

Borough of Palmyra
Virtual Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday September 20th, 2021, 6:30 PM

The Regular Council Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra was called to order by Mayor Tait at 6:31 PM

ROLL CALL

At the call of the roll:

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

ABSENT: President Timothy Howard

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Mayor Tait Read the following statement 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. Please be advised the Borough of Palmyra does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens, and to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 and its variants, while ensuring the continued functioning of government, the meeting of the Mayor and Council will be conducted as a Virtual Council Meeting. Members of the public are invited to “attend” the Council Meeting “Virtually” (via computer or phone) but all members of the public participating in the meeting virtually may be muted and their video image disabled. Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 12th, 2021. Notice was posted on the Municipal Official Bulletin Board and electronic signs on August 18th, 2021. Notice was also posted on the Borough of Palmyra Website on September 17th, 2021, and notice was given to all Council Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Tait requested a motion for approval of the August 16th, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes and August 16th, 2021, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes from August 16th, 2021. Mr. Allmond second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

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

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Letter – Scott Poulton, Major Commanding Officer Emergency Management Section, State of NJ

Notification- Gene Padalino, Township of Pennsauken, Planning Zoning Coordinator

Resignation Letter – Mark Allen, Public Works Department

Mayor Tait requested a motion to accept Mr. Allen’s letter of resignation. Mrs. Russell made a motion to accept Mr. Allen’s letter of resignation. Mr. Allmond second the motion.

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

REDEVELOPMENT

Rt. 73 South Redevelopment Area- Update

Mr. Gural indicated we have been notified by the redeveloper they have reached an agreement with the Fillit property owners and settlement is scheduled for the not to distant future. Mr. Gural indicated we are working on the PILOT for the affordable housing and second warehouse components of the project. Mr. Gural indicated the project sign has been installed on RT 73 at the entrance of the project. Mr. Rosenberg indicated we are making progress with the affordable housing agreement with Fair Share Housing and our professionals are currently reviewing the latest proposal.

Outlaw Training & Fitness, 620-622 Highland Ave Redevelopment Project – Update

Mr. Brewer indicated litigation had begun against Out Law Finess because they were not compliant with the redevelopment agreement. Mr. Brewer stated that during the status conference with the Judge, Out Law Fitness’s counsel agreed to make the escrow account and taxes current. Mr. Brewer indicated they have currently made payments and committed to bring all accounts current by the middle of October 2021.

Sea Box/ELM Office LLC, 321 E. Broad Street - Former Knights of Columbus Property- Update

Mr. Gural indicated he had nothing new to report.

PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

William Kirchner, ERI

Mr. Kirchner indicated that the contractor has completed the sawing and sealing on the Temple Blvd project. Mr. Kirchner indicated on this coming Wednesday they will be completing the striping, leaving some punch list work and the rapid flashing pedestrian crossing beacon that going in at Delaware Avenue. Mr. Kirchner indicate that a resolution was on the agenda for a change order to the project, for the leveling work to the entire length of the road and some miscellaneous curb and

sidewalk work that needed to be completed. Mr. Kirchner indicated a final change order will be coming in an amount undetermined which will result in a decrease due to the liquidated damages being sought. Mr. Kirchner indicated we are waiting for NJDOT and Federal Dept of Transportation to give us the “go ahead” for the intersection realignment at Firth and Temple Blvd, which includes the rain garden and underground drainage system. Mr. Kirchner indicated he met with Mrs. McCann regarding some esthetic issues for the park/rain garden. Mr. Kirchner indicated a public hearing will need to be held to explain the project. Mr. Kirchner indicated the 5th and Race Street project should be completed by the end of this week with just a short punch list of items to be finally completed. Mr. Kirchner indicated the 2021 Road Program is under way with New Jersey Avenue almost complete and next week they will be moving to the miscellaneous concrete work on Charles, Hubbs and Park Avenues and then over to 2nd Street. Mr. Kirchner indicated New Jersey American Water Co. has completed their inner connections at 2nd Street and Cinnaminson Avenue and are currently waiting for bacteria tests results to tie the main into the system which will then be ready for paving. Mr. Kirchner indicated they have almost completed the signage inventory for the ordinance changes to the downtown parking and will have it to the Police Dept and Mr. Gural by the end of the week so determination can be made as to what must be changed to bring the current signage in compliance with the new ordinance. Mr. Kirchner noted the Veterans Park improvements contract was awarded and he is waiting for the bonds and contracts to be returned so the preconstruction meeting can be set. Mr. Kirchner indicated the award of contract is also on the agenda for the replacement of the HVAC unit for the rooftop in the community center.

