

Borough of Palmyra
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday September 21st, 2020

The Regular Council Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra was called to order by Mayor Tait at 6:35 PM

At the call of the roll:

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

ABSENT: none

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Mayor Tait read the following into the record:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and in consideration of Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the Borough of Palmyra does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued functioning of government, the meeting of the Mayor and Council will be a Virtual Council Meeting. Members of the public are invited to "attend" the Virtual Council Meeting but all members of the public participating in the meeting may be muted and their video image disabled. Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 9th, 2020 and notification was sent to the Burlington County Times on September 1, 2020. Notice was posted on the Municipal Door, Official Bulletin Board and the Borough of Palmyra Website and electronic signs on August 9th, 2020 and notice was given to all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Tait requested a motion for approval of the August 17th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. President Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Allmond second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, President Howard

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Russell

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal Clerk, Ms. Jackson acknowledged the following correspondence received;

Resident Letter — 8 West Henry Street

Letter- Linda Hynes, Burlington County Freeholder

Letter of Resignation - Patrolman Michael Hynes

Email of Not returning/resignation of Substitute Crossing Guard — Kelli Donovan

Mayor Tait requested a motion to accept the resignation letters/email of Michael Hynes and Kelli Donovan. President Howard made a motion to accept the resignation letters. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

All voted in favor of the motion

Thank-You Letter - John Gural

Email — Angela Grevera

Email — Amy E Chack, Municipal Court Division Manager, Burlington Vicinage

Letter — William H Lesser, CRS Coordinator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Email- Bob Weekley, Morgan Avenue

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Tait read the following proclamation regarding Constitution Week September 17th thru September 23th, 2020 into the record:

PROCLAMATION FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK

WHEREAS: September 17, 2020, marks the two hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE I, Gina Ragomo Tait by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Borough of Palmyra in the County of Burlington, in the State Of New Jersey do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as:

CONSTITUTION WEEK



and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained, and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of Palmyra to be affixed this 21st day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty.

Gina Ragomo Tait, Mayor of the Borough of Palmyra

REDEVELOPMENT

Rt. 73 South Redevelopment Area- Update

Resolution 2020-173, Resolution to Authorize the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement between the Borough of Palmyra and Palmyra Urban Renewal Entity, LLC Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq.

Mr. Gural introduced Mr. Glen Stock and Mr. Jay Wolfkind members of the redevelopment team representing the redevelopers of the Rt. 73 Redevelopment area. Mr. Gural stated, last week, the Land Use Board determined that the amended redevelopment plan was in compliance with the Master Plan and passed a resolution to that effect. Mr. Gural noted that the agenda tonight also is the second reading of Ordinance 2020-09, the adoption of the redevelopment amendment and supplement to the Rt. 73 South Redevelopment Plan established by Ordinance 2003-7 and Ordinance 200546A. Mayor Tait thanked everyone for all the work that was put in get where we are today.

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve resolutions 2020-173. President Howard made a motion to approve Resolutions 2020473. Mr. Allmond seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried, Resolution 2020-173 was approved

Mayor Tait then signed the redevelopment agreement on behalf of the Borough of Palmyra with Palmyra Urban Renewal Entity, LLC.

Mr. Gural indicated some of the highlights included with the agreement;

- Payment of the \$300,000.00 lien on the Fillit property; \$50,000.00 to be paid upon execution on the Redevelopment agreement
- \$600,000.00 for replacement of the soccer turf field at Legion Field
- \$250,000.00 for Neighborhood Preservation and Community Development programs

- Job Fair and hiring preference for Palmyra residents
- A \$4,000,000.00 redeveloper fee, to be applied towards the construction of our affordable housing units to be built in the redevelopment area, Mr. Gural noted this will satisfy the Borough's COAH obligation per the settlement agreement.
- Many recreational amenities, like hiking trails, etc.
- And the environmental clean-up of the Rt. 73 redevelopment area.

Mayor Tait indicated this has been a long time coming and the Borough will benefit immensely and this is just the beginning. Mr. Wolfkind indicated they looked forward to a long-term partnership with the Borough.

