

BOROUGH OF PALMYRA
VIRTUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4th, 2021 at 6:30 PM

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra was called to order by Mayor Gina Tait at 6:34 pm.

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Mayor Tait 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 December 10, 2020.
- B. Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, Courier Post newspaper on December 10, 2020.
- C. Notice to all Council Members.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Dr. Laura Cloud was sworn in as Councilmember of the Borough of Palmyra for a 3-year term by Ted Rosenberg.

Mr. Brandon Allmond was sworn in as Councilmember of the Borough of Palmyra for a 3-year term by Ted Rosenberg. Mr. Allmond accompanied by his daughter Frances Allmond.

The new Council was then convened with a roll call:

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

ABSENT: 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 asked for a motion to close the nominations. Mrs. Russell made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Allmond second the motion.

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. Mr. Allmond second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

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

AGAINST: none

Motion Carried

Congratulations to Mr. Howard our new Council President.

Mr. Howard was sworn in as Council President of the Borough of Palmyra by Mr. Ted Rosenberg.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DIGNITARIES

Mayor Tait acknowledged special guests, U.S. Congressman Donald Norcross in attendance and asked if he would have a few words.

Congressman Norcross congratulated Dr. Cloud and Mr. Allmond on their reelection to office. He noted that it is a wonderful thing you do, “something greater than yourself” to serve the community. Congressman Norcross thanked the Mayor and all the essential workers for everything they do, day in and day out keeping the county running. Congressman Norcross indicated over the past year he had done weddings, funerals, birthdays, holidays and now reorganizing Municipalities on Zoom but fortunately that is the way we keep the county moving forward, so democracy as envisioned by our forefathers and foremothers continues. He noted that each year you reflect at what you have done and look forward to what you wish to accomplish. Congressman Norcross indicated he was glad to see 2020 move on and now 2021 has brings new hope. The vaccine is being introduced, so there is true hope, but it does not mean we are out of the woods yet. Congressman Norcross urged everyone to remain diligent with wearing masks, social distancing, washing your hands and respecting others. On behalf of a grateful nation we are thankful for new people bring in new ideas, but it only works if we work together. Congressman Norcross stated, as he was reminded by Senator Singleton, the election is political, but it is over when you place your hand on the bible and swear to uphold the constitution and to work together. Congressman Norcross thank the governing body for inviting him to come and stated “God bless you and the United States of America”.

STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS - Mayor Gina Ragomo Tait

2020 has made every one's lives different. From working at home, to staying at home and trying to continue services while keeping everyone safe. This year we saw over three hundred positive tests from our town and four deaths. We have been ahead of the curve with protecting our residents and will continue to do what is best for everyone. We have scaled down our Public events in compliance with the Governor Murphy's orders. We have received Covid-19 funding to help with expenses that were accrued due to the pandemic.

The Borough has continued to move ahead with redevelopment, maintaining our streets and continuing our daily operations. Redevelopment saw an agreement signed with PURE LLC for the South Side of Rt. 73 in September and we are currently in negotiations with Fair Share Housing to finalize all pieces of the agreement dealing with our affordable housing obligation. The old PNC Bank property is still moving forward, and the Knights of Columbus property has been deemed as an area in need of redevelopment.

Our road work is continuing; we received another grant for \$240,00.00 for the Temple Blvd project which will be starting as soon as the weather permits. Additionally, the Spring Garden Street and 5th Street projects will be completed as soon as circumstances allow.

We received a Park grant in the amount of \$75,000 to enhance Veterans Memorial Park which should be underway this spring.

Our Police Department saw the first woman Chief of Police in Burlington County, Chief Megan Campbell. Our Police Department spearheaded by Patrolman/SRO Omar Kendall collected donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for families of Palmyra in need. The staff and Borough Council look forward to seeing how everyone can work together to improve our community and relationships within the community.

Our Borough Clerk ran the Primary and General Elections without any problems, so all voices were heard during the election process.