Andrew Brewer, Marzetti

Mr. Gural indicated there had been information disseminated regarding amending an ordinance by title tonight. Mr. Gural indicated the ordinance to amend relates to authorizing changes to be done the redevelopment project administratively; Mr. Gural indicated one of the limitations specifically stated in the ordinance 2021-05, notes the number of parking spaces could not be amended or approved administratively. Mr. Gural indicated the potential size of the building/warehouse change will made it necessary to address the number of parking spaces. Mr. Brewer explained the ordinance and the need to amend the ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING – Route 130/Delaware River Corridor Municipal Self-Assessment Report
Mayor Tait explained the Self-assessment Report completed by the advisory committee and what was trying to be accomplished. Mayor Tait asked if there were questions regarding the report which the committee submitted. Mayor Tait noted the Route 130/Delaware River Corridor Municipal Self-Assessment Report was sent to the governing body to review and posted on the website for the public review. Mayor Tait explained the report and the requirement for Council review, comment, and approval. Mayor Tait indicated the corrections made to the report noting; Palmyra students go to

Palmyra School system not Riverton and Charles Street School only goes to fifth grade with sixth grade students going to Palmyra High/Middle school. Mayor Tait asked for comments or questions.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-195 Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Statement on Intent to Pursue Plan Endorsement and Authorization to Submit the Municipal Self-Assessment Report to the New Jersey State Office of Planning Advocacy.

Resolution 2021-195, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Statement on Intent to Pursue Plan Endorsement and Authorization to Submit the Municipal Self-Assessment Report to the New Jersey State Office of Planning Advocacy

Mr. Allmond made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-195 Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Statement on Intent to Pursue Plan Endorsement and Authorization to Submit the Municipal Self-Assessment Report to the New Jersey State Office of Planning Advocacy. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried. Resolution 2021-195 was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

We requested those participants wishing to have or make a Public comment, email their questions or comments in advance to Municipal Clerk Rita Jackson at djackson@boroughofpalmyra.com. The opportunity to submit comments prior to meeting expired at 12:00 PM on Monday September 20th. 2021. All comments will become part of the record and included with the Meeting Minutes.

For those who “attended” the hybrid meeting, Mayor Tait opened the meeting to the public for comments. All comments are part of the record and are included with the Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to open to the Public for comments.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to open the public portion for comments. Mrs. McCann 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 no comments were received.

Mayor Tait asked if there were any comments from those present.

Ms. Still – Veterans Drive – Ms. Still stated she has owned her home on Veterans Drive since 1991.

Ms. Still noted that Palmyra posted warnings on the website prior to that storm but did not post any

warnings regarding the storm on July 12th, 2021. Ms. Still indicated the residents in the village of West Palmyra that were hit by the rainstorm on July 12th, 2021, are now experiencing PTSD; noting that every time it begins to rain there is a strong feeling that their houses will be flooded again as it did on July 12th, 2021. Mr. Still indicated that they had not received any answers as to why the backyards and basements flooded during that storm. Ms. Still indicated it is not because the properties are on a flood plain. Ms. Still stated they need answers as to why their properties flooded. Ms. Still stated Mayor Tait has not addressed the situation and Mr. Gural indicated all the drains were checked the day of the storm. Ms. Still indicated she had the following questions has anyone from the Borough of Palmyra come to check on the residents of Veterans Drive that were devastated by the storms on July 12th, 2021; why didn't, their basement and backyards flood after the real 100-year storm in the beginning of September; who classified the storm on July 12th, 2021, as a 100 yr. storm. Ms. Still noted that storm was not declared a disaster, so they are not eligible for federal funding, so the damages are fully the homeowner's responsibility. Ms. Still indicated she needed those three questions answered and she would attend the next meeting. Mr. Rosenberg indicated that he was led to believe that Ms. Still has threatened litigation against the Borough. Ms. Still indicated she did not threaten anything but has a right as a US citizen to pursue legal action. Mr. Rosenberg indicted that thru social media that Ms. Still threatened to sue the Borough. Mr. Rosenberg stated to the governing body, they have every legal right to address or not address Ms. Stills concerns, noting that if there is a potential for litigation may independently whether you wish to, or wish not to address Ms. Stills concerns. Mrs. Russell indicated she was not home during the July 12th storm but during the Ida storm she was home as was also impacted with water. Mrs. Russell indicated when that happened, they reached out to their insurance company for direction first not to the Borough. Ms. Still inquired as to how many feet of water they had in their basement and if her storm drain was clogged that day. There was additional discussion regarding the storm and levels of water, storm drains and cleaning of them, etc.