Outlaw Training & Fitness/620-622 Highland Ave Redevelopment Project -update

Mr. Brewer stated the determination of valuation mediation was held last week. Mr. Brewer indicated our appraisal was \$135,000.00, which was paid by Outlaw Training and Fitness and their appraisal was \$320,000.00. The valuation/decision for the determination of value was \$225,000.00. Mr. Brewer indicated if neither party appeals the determination then it becomes a binding judgement which Palmyra will have to pay and we have a contractual agreement with Outlaw Fitness that they will pay that \$90,000.00. If it is appealed by either party then there is a new hearing on the determination of valuation. Mr. Brewer indicated he had spoken with Mr. Hill, Outlaw Fitness's attorney and apprised him of the determination. Mr. Brewer indicated Mr. Hill indicated he would be discussing it with his client and will get back to the Borough to discuss moving forward. Mr. Allmond asked what the time frame was for appeal. Mr. Brewer indicated 30 days from the date of the determination.

Redevelopment Study Block 80 Lot 6, former Knights of Columbus property - update

Mr. Brewer indicated the hearing was held before the Land Use Board. Mr. Brewer that although we did everything properly sending the correct notifications to the newspaper and certified mail to the property owners, the property owners did not receive the notification, through no fault of ours, as they did not pick up their mail from that location. Mr. Brewer indicated the certified return receipt was returned to his office signed days after the hearing; as they were not visiting the property regularly due to Covid-19. Mr. Brewer noted after speaking with Mr. Gural it was decided to hold the hearing again on October 21, 2020. Mr. Brewer indicated the same notices will be sent and the hearing will take place again in fairness to the property owner.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

William Kirchner, ERI

Mr. Kirchner indicated three bids opening were held last week and three resolutions are on the agenda for consideration tonight, they are as follows;

2020 Road Improvement Program

There were three bidders and our recommendation is to award the contract to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$346,138.00 which is below the engineer's estimate of \$485,916.37.

5 & Race Street Improvement Project

There were three bidders and our recommendation is to award the contract to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC, the lowest bidder, for Alternate Bid in the amount of \$485,142.00 which is below our estimate of \$537,646.50.

Temple Avenue Project non-TAP grant portion

There were four bidders and our recommendation is to award the contract to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$937,602.00 which is slightly over our estimate of \$933,000.00 however combined with the savings on the other projects their recommendation stands. Mr. Kirchner stated another resolution on the agenda tonight is the resolution to adopt the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Management of Federal Aid Projects. Mr. Kirchner indicated they are the basic outlines/steps to be taken when accepting federal aid funds and how that funding should be managed.

Mr. Kirchner indicated he has received the quote for the basketball backstops for Legion Field and will be sending the recommendation letter to Ms. Condo tomorrow. Mr. Kirchner stated the cost of replacement of both backstops will be \$2,475.00. Mr. Kirchner indicated once received public works will be installing those backstops.

Mr. Kirchner indicated he was in the process of looking into the HVAC system improvements and or requirements necessary to reopen our various buildings safely, to the public. He noted he would have maintenance scheduled to have the maximum air exchange as possible.

Mr. Kirchner stated when he looked into the flag poles the War Memorial committee had stored at public works, he found they appear to be a residential type pole, not quite three inches in diameter which are in three sections and when assembled are about 20 feet. Mr. Kirchner indicated he was concerned about someone being able to take them apart and noted for a park type setting typically you would want to go with a solid type pole. Mr. Kirchner indicated he had priced a commercial grade solid type pole, 25-foot-high, 4-inch in diameter and it would cost about \$850.00 and would cost about \$500.00 to install. Mr. Gural indicated that because the poles are residential type and they would be included in a park setting, our recommendation would be not to use those poles and to instead order the commercial type poles, as safety is most important. Mr. Allmond noted the back story as to how those poles were purchased by the War Memorial Committee, with the intention of including/ installing them with the upcoming project. Dr. Cloud asked if, because Think Pavers won all three bids was there a conversation with them regarding cost savings as a result of them completing those projects together. Mr. Kirchner indicated that once a public bid is taken there is no negotiating the price or changing the quote, however he felt that when Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC bid all three projects they took into consideration the magnitude of the three projects and priced them accordingly. Mr.

Gural noted that Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC is the contractor who completed the improvements to Chief Payton I Flourney Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Tait noted:

We requested those participants wishing to have or make a Public comment, email their questions or comments in advance to Borough Clerk Rita Jackson at djackson@boroughofpalmyra.com. The opportunity to submit comments prior to meeting expired at 12:00 PM on Monday September 21, 2020. All comments will become part of the record and included with the Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Tait 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. Motion Carried

The Municipal Clerk read the following comments received:

Ms. Jacko — Delaware Avenue

I have a couple questions I would like addressed at the Council Meeting

Why aren't there any speed limit signs on Delaware Ave?