I would like to thank Council President Tim Howard for setting up the mobile Food Pantries; I was proud to be a part of the mobile Food Pantries which benefited our senior citizens, Charles Street School families as well as so many others in the Borough and surrounding communities. I would like to thank the Bread of Life Pantry; which I have spent much time at; for the dedication and time given to our community while helping people in need.

Several members of council and I set up several census events in 2020 to get as many people as possible counted in the 2020 US Census.

This year has been the time of zoom meetings, having logged onto many conference calls with the County Health Department, Governor Murphy's office and our local Legislators making sure that Palmyra is in compliance with all executive orders issued and is if there was anything more that we can do to help our residents. It was great to see that Palmyra has been ahead of the curve with most of our actions making sure the public is safe. Once restrictions are lifted, I

would like to try again to have a Mayor's Advisory Board, to be able to hear the concerns of our residents and to find resolutions for things which concern them. I have heard from many residents about volunteering and would love to get as many people involved as possible. My hope is to start "The Get to Know your Neighbor" gatherings which will enable us to work together for the betterment of Palmyra.

The welcome book is almost done, it is being proofread now and should be out by the spring of 2021, it will come in handy for all new residents moving into town, as well as current residents seeking information regarding services provided by the Borough of Palmyra.

I am also in talks with the Bridge Commission to start a Community Garden; stay tuned for more details.

I have received numerous comments and suggestions regarding many Palmyra better. Please continue to call or email me with any problems or suggestions and I will be in touch.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Municipal Clerk, Jackson read the resignation letter submitted by Marie Nagle. Borough Council accepted the letter of resignation.

PUBLIC PORTION

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 January 4th, 2021. All comments submitted will become part of the record and included with the Meeting Minutes.

For those who chose to "attend" the Virtual Meeting, Mayor Tait opened the meeting to the public for comments. Comments should be limited to no more than (2) two minutes. All comments will become part of the record and included with the Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to open the public comment 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

Mayor Tait asked if any comments were received before the meeting.

Municipal Clerk, Ms. Jackson indicated the following comment was received:

Mr. Clark - Columbia Avenue - I sincerely regret writing this email however I feel that the entire counsel needs to know what has occurred over the past couple of decades. I first would

like to thank the township for creating and completing the township wide accessible intersection ramp project that provides many residents with street crossing access. Unfortunately, during any winter snowfall, the intersections are not accessible due to mounds of snow and ice blocking the many crossings created by snowplows. I have attempted for many years/decades to bring attention to this public safety problem and received feedback from the township that it would be addressed. Each winter with the same outcome, no progress or attempts towards change. A couple of weeks ago, I brought up the same snow intersection issue to the township administrator who informed me that the matter would need to be brought up to the counsel to change the ordinance. I have heard this many times over the years going up to 20 plus years ago. I understand that we are in the middle of a pandemic, however this creates a greater need to have access throughout the town to obtain basic needs in the business district during a weather emergency. Thank you.

President Howard asked Mr. Gural if he knew which ordinance Mr. Clerk was referring to. Mr. Gural stated he thought it was article 3 chapter 237 of the code, regarding sidewalk snow and ice removal. Mr. Gural indicated the ordinance does need to be reviewed however, this is really a code enforcement matter. It is about educating the public, notifying the public when they are not in compliance. Mr. Gural noted the ordinance clearly states what is to be done and what consequences the violators face if not done. Mr. Gural explained there is a one hundred dollar fine if convicted in court, which is a pretty stiff sentence for not shoveling your sidewalk, code enforcement has no option but to notify the homeowner, give them the appropriate time to abate the violation and if not to issue a summons, that is the process. The governing body has to determine if they want to fine people, not just the ones we receive complaints for but must be fair, so everyone who does not follow the code completely. Mr. Gural stated the code also goes on to state that we have the ability to send public works out to shovel those sidewalks, but that's just an impossible scenario, noting we have miles of sidewalks in our community and it's just not possible for public works to shovel all of them. President Howard stated he thought the comments involved the crosswalk corners where the handicap ramps are and public works plowing down the street and blocking them in. President Howard stated he thought it was the responsibility of the homeowner to clear the sidewalks and corners if they live on a corner lot. Mrs. Jenkins indicated when public works plows and piles the snow up on a corner, it is just unrealistic to believe that the homeowner can remove all the snow plowed onto the corner. Mrs. Jenkins suggested a conversation with whomever is plowing the snow, determining a better way to remove/allocate, when plowing, the amount of snow left on corners. Mr. Clark indicated there are problems with people not shoveling their sidewalks in the middle of the block, but that is not the biggest problem. Mr. Clark stated the biggest barriers are at the intersections in the streets noting people will shovel their sidewalks to the