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, Mrs. McCann second the motion.

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

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING public hearing to be held October 18th, 2021

Mayor Tait read the following ordinance and requested a motion to approve the ordinance:

Ordinance 2021-13, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending Ordinance 2020-10 to Provide for and Determine the Rates and Ranges of Compensation of Each Employee and Officer of the Borough of Palmyra for Years 2021 and 2022.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-13. Dr. Cloud seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried. Ordinance 2021-13 was approved.

Mr. Gural read the title for the Ordinance they spoke about earlier in the meeting regarding the need to amend Ordinance 2021-05. Mr. Gural stated the title for Ordinance 2021-14 with public hearing to be held on November 15th, 2021. “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-05 Concerning Administrative Review and Approval of Minor Modifications and/or Field Changes to Previously Approved Site Plans”

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-14. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-14. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried. Ordinance 2021-14 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Tait stated, Resolutions 2021-179 thru Resolution 2021-194 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 requested Resolution 2021-182 be removed from the consent agenda.

Mayor Tait read the following resolutions into the record:

Resolution 2021-179 thru Resolution 2021-181 and Resolution 2021-183 thru Resolution 2021-194.

Resolution 2021-179, Awarding a Contract to A=Plus Construction, Inc. from Lincoln Park, NJ per their Bid/Proposal Dated 5/22/2021 in the total amount of \$23,100.00 for Rehab Project PLRCAESC-296R pursuant to CGP&H and CFO’s Review and Approval

Resolution 2021-180, Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks from the Borough of Palmyra General Capital Account, and the Current Fund Account

Resolution 2021-181, Resolution Awarding Change Order #2 to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for the Temple Blvd Improvement Project with the Increased amount of \$96,095.59 from the Original Base Price of \$937,602.00 Making the New Adjusted Contract Price \$1,033,697.59 per Environmental Resolutions, Inc, Request Dated August 23rd, 2021

Resolution 2021-183, Resolution Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 (Chapter 159) American Rescue Plan-Public Health Expenditure Category in the Amount of \$113,334.00

Resolution 2021-184, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, authorizing a Lien be placed on Block 48 Lot 12 for Failure to Comply with Obnoxious Growth and Property Maintenance Violations

Resolution 2021-185, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, authorizing a Lien be placed on Block 87 Lot 16 for Failure to Comply with Obnoxious Growth and Property Maintenance Violations

Resolution 2021-186, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, authorizing a Lien be placed on Block 13 Lot 11 for Failure to Comply with Obnoxious Growth and Property Maintenance Violations

Resolution 2021-187, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, authorizing a Lien be placed on Block 120 Lot 4.01 for Failure to Comply with Obnoxious Growth and Property Maintenance Violations

Resolution 2021-188, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, authorizing a Lien be placed on Block 126 Lot 12 for Failure to Comply with Obnoxious Growth and Property Maintenance Violations

Resolution 2021-189, Resolution Approving Dominic A Belton as an Active Member of the Palmyra Fire Department

Resolution 2021-190, Resolution Appointing Amanda Schwartz Full-time Finance/Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk at the Rate of \$17.00 per hour and Appointing Amanda Schwartz as Deputy Registrar with an Annual Stipend of \$1,200.00 Effective August 13th, 2021

Resolution 2021-191, Resolution Appointing Linda Yansick as Senior Tax Clerk at the Rate of \$17.50 per hour and Shade Tree Secretary with an Annual Stipend of \$1,200.00 effective August 13th, 2021

Resolution 2021-192, Resolution Authorizing a Refund for Various Tax Overpayments

Resolution 2021-193, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Authorizing the emergency purchase of replacement Aaon 30-Ton Rooftop Water Source Heat Pump including all necessary piping, ductwork, and electrical requirements for the Community Center Gymnasium from Air Systems Maintenance in the amount of \$113,334.00 per proposal dated August 3, 2021, Pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6

Resolution 2021-194, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of September 2021 Bills in the Amount of \$2,541,032.69

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolution 2021-179 thru Resolution 2021-181, and Resolution 2021-183 thru Resolution 2021-194.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolution 2021-179 thru Resolution 2021-181, and Resolution 2021-183 thru Resolution 2021-194. Mr. Allmond second the motion.

