg stated if the governing body would like for him to look into it he would but he was not prepared to render an opinion currently. There was some additional discussion and council asked Mr. Rosenberg to look into it and report back.

Mr. Gural indicated the committee is currently working on rules and regulations regarding the usage of Legion Field and Chief Peyton I. Flournoy Park, and would be back to council when the committee had additional information.

Ms. Weiner indicated the committee met with the business owners regarding parking in the downtown area. Ms. Weiner indicated some business owners were concerned about enforcement and other with the specific time frames for parking in certain areas. Ms. Weiner noted they discussed the Borough

parking lot, metered parking, and the idea of the Borough potentially purchasing a lot and making it. Ms. Weiner indicated they discussed the parking situation as it relates to the church. Ms. Weiner noted many things they talked about regarding parking and parking issues, she noted some suggestions which were talked about specifically timed parking, business parking, employee parking and more. There was some additional discussion regarding the parking issues as they relate to the Church. Mr. Gural indicated the committee should write down, in the form of an outline the various ideas, suggestions or recommendations and send them to Mr. Gural and council so they can begin to work on changes to the ordinance. Chief Pearlman indicated he would meet with the committee members and they can get back to council.

Mr. Gural indicated there are 23 light poles on Market Street. Mr. Gural noted we already have 30 new banners that are ready and can be installed, we just need brackets. Mr. Gural suggested that if you want to start then we should put those new banners up on Market Street and work on the second phase of ordering the military banners and banners for Broad Street. There was some additional discussion regarding the banners and installation of brackets. Council agreed to move forward on Market Street and put banners up.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated he had nothing new to report regarding the Fillit property.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated Verizon litigation was a non-issue.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gural indicated Roto Cylinders has agreed to accept our proposal which we offered years ago. Mr. Gural indicated we settled tax years 2013 to 2019; our proposal which they accepted is; tax payments over those years \$537,000.00, and a credit due of \$133.00 essentially not paying taxes in 2019. Mr. Rosenberg indicated the DEP is pushing them to remediate the property and as that is done the tax assessment will go up.

Mr. Gural explained the new proposed approved Senate Bill #477 signed into law, which extends the statute of limitations for sex abuse victims.

Mr. Gural indicated we have already spoken about NJDEP remediation of Fillit site.

Mr. Gural stated the Fire Company parking lot has been repaved and looks great.

Mr. Gural stated Public Works evening hours begin this Wednesday May 22nd, 2019.

Mr. Gural also noted (Myra 2.0) there is a turkey nest at public works with 12 eggs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Allmond –Communications and Public Relations Committee– Mr. Allmond indicated that he was working on next newsletter now that the digital sign usage policy is complete. Mr. Allmond asked that all information to be included in the next newsletter be forwarded to him by Friday.

Mrs. Tait – Public Safety Committee, Board of Education, Public Events– Mrs. Tait indicated the public safety committee went to the police recognition awards banquet. Mrs. Tait noted that the buildings and grounds committee met and spoke about working on and updating our policy regarding parks anticipating requests for usage of the Chief Payton Flournoy Park. Mrs. Russell asked if the date had been set for the dedication of the Chief Payton Flournoy Park. Mayor Arnold indicated she was working on it. Mrs. Tait also noted an incident at Legion Field with two organized groups which had to be

removed from the fields by the police dept. Mrs. Tait stated the police explained how the fields are accessible and the process for getting permission to use them.

President Howard – Youth and Recreation, Public Building, Grounds and Parks, Public Works & Sewer–

Mr. Howard indicated we have already gone over the shortages at public works and the need for seasonal help. President Howard indicated the various treatments to the turf field have been completed along with some grooming however repair work still needs to be completed. President Howard also noted his attendance at the Opportunity Zone meeting.

Mrs. McCann – Administration and Finance– Ms. McCann indicated the Admin Committee has not yet met but she will be meeting with the CFO and Administrator.