Why aren't there any "Drug Free School Zone" signs in front of the schools?

Why are the public works trucks always driving around numerous times of the day /week with empty trucks?

The street sweeper machine seems to create more of a mess, than actually cleaning the streets. With so many more things that need to be done in Palmyra, maybe the street sweeper can be retired?

How do I go about logging into the meeting on Monday night?

Ms. Fusco- Lincoln Avenue

I hope you and your family are all safe and healthy.

I noticed the agenda includes a discussion item regarding use of Legion Field and the community facilities. Because the COVID pandemic will be an ongoing challenge, I feel it would be in the best interest of the community to re-open facilities if at all possible, for activities that are low risk, and in a manner that is in accordance with the CDC and NJ guidance. This may be a challenging prospect, but if there *is* any interest in doing so, I would like to volunteer my time and expertise to facilitate such an undertaking. I have been a nurse for over 30 years, with 22 of those years as a certified infection prevention professional and would be happy to provide any assistance I can.

Thank you

Ms. Jackson noted she had received an email from Mrs. Robinson indicated she had a comment for tonight meeting and would be logging in. Ms. Jackson asked Mrs. Robinson if she was present.

Mrs. Robinson- 5th Street

Mrs. Robinson indicated some of our policies and or ordinances maybe a bit antiquated, noting they may be hurting some residents rather than helping them. Mrs. Robinson stated she was bringing it to council's attention to ask for help for a fellow community member. Mrs. Robinson indicated she sent photos to the governing body so that could see and understand what she was inquiring about. Mrs. Robinson indicated that prior to 2020 the sidewalk in front of 414 W 5th Street was crumbled and full of holes. Mrs. Robinson explained the homeowner was given a new sidewalk but unfortunately it was completed with pavers not concrete. Mrs. Robinson indicated the sidewalk is beautiful but unfortunately, she is faced with having to take up the pavers and replace with concrete or face the expense of going before the Land Use Board. Mrs. Robinson indicated there is no curb along the front of the house and it has not been there you years. Mrs. Robinson asked what can council do to help with this problem. Mayor Tait indicated at this time a variance is needed and it must go before the Land use Board as it is governed by an Ordinance. Mayor Tait indicated she has to contact the Land Use Board for relief. Mayor Tait indicated the curbing outside a residence is the homeowner responsibility. Mr. Gural indicated curbing is sometime replaced which road reconstruction is completed but the proper body which could grant relief would be the Land Use Board. After some discussion it was noted that the curbing at that residence would be replaced with the upcoming 5th Street Road improvement project.

Ms. Weiner Charles Street

Ms. Weiner indicated the Halloween Committee was having discussions regarding the House decorating contest as usual and are looking for approval to do a new scarecrow contest. Ms. Weiner explained the contest and indicated the scarecrows would be put up and taken down at a designated time by the participants. She indicated details on the contest had been forwarded to the governing body and hoped there would be enough participation to have at least half of the 50 poles along Broad Street decorated. Mr. Gural stated it sounds like the governing body is in agreement and it does not require any resources from the Borough just make sure we are abreast of the particulars of the contest. Ms. Weiner indicated the committee is looking at keeping the tradition of the Halloween Parade and is contemplating taking the parade to everyone else to avoid very large gatherings. Ms. Weiner noted they were thinking of doing something along the line of riding thru the entire town with a mini parade. Ms. Weiner indicated the committee would be contacting the fire company, police department and Lenny's towing and would be getting back to council when additional information is forthcoming.

Mr. Gural indicated he would respond to the other comments read tomorrow.

No one else from the public wishing to be heard, Mayor Tait asked for a motion to close the Public Portion. Mrs. Russell made a motion to close the public portion, Mr. Allmond second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING Public Hearing

Ordinance 2020-09, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra to Amend and Supplement the Route 73 South Redevelopment Plan as Adopted by Ordinance 2003-7 and Ordinance 2005-16A of the Borough of Palmyra.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to open Ordinance 2020-09 for public hearing. Mrs. Russell made a motion to open Ordinance 2020-09 for public comments. President Howard second the motion

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

No comments Mayor Tait requested a motion to close the public portion. Mrs. Russell made a motion to close the public hearing, President Howard second the motion.