At the call of the roll, the vote was:

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

AGAINST: None

Motion carried. Resolutions 2021-179 thru Resolution 2021-181 and Resolution 2021-183 thru Resolution 2021-194 were approved.

Mayor Tait then went back to Resolution 2021-182,

Resolution 2021-182, Resolution Authorizing a Capital Purchase Exceeding \$15,000.00 of a 2021 Ford Expedition with Additional Equipment in the Total Amount of \$47,854.22 Under New Jersey State Contract #20-FLEET-01189 and New Jersey State Contract #17-FLEET-00719 Per Quote from Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Mayor Tait indicated she pulled the resolution because there were questions during the budget process regarding this purchase and she wanted to make sure everyone was aware that it was up for approval.

Mrs. Russell indicated she remember it at budget time noting that the purchase was costly. Mr. Gural stated this vehicle is to replace the Deputy Fire Chief's vehicle and has been requested for several years.

Mrs. Jenkins indicted she did not recall council having a in depth conversation regarding the decision to purchasing this vehicle. Mrs. Jenkins asked if the resolution could be placed on the next agenda, October 4th, 2021, so she could have the opportunity to check her notes regarding this purchase. There was additional discussion regarding the purchase, and it was decided to table the resolution to the next meeting to allow the committee time to refer to capital budget notes and for additional discussion regarding the purchase.

MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURERS' REPORT

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of August 2021. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2021. Mrs. McCann second the motion.

At the call of the roll:

All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion Carried. Treasurer Report was approved

PUBLIC EVENTS

Mayor Tait stated the "Neighbor to Neighbor" block parties were held off mostly due to the extreme heat and rain; but noted when the weather breaks, she is looking forward to hosting them again.

Mayor Tait noted the Palmyra Market has been cancelled due to lack of available vendors. Mayor Tait noted the PIA was hoping to be able to host a Fall Market sometime in October.

Mayor Tait indicated the Town-wide Yard Sale was held Saturday September 18th, 2021; Mayor Tait and Mrs. Russell noted how well it went and all the participation from the community. Mayor Tait and Mrs. Russell thanked Ms. Johns and Mrs. Yansick for all their help and work on the yard sale. Mrs. Russell also thanked Jennie Kline for her help. Mrs. Russell indicted she had several people ask her if this were something which the governing body would consider doing bi-annually. Mrs. Russell indicted that we may wish to consider also holding a town wide yard sale in early spring in addition the one in the fall.

Mayor Tait indicated the Halloween Parade will be held on October 30th, 2021, noting the PIA is also requesting the ability to host the Scarecrow Contest this year along Broad Street on the light posts. After some discussion, Mayor and Council indicated they could host that event.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Tait stated Borough Hall is again closed to the public as the community numbers regarding Covid are high. Mayor Tait noted the staff is still working and you can call into the office during business hours, and someone is there to address any concerns. Mayor Tait noted the Community Center remains closed and we are working on the HVAC system noting vaccines are still being done on Tuesdays between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Mayor Tait indicated the fields are open for use just contact the scheduling coordinator for availability. Mayor Tait indicated on October 14th, 2021; the county will also be hosting a flu shot clinic.

Mr. Gural indicated that we have received information/proposal from the FOP Association regarding the proposed mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for borough staff, noting that he had not had time to review it and was hoping to have this information ready for the next meeting.