curb but not touch the street as there is just too much snow. Mr. Clerk indicated the snow embankment in the street at the corner could be 3 to 5 feet into the street, 3 or 4 feet high and when it freezes over its an icy snow mound. Mr. Clark indicated the only way to get around it is to walk in the street which is not possible for all residents. Mayor Tait asked the public safety and public works committee to look into this issue. President Howard stated the public works employees were sent to training for snow plowing a while ago and indicated he would go over it with public works. There was additional discussion regarding plowing, snow removal and placement of the snow. Mr. Gural indicated more cooperation from the public would go a long way. Mr. Gural indicated when plowing public works does not get out of trucks to clear corners noting the mandate is to get the roads open for transportation purposes. There was additional discussion regarding removal of snow at the four main corners at Cinnaminson Avenue and Broad Street. Mr. Jenkins stated we are talking about two different things, the homeowner's responsibility, and the Borough's responsibility for clearing snow. Mayor Tait asked President Howard to note the various suggestions regarding the snow clearing for the next committee meeting. Mr. Clark thanked council for the conversation regarding snow removal.

Mayor Tait asked for comments from those attending the meeting.

Ms. Veitenheimer – Rowland Street Ms. Veitenheimer stated during the last storm, which was an ice storm, she only had time, before going to work, to clear the portion of her driveway to get the car out. Ms. Veitenheimer stated because public works did not go curb to curb when plowing she had three feet of snow to remove before being able to get onto the road, when she returned from work the sidewalk was ice and no way could she remove it at that point. Mr. Veitenheimer noted that more time is needed than 12 hours to clear the sidewalk.

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

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Tait indicated that because we are still in a pandemic, that we are limited in the things which we can do for our MLK Jr. Day of Service project. Mayor Tait indicated she has spoken with Reverend Soper and he suggested a coat drive. Mayor Tait indicated she spoke with Officer Kendall, our SRO officer and asked if the project was viable and if he would be willing to help with it. He agreed so the Borough and Palmyra Police dept will be collecting coats for

the needy on Monday January 18th, 2021. There was additional information regarding coats, gloves and hats also where the items would be dropped off and how they would be given out. Mayor Tait indicated all the logistics had not yet been worked out but to stay tuned to the website for additional information to follow.

Mayor Tait then read the following: 2021 Council Committees Appointments

Gina Ragomo Tait - Mayor

Committee Member: Public Safety & Municipal Court; Redevelopment & Negotiations; Public Events

Timothy Howard – Council President

Public Safety Director

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

Brandon Allmond

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

Michelle McCann

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

Bernadette Russell

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

Farrah Jenkins

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

Laura Craig Cloud

Committee Member: Business Community and Development; Construction, Housing & Code Enforcement; Green Team; Public Events; Land Use Board Liaison- (Class II Member)

**** Palmyra Harbour Condo Association and Riverfront Homeowners Association Liaisons will be the entire governing body. (Schedule to be determined for Association's monthly meetings)