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Tait requested of motion to approve Ordinance 2020-09. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-09. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion carried. Ordinance 2020-09 was adopted

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution **2020-174** and Resolution **2020-188** 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 anything needed to be pulled from the consent agenda. Borough Council indicated no.

Resolution 2020-174, The Borough of Palmyra/NJ Department of Transportation Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Recommendation of Award of the Alternate Bid of 5th and Race Street Improvement Project of the Borough of Palmyra to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$485,142.00 subject to review and Certification of the bid documents by the Solicitor and CFO.

Resolution 2020-175, The Borough of Palmyra/NJ Department of Transportation Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Recommendation of Award of the Temple Boulevard Improvement Project of the Borough of Palmyra to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC in the amount of \$937,602.00. subject to review and certification of the bid documents by the Solicitor and CFO.

Resolution 2020-176, Resolution Approving Natalie L Fries as an Active Member of the Palmyra Fire Department

Resolution 2020-177, Resolution of Governing Body Acknowledging Receipt of and Certification of the 2019 Municipal Audit

Resolution 2020-178, Resolution awarding a contract to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for the 2020 Road Improvement Project Baser Bid and Alternate Bid in the total amount of \$346,138.00 subject to review and Certification of the bid documents by the Borough Solicitor and CFO.

Resolution 2020-179, Resolution Accepting the Burlington County Municipal Park Development Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 and Authorizing Mayor Tait to execute any required documents.

Resolution 2020-180, Resolution Requesting Approval of item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87(Chapter 159) Veterans Memorial Park Enhancements in the amount of \$75,000.00

Resolution 2020-181, Resolution Appointing Linda Yansick as Secretary for the Shade Tree Advisory Board with an Annual Stipend of \$750.00 Effective with the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting, October 7th, 2020

Resolution 2020-182, Resolution Adopting the Borough of Palmyra Policies and Procedures Manual for the Management of Federal Aid Projects

Resolution 2020-183, Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks from the Borough of Palmyra Municipal Court General Account

Resolution 2020-184, Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks from the Borough of Palmyra Municipal Court Bail Account.

Resolution 2020-185, Resolution Approving Katherine A Sacca as an Active Member of the Palmyra Fire Department

Resolution 2020-186, Resolution Requesting Approval of item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) Temple Blvd Reconstruction FY 2018 Municipal Aid Program in the amount of \$250,000.00

Resolution 2020-187, Resolution Authorizing the 2020-2021 Liquor License Renewal for Oberg LLC, T/A Curran's Irish Pub/5 West Plenary Retail Consumption License with Broad Package #0327-32-003-007

Resolution 2020-188, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of August 2020 in the Amount of \$1,889,429.89.

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve resolutions 2020-174 thru 2020-188. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolutions 2020-174 thru 2020-188. Mr. Allmond seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Resolutions 2020-174 thru Resolution 2020-188 were approved

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURERS REPORTS

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for August 2020. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for July 2020. President Howard second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard
AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Treasurers Report was approved.

MOTION TO APPROVE TEMPORARY ABC OURDOOR CONSUMPTION/SOCIAL PERMIT

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve the Temporary ABC Outdoor Consumption/Social Permit for Park Tavern. President Howard made a motion to approve the Temporary ABC Outdoor Consumption/Social Permit for Park Tavern. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Temporary ABC Outdoor Consumption/Social Permit was approved.

Mrs. Russell inquired as to exactly where the consumption would be taking place on the property. Mr. Gural explained the diagrams were included in an email send to the governing body, noting on the front porch and a small area in the back-parking lot. Mr. Gural also noted the original resolution, Resolution 2020-141, adopted to allowing licensed business to apply for outdoor consumption extensions expires today. Mr. Gural indicated a resolution would be necessary to extend the expiration date to November 30th, 2020.

Resolution 2020-189, Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-141 extending the deadline from September 21, 2020 to November 30, 2020.