Ms. Weiner – Business and Community Development, Homeowner Association – Ms. Weiner indicated the first Farmer's market had a great turnout. Ms. Weiner inquired if she could be reimbursement the \$55.00 cost for a chalk board she and Mr. Quinn created for the children and if it could be stored in the Community Center back by the closet. Mrs. Tait asked what is needed for this upcoming week for the Farmer's Market. Ms. Weiner indicated they would be having a plant swap this week. Ms. Weiner indicated there would be no market on July 4th, 2019. Ms. Weiner noted the following items are needed for the Farmer's Market, the three table sets, 6 8ft tables and two rolling carts of chairs, 3 trash cans and 3 recycling cans, street barriers from public works, the bathrooms in Borough Hall access to the sound system and sharing on Facebook and the Borough website. Ms. Weiner indicated she had asked Mrs. Kilmer if the yards signs could be placed around the intersection on Broad and Cinnaminson Avenue and she agreed. Ms. Weiner indicated she would forward to Mr. Gural the list of all volunteers after the markets for insurance purposes. Ms. Weiner indicated she attended the homeowner's association meeting and they are still experiencing problems with the trash collection. Ms. Weiner noted the green team has been meeting and attended Palmyra day. Mayor Arnold asked if the Green team had submitted for any additional grants. Ms. Weiner indicated no.

Mrs. Russell – Construction– Shade Tree Liaison – President Russell indicated Mr. Kaluhiokalani with Mr. Gerkens are working on getting the forestry plan moving forward. Mrs. Russell noted the construction committee has not met.

Patrick Tait indicated the various things that are happening at Palmyra High School noting the following:

Baseball Team made first round of playoffs, softball also went to playoffs, Track and Field won the fourth division in the round, Mr. PHS is being held this coming Wednesday, the Prom was last Friday, the Student Council Great Adventure trip is on May 29th, 2019, the School Board meeting giving out spring awards was last Wednesday, Graduation is next month on June 17th, 2019, 20 to 30 students will be traveling abroad in Europe with the German Club. Mayor Arnold asked Mr. Tait if he had information regarding the refreshing of the logo of Palmyra High School. Mr. Tait indicated no.

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. Mrs. Tait second the motion.

At the call of the vote.

All members voted in favor of the motion

Mr. Norcross –Morgan Avenue – Mr. Norcross asked when they were going to move the stop signs at 4th Street and Morgan Avenue. Mr. Norcross noted the stop lines were painted but the stop signs have not been moved. Mr. Norcross asked if it was possible to have lighted signs like those at Charles Street or a flashing light, something has to be done. Mr. Norcross noted the studies were completed by the engineers and he is aware that the crash data is not there, but something needs to be done. Mr. Norcross also noted the sign for Morgan and 4th Street is also missing and has been gone for over a year. There was some discussion with Borough Council regarding the missing signs around town.

Mr. Norcross asked why the Borough was buying a Merchant Marine flag noting they are not recognized by the military as a branch of the service. Mr. McElwee indicated they should be recognized. Mr. Allmond noted that they were brought to the committee's attention requesting they be included so that's why they were added to the list. The committee indicated they would have to defer to the War Memorial Committee for guidance. Mr. Howard stated he is aware that he has not been here in an awhile, with all due respect, but how dare anyone of you question someone's integrity and their ethics. Mr. Norcross asked Mrs. Russell is not your husband on the School Board, so why are you discussing School Board issues is that not a conflict of interest. Mr. Norcross stated if you want to talk about ethics, it goes across the board and applies to everyone. Mr. Norcross asked President Howard if he lives in town, because he heard you live in Beverly. President Howard stated he lives in Palmyra, and you shouldn't repeat hearsay. Mr. Norcross noted you all talk about ethics, you know who sent those packages, when he received the packet he immediately called Mr. Gural to let him know and dropped it off at his house. Mr. Norcross stated if there are ethical violations you believe the Mayor has committed it should be investigated, but you should also investigate who sent those packages, ethics goes across the board.

No one from the public wishing to be heard, Mrs. Russell made a motion to close the public portion, Mrs. Tait 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 business for executive session. Mr. Gural yes on a personnel matter.

Mayor Arnold asked for a motion to approve **Resolution 2019-150**. President Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-150, Resolution Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings pursuant to

section 89 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P.L. 1975 regarding Personnel. Mrs. McCann 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 2019-150 is approved

Borough Council went into closed session at 9:53 PM

Closed Session

Borough Council returned from closed session at 9:55 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.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Allmond second the motion.

All voted in favor of the motion

Meeting adjourned at 9:56

Respectfully Submitted,

Doretha R. Jackson, RMC

Municipal Clerk

Borough of Palmyra