Palmyra High School Student Representatives

Andrew Yansick

Elizabeth Lake

Mayor Tait then read the following: 2021 Mayor's Annual Appointments

Borough Administrator/Human Resource Officer	John Gural
Tax Search Officer/ Alternate Registrar	Tanyika Johns
Registrar	Doretha R Jackson
Municipal Lien Search Officer/ Fair Housing Officer	Doretha R Jackson
Police Secretary /Police Records Clerk	Renay Montgomery
Storm Water Coordinator	John Gural
Tree Officer	Jon Petite
Shade Tree Secretary	Linda Yansick
Clean Communities Coordinator	Ernest McGill
Recycling Coordinator	Earnest McGill
Emergency Management Coordinator	Richard K. Dreby
1 st Deputy Emergency Mgmt.	Tracy Kilmer
2 nd Deputy Emergency Mgmt.	John Skowronski
Fire Chief	Richard Dreby
Deputy Fire Chief	Alan Zimmermann
1 st Battalion Chief	Michael Stokes
2 nd Battalion Chief	Howard Dreby
Fire Police/Fire Department Captain	William Quigg
Fire Police/Fire Department Lieutenant	Terre Bankowski
Fire Police	Natalie Fries
Fire Chaplin	David Confer

CERT Team

Chuck Young; Eileen Young; Judy Benton; Clarence Belton; Noel McFadden; Lori Genstein; Juanita Bussie; Josephine Grimes; Junita Bussie; Barbara Bradfield; Leigh West; Erica Campbell; Amir Abdurahman

Crossing Guards

Amy Austin – Guard Captain

Howard Dreby, Sara Ercolono; Joanne Logue; Ellen Adams; Gail Marguis; Barbara Zeyher

Mayor Tait then read the following: 2021 Annual Citizen Appointments

LAND USE BOARD

Laura Cloud, Council Rep. Class III Member	1 year	01/01/21	12/31/21
John Gural, Borough Official Class II Member	1 year	01/01/21	12/31/21
Jessica O'Connor, Class IV	4 years	01/01/21	12/31/24

SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Jon Petitte (tree officer)	1 year	01/01/21	12/31/21
Bernadette Russell - Council Rep	1 year	01/01/21	12/31/21
Andrew Lehrian	1 year	01/01/21	12/31/21
Tim Kaluhiokalani	1 year	01/01/21	12/31/21
Emma Melvin	1 year	01/01/21	12/31/21

GREEN TEAM

Bernadette Russell	1 year	01/01/21	12/31/21
Laura Craig McCloud	1 year	01/01/21	12/31/21
Wendy Wenz	1 year	01/01/21	12/31/21
Lewis Yetter	1 year	01/01/21	12/31/21

Mayor Tait then read the following: 2021 Notice of Annual Borough Council Caucus and Regular Meeting Dates

Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra will meet on the following dates in 2021:

All meetings to be held on the first Monday (**Caucus Meeting**) at 6:30 pm and third Monday (**Regular Meeting**) at 6:30 pm of each month, unless otherwise noted due to a holiday or indicated with **, in which case those meetings shall begin at 6:00 P.M. Budget meeting to be held on Saturday at 8:00 am as noted with ****.

February 1, 2021

February 15, 2021

March 1, 2021

March 15, 2021

March 27, 2021**** - Saturday Budget meeting begins at 8:00 am

April 5, 2021

April 19, 2021

May 3, 2021

May 17, 2021

June 7, 2021**

June 21, 2021

July 19, 2021

August 2, 2021
August 16, 2021
September 20, 2021
October 4, 2021
October 18, 2021
November 1, 2021 **
November 15, 2021
December 6, 2021
December 20, 2021

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda- Resolution 2021-1 to Resolution 2021-78 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 pulled from the resolution consent agenda. Mrs. Russell asked that Resolutions 2021-6, Resolution 2021-7, Resolution 2021-8, Resolution 2021-9, Resolution 2021-18 and Resolution 2021-23 be removed from the consent agenda.

Mayor Tait read the following resolutions into the record:

Resolution 2021-01, Resolution to Confirm Council Committee Appointments

Resolution 2021-02, Resolution to Confirm Mayor's Annual Appointments

Resolution 2021-03, Resolution to Confirm Mayor's Annual Citizen Appointments

Resolution 2021-04, Resolution Approving the Borough of Palmyra Official Caucus and Regular Monthly Public Meeting Dates for the Borough Council for 2021

Resolution 2021-05, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Ted Rosenberg, Esq., as Municipal Solicitor.