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Resolution 2020-189, Amending Resolution 2020-141 extending the deadline from September 21, 2020 to November 30, 2020. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-189. President Howard seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Mr. Allmond, Dr. Cloud, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Resolution 2020189 was approved

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Tait indicated in the beginning of the pandemic the governing body decided there would be no public events until Christmas. Mayor Tait indicated the governing body did not consider the Town Wide Yard sale. After some discussion regarding having the event Mr. Gural indicated the event could be held allowing residents to have a yard sale on one particular day noted without having to pay the normal yard sale fee. After some additional discussion it was decided to hold the Town Wide Yard Sale on October 3rd, 2020 with a rain date of October 4th, 2020. No maps will be completed and the electronic sign, our website and Facebook will be used to advertise the sale; and there will be no permit

fees on that date. Chief Campbell indicated the Police Department Firearms Basic Training Seminar was very successful everyone enjoyed the content of the class and the fact that it was held in person. Chief Campbell indicated over ninety people are on the wait list and there are two more classes scheduled.

Mr. Gural indicated currently we do have a date for the reopening of Borough Hall to the public. Mr. Gural stated the improvements have been completed however were still have concerns regarding the restrooms. Mr. Gural stated the tax office staff will be returning to working in office on a full-time basis beginning this Wednesday noting the Tax sale to be held in November will be held in Borough Hall. Mr. Gural indicated all part-time hourly employees will be paid for hours worked only beginning with the next pay period. Mr. Gural stated he would be sending the governing body suggestions as to how the restroom situation could be rectified moving forward. Mr. Gural indicated we are starting to normalize operations at Borough Hall however have a few more things to address before we are ready open to the public. Mayor Taft asked council how they felt about holding the council meetings back in Borough Hall. Mr. Allmond inquired about enough space in Borough Hall to be able to social distance with an undetermined number of attendees, not wanting to turn anyone away from a public meeting. Mr. Rosenberg indicated we would need to provide at least 6 to 8 feet distance between attendees which may prove to be unattainable for Borough Hall. Mr. Rosenberg indicated the place may need to be changed to the Community Center to be able to accommodate them. There was some additional discussion regarding the location and the number of people able to attend, council meeting in person and the public attending remotely. Mr. Gural indicated he would need to take a look at something things in Borough Hall to determine if the laptops will work with our firewall. Mrs. Russell indicated she would like to have the option of physically attending or virtually attending the meetings as she is concerned with it causing an issue which would cause a problem with her full-time job. Dr. Cloud indicated she felt we were doing the right thing as we currently are, given the circumstances and it appears to be more people attending these meeting than before. Mr. Gural indicated he would look into it and get back to council with some ideas.

Municipal Clerk Jackson indicated she had just received an email from Mr. Rader indicating he had been unable to turn on his microphone to give his comment during the public comment. Mayor Tait asked if Mr. Rader was still in attendance... after a brief wait Mr. Rader spoke.

Mr. Rader -Harbour Drive

Mr. Rader stated he has attended Borough Council meetings for over twenty years participating during public comment. Mr. Rader referred to a memo from Mr. Rosenberg to the governing body dated January 11, 2002. Mr. Rader read the memo regarding participation of the public at public meetings noting particular portions as follows: It is the intent of the Mayor and member of Borough Council to afford the public the opportunity to offer comment to the fullest extent possible, noting the public will have the opportunity to address that governing body upon the conclusion of the meeting except as otherwise required by law. Mr. Rader indicated for 18 years there has been a public session after the conclusion of the business meeting before adjournment. Mr. Rader indicated Mayor Tait eliminated the

second public session. Mr. Rader asked again why that portion which was set by precedence was eliminated. Mr. Rader stated Mayor Tait is the first Mayor in Palmyra who has not allowed the public the opportunity to speak by way of public portion after the regular meeting business. Mr. Rader asked if it was the Mayor's intention to eliminate the public from participating in public meetings. Mr. Rosenberg stated, Mr. Rader as well as every person who has ever attended a Palmyra public meeting has had the opportunity to speak. Mr. Rosenberg stated this evening the Mayor afforded Mr. Rader the opportunity to speak, out of turn, when Council and the Mayor had no obligation to do so. Mr. Rosenberg again noted no one has ever been denied the opportunity to speak of the twenty years that he has been present. Mr. Rosenberg indicated different Mayors have conducted their meetings and allowing people to speak at different times. Mr. Rosenberg noted the previous Mayor held a public portion before ordinances and resolutions were read allowing the public to ask question or make comments regarding only those items on the agenda at that time and held a second public comments session to allow people to speak about anything on the agenda or that they wished. Mr. Rosenberg stated there has been a free exchange of ideas to afford the most members of the public the opportunity to speak at a time which is convenient for them. Mr. Rosenberg stated the Mayor has never limited the amount of time that any member of the public has been limited to during a public comment and the current governing body is doing nothing incorrectly with respect to the public comments section of the Borough Council meetings. Mayor Tait indicated she changed the public comment section to earlier in the meeting, in the beginning of the year, because many people voiced concerns regarding having to stay so late to ask a simple question or to make a comment regarding something which was not on the agenda. Mayor Tait indicated she just wants as many people as wish to, too be able to participate as easily as possible. There was some additional discussion and Mr. Almond noted the agenda was fine as it is and allows for anyone to make comments before the meeting and during the meeting and he did not believe anyone was losing out on an opportunity to voice their opinion.