Ms. Jackson indicated Palmyra Improvement Association request for facility usage is in you packets noting the request for use of the parking lot, little Broad Street and items from the community center and restrooms for the Trunk-or-Treat. Mr. Gural indicated we do not have the staff to place in the community center to staff their event or clean restrooms during the time of their event also noting the short handedness of staffing. Mayor Tait indicated the event is not until October 23rd so she would speak to them regarding the request and them providing someone to clean the restrooms and open the door noting she would have additional information at the next meeting

Mr. Gural indicated Mrs. Jones reached out to him regarding providing the Palmyra Seniors again with a location to host meetings, etc. Mr. Gural indicated it is complicated by the repair of the HVAC system and the ability to clean restrooms during those usage times. Mr. Gural indicated that currently he did not feel that we could answer the request.

Mayor Tait Mrs. Yansick for all her efforts with calls regarding trash collection. Mr., Gural indicated they are a number of issues with the trash collection company and currently Ms. Johns and Mrs. Yansick are working on a mailer/info piece for the residents advising them as to what to do regarding missed trash pickups, who to notify and when. Additional information will be coming. Mr. Gural indicated he and Mr. Rosenberg are looking into litigation/liquidated damages regarding the contact with Republic.

Mayor Tait noted that the shared service with Riverton Borough for Jetter service expired and currently we do not have an agreement with them but are working on the terms for a new agreement.

Mr. Gural indicated they still have one salary item to work out and he will have something for the next meeting regarding that issue.

Mayor Tait noted that those attending the Annual NJLM Conference in Atlantic City from November 16-18, 2021, must let Ms. Jackson know in the next few days as reservations need to be made.

Mayor Tait indicated the request for attendance to Annual Government Finance Officers Association Conference for Donna Condo with 3-night stay in Atlantic City September 21, 2021, thru September 24, 2021, is approved.

Ms. Jackson indicated the new ballot box has been installed in the front of Borough Hall for mail in ballots for primary and general elections, noting its currently open for accepting mail in ballots.

Mr. Gural indicated the memorandum of record, and we are in the mist of the one-month comment period for the pedestrian signal button at Broad St and Highland Avenue. Mr. Gural noted that the meeting was productive, and they are going above what we asked for. Mr. Gural indicated they are updating the handicap ramps, placing pedestrian signals, striping the streets/ crosswalks noting not only on little Broad but on main Brad Street as well. He thanked President Howard and Mr. Rosenberg for their efforts.

Mr. Gural indicated the grant opportunity with DCA Local Assistance Bureau to explore potential Fire Department/EMS merger/shared service feasibility study is not looking promising at this point.

Mr. Gural indicated the DVRPC Safe Routes to Transit Technical Assistance Program is going well.

Ms. Hui from the Land Use Board has taken the task of putting us in touch with the pertinent people to move this forward. Mr. Gural noted that they are looking at the possibility of building a pedestrian crossing over the Pennsauken Creek from the light rail station into our Rt. 73 redevelopment area. Mr. Gural indicated Ms. Hui has been immensely helpful and the redeveloper is interested. Mr. Gural indicated they are continuing those conversations and he would report updates as available.

Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Kirchner is working on time limit parking signs and we are talking about several signs at a substantial cost. Mr. Gural noted funds are available in the capital budget for the purchase. Mayor Tait asked about the possibility of adding additional twenty-five mile per hour speed signs to the order as she has received several complaints from residents indicating the signs need to be replaced or installed on various streets. Mrs. Russell inquired about installing additional stop signs to help deter people from speeding instead of the 25 mile per hour signs. Mrs. Russell noted several stop signs have been installed in Riverton. There was additional discussion regarding signage, Mr. Gural noting that you can not just install stop signs or enforce them without DOT approval. Mayor Tait indicated she would inquire how Riverton got their signs installed.

Chief Campbell indicated she is working with Mr. Fox, ERI regarding the repairs to the Police Department due to the flood. Chief Campbell indicated Mr. Fox is putting together the report and should have it to the Borough shortly.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated the Estate issues relating to Block 152 Lot 9.02 Qualifier C520B there is nothing we can do about.

Mr. Gural indicated he would have a conversation with the governing body later regarding the summer hours as the building is currently closed to the public.

Mr. Gural indicated that he is recommending to the governing body that they amend the Zoning/Land Development Ordinance regarding the number and types of items considered accessory structures and the types permitted and prohibited in residential areas. Mr. Gural indicated if the governing body

agreed, they would like permission to proceed with the updating of the zoning/land development ordinance as it pertains to accessory structures. There was additional discussion regarding the matter however the governing body agreed changes need to be made.