Resolution 2021-10, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Robert P. Nehila Jr., of Bowman & Company LLP, as Municipal Auditor

Resolution 2021-11, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of William Kirchner of Environmental Resolutions Inc., (ERI) as Municipal Engineer

Resolution 2021-12, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of William Kirchner of Environmental Resolutions Inc., (ERI) as Municipal Sewer Engineer

Resolution 2021-13, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of John Hogue and/or Vladimir Raskin of Environmental Resources Management (ERM), as Municipal Environmental Engineer/Consultant and LSRP.

Resolution 2021-14, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Gregory R. Valesi and/or James Winckowski of Consulting & Municipal Engineers (CME) as Special Projects Engineer

Resolution 2021-15, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of David Gerken of Community Grants, Planning and Housing, (CGP&H) as Municipal Planner/Grants Coordinator.

Resolution 2021-16, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Community Grants, Planning and Housing, (CGP&H) as Municipal Affordable Housing/RCA Administrator.

Resolution 2021-17, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of James D. Fattorini, Esq., as Municipal Public Defender.

Resolution 2021-19, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of any/all other Municipal Prosecutors in Burlington County, as Substitute Prosecutor

Resolution 2021-20, 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

Resolution 2021-21, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Mark Ruderman, Esq. of Ruderman & Roth, LLC. as Special Counsel/Labor Attorney for Police Association/ Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations

Resolution 2021-22, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Carmen Saginario Jr., Esq. of Capehart Scatchard. as Special Counsel/Labor Attorney for Police Department Employment Matters

Resolution 2021-24, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Contracts with All Appointed Professionals After Review and Approval by the Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution 2021-25, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Administrator for The Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2021-26, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Burlington County JIF Fund Commissioner.

Resolution 2021-27, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Burlington County JIF Claims Coordinator

Resolution 2021-28, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Hearing Officer for Non-Uniformed Employees

Resolution 2021-29, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Storm Water Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2021-30, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Human Resources Officer for the Borough of Palmyra.

Resolution 2021-31, Resolution Appointing Doretha R Jackson as Burlington County JIF Alternate Fund Commissioner.

Resolution 2021-32, Resolution Appointing John Gural, Doretha Jackson and Ernest McGill as DOT/CDL Designated Employer Representatives

Resolution 2021-33, Resolution Appointing Doretha R. Jackson As Fair Share Housing Officer for The Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2021-34, Resolution Recommending to the Land Use Board Doretha R. Jackson Appointment as Land Use Board Secretary with an Annual Salary of \$3,183.62 effective January 1, 2021.

Resolution 2021-35, Resolution Appointing Doretha R. Jackson as Registrar for the Borough of Palmyra for a Three-Year Term Effective January 1, 2021

Resolution 2021-36, Resolution Appointing Tanyika Johns as Alternate Registrar for the Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2021-37, Resolution Appointing Robert Verry as Hearing Officer for Uniformed Employees

Resolution 2021-38, Resolution Appointing Tracy Kilmer as Burlington County JIF Safety Coordinator.

Resolution 2021-39, Resolution Appointing Tracy Kilmer as Housing Official and Housing Inspector for The Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2021-40, Resolution Appointing Tracy Kilmer as Zoning Officer for the Borough of Palmyra.

Resolution 2021-41, Resolution Appointing Tracy Kilmer as Acting Code Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2021-42, Resolution Appointing Donna Condo as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2021-43, Resolution Appointing Mindie Weiner as Deputy Tax Collector for Borough of Palmyra term to expire March 1st, 2021.

Resolution 2021-44, Resolution Appointing Ron Holt as Fire Inspector for the Borough of Palmyra term to expire December 31, 2021.

Resolution 2021-45, Resolution Appointing Ernest McGill as Recycling Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra.

Resolution 2021-46, Resolution Appointing Ernest McGill as Clean Communities Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra.

Resolution 2021-47, Resolution Appointing Jon Pettite as Tree Officer for the Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2021-48, Resolution Appointing the Crossing Guards for The Borough of Palmyra for 2021.