Mr. Gural indicated the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Palmyra Police Association will be discussed at the public safety committee meeting which is scheduled for Thursday the 23rd. at 3:30pm.

Mr. Gural indicated he had nothing new to report regarding the former mayor Michelle Arnold and payment of the advance travel funds owed the Borough.

Mr. Gural indicated we are working on it and he and Mr. Rosenberg would be putting together those public auctions for purchase of Borough-owned lots.

Mr. Gural indicated a request had come into the Borough asking that the wattage on the street light be reduced on Race Street. Mr. Gural stated after speaking with Chief Campbell the recommendation is that the light intensity not be reduced due to the number of calls to that area.

Mr. Gural indicated the concession stand the restrooms at Legion Field along with the community center and other Borough facilities are still not available to the public for use as we just cannot keep up

with the required cleaning of those buildings during this pandemic.

Mr. Allmond indicated he spoke with Mr. McElwee regarding revising the scope of the Veterans Memorial Park Improvement project as we were granted a significant amount less than requested. Mr. Allmond indicated he had also reached out to Mr. Kirchner requesting an updated estimate and was waiting to hear back from him. Mr. Allmond indicated he would have a recommendation from the committee at the next meeting regarding how we should proceed with the project.

Mayor Tait indicated she had completed the class R. Mr. Gural stated any person affiliated with the Borough who has contact with or works with children must take the class Protecting Children from Abuse Training for Managers/Supervisors/Elected Officials as a requirement of JIF. Mr. Gural also noted to also reach out to Chief Campbell for the background check. Mrs. Jenkins asked if the training which teachers receive would be ok. Mr. Gural indicated he had spoken with the JIF regarding that issue and they indicated no, their training must be taken. Mr. Gural indicated he would check on the background checks and get back to all.

Mr. Gural stated we received a request from Cross River Fiber to run a telecommunications fiber optic cable thru town on the existing utility poles. Mr. Gural indicated he would need to speak with Mr. Rosenberg regarding the request and would place it back on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Gural stated Ms. Condo is implementing a new portion of the Time Trak time management system which will allow employees the ability to clock in from their desk or phone.

Mr. Gural noted the 105th Annual NJLM Virtual Conference will be held November 16th, 2020 thru November 20th, 2020 if anyone is interested please contact Rita if you would like to attend.

Mrs. Russell indicated she has received comments regarding the increase in panhandling that is occurring at WAWA and the surrounding areas. Mrs. Russell wanted to know if there was anything the governing body could do about it. Mr. Rosenberg noted that are some constitutional limitations to what a municipality can or cannot do in regards to pan handling. Mr. Rosenberg indicated he would look into it and have something in writing for the governing body at the next meeting. Chief Campbell indicated she had also reached out to New Jersey Transit in regarding to help noting the she will be meeting with them regarding the panhandling and juveniles coming down from Trenton and causing an issue with bike thefts in town.

Mrs. Russell stated that during their committee meeting they spoke about the recent pedestrian traffic crossing Broad Street. Mrs. Russell noted they were looking at what could be done to improve the pedestrian safe crossing Broad Street. Dr. Cloud asked if we could look at the pedestrian safety/injury data for the intersection of Broad Street and Cinnaminson Avenue and possibly having a conversation with the County about modifying the signaling at the intersection. Mr. Gural indicated they would discuss this issue at the public safety committee meeting. Mrs. Jenkins noted that a Broad Street

Calming study was done some years ago and perhaps that would be useful for information. Dr. Cloud asked that after the public safety meeting that council be updated at the next meeting if possible.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Gural indicated we are still waiting for a response from PSE&G regarding the Special Franchise Tax.