Mayor Tait stated Ms. Johns held our first online tax sale. Ms. Johns indicated it went well and nothing was turned back to the municipality noting we received the same amount of premiums, and we did not have to charge the residents anymore to hold it. Ms. Johns also noted the amount of cost collected paid for the online company, so it worked out very well.

Mayor Tait indicated she has received many calls relating to Painting “Palmyra” on the metal arch in Chief Payton Flournoy Park. Mayor Tait stated she wanted to know how the governing body felt about painting it. They as discussion and it was agreed to leaving it as is.

Mayor Tait stated she has received requests for use of the Volleyball pit and Bocce Court at the Community Center. Mayor Tait asked that the grounds be freshened up and the volleyball net be installed so it can be used by the residents. Mr. Gural indicated public works will get that done.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Gural reminded all that the Technical Assistant, Code Enforcement Officer, Public Works, and Part-Time Seasonal Cleaner positions are listed on the website and are advertised in various publications and on other websites. Mr. Gural noted that shortly interviews would be held for the Technical Assistant and Code Enforcement positions.

ONGOING REMINDER PROJECTS

Mr. Gural indicated the following items are things which the governing body is currently working on, and additional information will be coming at a later date.

- Legion Field & Community Center usage Ordinance
- Purchase Orders - Council signature requirement
- Sidewalk/snow & ice removal Ordinance
- Sewer lateral responsibility Ordinance
- Handicap Parking Sign Ordinance
- Parking Ordinance - additional amended code subsections required
- Veterans Affairs Committee Ordinance

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mrs. Russell- Mrs. Russell thanked Tangy, Linda and the Borough Staff for all their help with the yard sale, noting the community participation was great with over one hundred homes participating.

Dr. Cloud – Dr. Cloud thanked Mr. Russell for all her work on the Town-Wide yard sale. Dr. Cloud noted it was a nice day and she had the opportunity to meet many new people as there was a lot of traffic thru town.

Mrs. Jenkins – Mrs. Jenkins noted it was good to see everyone, and thanked Ms. McCann for the community update.

Mr. Allmond – Mr. Allmond noted the new guidelines and application for Student Representative to Borough Council is on the Palmyra High School's website. Mr. Allmond indicated he would be writing up the information to be placed on our website.

Mrs. McCann- Mrs. McCann indicated the buildings and grounds committee met regarding the Fields Ordinance and had forwarded it to the governing body for their input. Mrs. McCann noted the condition of the dog park noting public works was working on it but they two are short staffed. Ms. McCann indicated she would like to note some of the positive things going on in town; public works is short staffed but she sees them out early in the morning picking up brush emptying trash cans etc.; she applauded Dominic Belton for joining the Fire Department noting he is a senior at Palmyra High School and its good to see children getting involved in their community; looking forward to October 2, Beerfest at the Fire Department; she noted the ladies auxiliary at the Fire Department is back to holding their Hogie sales on every other Wednesday starting this Wednesday. Mc McCann thanked Chief Dreby for all the emails and updates from the county regarding various public safety issues in our community and noted the high school soccer varsity team is doing very well they are currently ranked second in the State for our Division.

Mayor Tait – Mayor Tait inquired from Chief Campbell when the S-1 Officers would be ready for duty. Chief Campbell indicated they have 2 to 3 hours of training left, noting they are outfitted and ready to go. Mayor Tait indicated there is a link for the number of school's covid-19 cases which is updated on Fridays, which Mr. Gural will be linking to our website. Mayor Tait indicated she sent to the governing body emails regarding LNG plant in Gibbstown. Mayor Tait stated she had been contacted several times regarding the Borough doing a resolution opposing the Liquified Nature Gas plant coming to Gibbstown. Mayor Tait indicated the gentleman would like to come before Council and speak regarding the LNG plant being allowed to be constructed in Gibbstown. Mayor Tait indicated the governing body can decide if they want to oppose it or do nothing. Mayor Tait asked to have him placed on the agenda for October 4th, 2021. Mayor Tait indicated she has called Comcast regarding Mrs. Russell's concerns but have not yet heard back from them.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Doretha R. Jackson, RMC

Municipal Clerk

Borough of Palmyra

Approved: October 4th, 2021