Resolution 2021-49, Resolution appointing John Yansick as a Part-time Public Works Laborer, effective January 1, 2021 not-to-exceed 28 hours per week at \$16.50 per hour.

Resolution 2021-50, Resolution Appointing the Borough of Palmyra Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Members

Resolution 2021-51, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Richard K. Dreby as Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2021-52, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment Michael Lunemann as Code Enforcement Officer

Resolution 2021-53, Resolution Appointing Michael Lunemann as Mechanical Inspector

Resolution 2021-54, Resolution Appointing Michael Lunemann as Abandoned Property List Public Official for the Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2021-55, Resolution Appointing Philip Opalski as part-time Housing Inspector, Fire Inspector and RCS Building Inspector not-to-exceed 16 hours per week.

Resolution 2021-56, Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-203 Appointing Juan Delgado as Plumbing Sub-Code Official, Plumbing Inspector, and Mechanical Inspector with term to expire October 6, 2024

Resolution 2021-57, Resolution Amending Resolution 2019-223 Appointing Raymond Holshue as Electrical Sub-Code Official and Electrical Inspector with term to expire September 11, 2023

Resolution 2021-58, Resolution Appointing Charles Soper, Wesley Allen, and Ella Graham as Chaplains for the Borough of Palmyra Police Department

Resolution 2021-59, Resolution Appointing Dale Palmer as part-time Supervisor for Public Buildings and Grounds Department

Resolution 2021-60, Resolution Appointing George Moore as part-time Public Buildings and Grounds Department

Resolution 2021-61, Resolution Appointing Stacey Brugler as part-time Payroll Clerk and Finance Assistant

Resolution 2021-62, Resolution Appointing Donna Condo as Secondary Human Resources Officer for the Borough of Palmyra

Resolution 2021-63 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.

Resolution 2021-64, Resolution Authorizing the 2021 Temporary Budget Appropriations.

Resolution 2021-65, Resolution to Approve 2021 Temporary Debt Service for the Borough of Palmyra in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey

Resolution 2021-66, Resolution Approving a Cash Management Plan for The Borough of Palmyra.

Resolution 2021-67, Resolution Fixing the Rate of Interest to Be Charged on Delinquent Taxes, Sewer Payments and Assessments

Resolution 2021-68, Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Debits and Credits of \$10.00 or Less for Tax and Sewer Payments

Resolution 2021-69, 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.

Resolution 2021-70, Resolution Awarding a contract to New Jersey Animal Control, LLC for 2021 Animal Control Services, subject to the Solicitor's review and the Chief Financial Officer's Certification

Resolution 2021-71, Resolution Awarding 2021 Maintenance Contract for Sewage Treatment Plant to Municipal Maintenance Company, Inc. in the amount of \$240,606.00, subject to the Solicitor's review and Chief Financial Officer's certification

Resolution 2021-72, Resolution Awarding 2021 On-Call Contracting Services Contract to Neri's Construction & Rentals, Inc. in the amount of \$484,190.00 subject to the Solicitor's review and the Chief Financial Officer's certification

Resolution 2021-73, Resolution Awarding 2021 Sewer Treatment Plant and Pump Station Debris Removal Contract to FRANCO Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$66,502.80 subject to the Solicitor's review and the Chief Financial Officer's certification

Resolution 2021-74, Resolution Awarding the 2021 HVAC Maintenance Contract to Air Systems Maintenance in the amount of \$24,718.00 subject to Solicitor's review and the Chief Financial Officer's certification

Resolution 2021-75, Resolution Awarding the 2021-2022 Transportation and Disposal of Sludge Contract to FRANCO Environmental, Inc. in the amount of 0.0959 per Gallon for Both Years 2021 and 2022, subject to the Solicitor's review and the Chief Financial Officer's certification

Resolution 2021-76, Resolution Awarding a Contract to Eastern Environmental, LLC for the 2021 & 2022 Tree Service Contract Effective January 1st, 2021 thru December 31st, 2022.

Resolution 2021-77, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of December bills in the amount of \$2,046,544.07.