Mr. Gural stated the PSE&G energy audit of Community Center has been completed we are waiting for report. Mr. Gural noted we have also extended the program to the Public Works facility and are awaiting the scheduling of the energy audit.

Mr. Gural stated the property located at 526 W 6th Street is a Sober Living Facility. Mr. Gural indicated any structure of this type, regarding construction and or operating is completely governed by the State of NJ Department of Community Affairs. Mr. Gural indicated that they may have the ability to override our local zoning ordinances, noting that a sober living facility is what's know as an inherently beneficial use similar to a church. Mr. Gural explained the concerns of the neighbors, how it can to be in the home and noted however *very* limited we are in what can be done. There was some additional discussion regarding the use, how it was obtained. Mrs. Kilmer noted she initially issued a zoning violation but has since withdrawn it.

Mr. Gural indicated the current contractor of the NJ Avenue Construction project may have said some inappropriate comments to a resident. Mr. Gural indicated he was dealing with it and would have a meeting with the owner of the company.

Mr. Gural stated the laptop computers have been installed and have been assigned.

Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Rosenberg sent a notification to all indicating which Burlington County Board of Taxation Appeals were granted. Mr. Rosenberg indicated there is one appeal that went directly to the tax court and it is in the discovery stage currently.

Mr. Gural the salary resolution and salary ordinance update will need to be completed within the next month. Mr. Gural indicated this should be completed every two years.

Mr. Gural indicated a resolution will be on the next agenda for the Police & Fire Dept 700 MHz radios which are a capital purchase.

Mr. Gural stated the Herbicide we use in the parks was over applied and that has been addressed by Mr. McGill and it won't happen again.

Mr. Gural indicated the tax sale will be held in November and it will be held in the Borough. The tax collection percentage rate we will hit and perhaps equal the tax collection rate of prior years.

Mr. Gural indicated we will continue to repairs the artificial turf until the replacement is done perhaps in 2022. Mr. Gural noted however that the governing body could choose to replace it now and pay off the debt service when we receive the funding from the redeveloper.

Mr. Gural indicated he spoke with Mr. Rosenberg and Chief Campbell and more reductions were made to their staffing of Animal Control Officers further stretching the agreement signed. Mr. Gural stated Mr. Rosenberg sent Willingboro Township terminating the agreement after the next thirty days.

Mr. Gural indicated we are contacting and looking for replacements for the services.

Mr. Gural indicated VCOMM reviewed and approved the improvements which AT&T/Smart Link submitted for upgrades to cell tower. Mr. Gural indicated he signed off on the approval so you may see people out working on the cell tower.

Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Rosenberg sent notification of foreclosure on a particular property which carried a rehab grant, as noted in the past not anything we need to do.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. McCann reminded all especially the children to put trash in trash cans to keep our town clean.

Dr. Cloud -no comment

Mrs. Jenkins - no comment.

Mr. Allmond thanked Tangy and the office staff for helping with the mailings for the Veterans Committee. Mr. Allmond indicated he received several responses and was hopeful we will receive a get many more.

Mrs. Russell — no comment

President Howard stated we held another 2020 Census event this past weekend and he thanked Michele and the Mayor for their help.

Mayor Tait indicated the Census workers will be in the Payton Flournoy Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays trying to get our numbers, they are also riding around thru town. Mayor Tait indicted the Covid-19 case count is up to 79 in the Borough. Mayor Tait encouraged all to stay vigilant, maintain the social distancing, and wear a mask. Mayor Tait also encourage all to get their flu shots this year, Mayor Tait also sent condolences to the Stickle family. Mayor Tait thanked everyone who worked so hard at bringing the Redevelopment Agreement to fruition noting it will be a great thing for Palmyra and its residents. Mr. Rosenberg stated Mr. Gural worked so hard and would not take no for an answer, he pushed the professionals and what a tiger in getting this agreement done. Many thanks to Mr. John Gural for all his efforts and hard work.

Mayor Tait asked Mr. Gural and Mr. Rosenberg if there were items for closed session. Mr. Gural and Mr. Rosenberg indicated no.

Mayor Tait 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. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Doretha R Jackson, RMC

Municipal Clerk