Resolution 2021-78, Resolution Authorizing the Chief Finance Officer to Pay Vendor Bills during the Month of January 2021.

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Resolutions 2021-1 thru 2021-5, Resolutions 2021-10 thru Resolution 2021-17, Resolution 2021-19 thru 2021-22 and Resolutions 2021-24 thru Resolution 2021-78. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Resolutions 2021-1 thru 2021-5, Resolutions 2021-10 thru Resolution 2021-17, Resolution 2021-19 thru 2021-22 and Resolutions 2021-24 thru Resolution 2021-78. 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. Resolutions 2021-1 thru 2021-5, Resolutions 2021-10 thru Resolution 2021-17, Resolution 2021-19 thru 2021-22 and Resolutions 2021-24 thru Resolution 2021-78 were approved.

Mayor Tait then returned to the follow resolutions and read them into the record:

Resolution 2021-06, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Alexis B Batten, Esq. of Parker McCay as Special Counsel/Bond Attorney.

Resolution 2021-07, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Armando Riccio, Esq. as Special Counsel/Labor Attorney for Non-police Employment matters.

Resolution 2021-08, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Evan H C Cook, Esq. of Malamut & Associates, LLC as Special Counsel/Conflict Attorneys.

Resolution 2021-09, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Andrew Brewer, Esq. of Maraziti Falcon, LLP as Special Counsel/Municipal Redevelopment Attorney.

Resolution 2021-18, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment Brian E. Turner, Esq., and/or Daniel Gee, Esq., of Malamut & Associates, LLC as Municipal Prosecutors

Resolution 2021-23, Resolution Appointing Robert N. Wright, Jr., Esq., of Malamut & Associates as Special Counsel/Ethics Attorney

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Resolutions 2021-6 thru 2021-9, Resolutions 2021-18 and Resolution 2021-23. Mr. Allmond made a motion to approve Resolutions 2021-6 thru 2021-9, Resolutions 2021-18 and Resolution 2021-23. Mrs. Russell seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

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

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Russell

Motion Carried. Resolutions 2021-6 thru 2021-9, Resolutions 2021-18, and Resolution 2021-23, were approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Dr. Cloud -no comment

Mrs. Jenkins congratulated Mr. Allmond and Dr. Cloud and wished everyone a Happy and safe New Year. Mr. Jenkins asked everyone to remember the teachers, first responders as well, trying to educate our children.

Mr. Allmond – no comment

Mrs. McCann congratulated Mr. Allmond and Dr. Cloud wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked everyone to stay safe.

Mrs. Russell congratulated Mr. Allmond and Dr. Cloud and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

President Howard congratulated Mr. Allmond and Dr. Cloud and thanked the first responders and our teachers which are doing an awesome job, stay safe. President Howard stated he was looking forward to another great year, noting the Mayor did a great job getting us thru the pandemic thru far and with helping our residents and neighbors in surrounding communities. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Tait asked our student Representative, Andrew Yansick if he would like to make a comment.

Mr. Yansick congratulated Mr. Allmond and Dr. Cloud of their reelection and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Tait congratulated Dr. Cloud and Mr. Allmond on their re-election. She stated she is looking forward to the time when we can again begin doing things around town. Mayor Tait asked everyone to remember the Bread of Life Pantry is always willing to accept donations and if you have anything extra please drop it off, they will see to it that it is used. Mayor Tait thanked everyone who so cheerfully help at the pantry, they do a great job. Mayor Tait asked Ms. McCann to join her and Mrs. Russell in working on the parking ordinance. Mayor Tait asked everyone to stay safe and remain diligent with their masking wearing and social distancing. Mayor Tait thanked Mr. Gural, Ms. Jackson, the Borough staff, Mr. McGill and the public works and sewer staff for keeping everything together and the Borough functioning is past year. Mayor Tait stated to all not to hesitate to call or email her with anything you would like to discuss or change, she does answer all calls and emails.

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 7:59 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Doretha R. Jackson, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: February 1st, 2021 *DRJ*