

**Borough of Palmyra**  
**Virtual Regular Council Meeting Minutes, 6:30 PM**  
**Monday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Regular Council Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra was called to order by Mayor Tait at 6:33 PM

**ROLL CALL**

At the call of the roll:

PRESENT: Mrs. Michelle McCann, Mrs. Bernadette Russell, President Timothy Howard, Mayor Gina Ragomo Tait

ABSENT: Mr. Brandon Allmond, Dr. Laura Cloud, Mrs. Farrah Jenkins

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. 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 a Virtual Council Meeting. Members of the public are invited to “attend” the Virtual 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Notice was posted on the Municipal Door, Official Bulletin Board and electronic signs on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Notice was also posted on the Borough of Palmyra Website on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and notice was given to all Council Members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Tait requested a motion for approval of the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Council Caucus Meeting Minutes and the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Council Caucus Meeting Minutes from October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and Executive session Meeting Minutes from October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mrs. McCann second the motion.

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

**INFAVOR: Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard**

**AGAINST: None**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Letter of Resignation- Isael Torres Jimenez

Mayor Tait requested a motion to accept Mr. Isael Torres-Jimenez's letter of resignation. Mrs. Russell made a motion to accept Mr. Isael Torres Jimenez's letter of resignation. President Howard second the motion.

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

**Mrs. Jenkins joined the meeting at 6:38 pm**

## **REDEVELOPMENT**

Rt. 73 South Redevelopment Area- Update

Mr. Gural stated the long-term tax exemption, pilot for the warehouse to be constructed on the Fillit property is on the agenda for introduction and approval tonight. Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Rosenberg provided a memo which outlines where we are with the fair shared housing negotiations, noting that the team has met several times in the past few weeks. Mr. Gural stated that there is an item which requires the governing body's approval. Mr. Gural indicated if council were in agreement, they would tentatively offer \$250,000.00 max towards the construction of the affordable housing component of the project, only to be called upon in in event of the default of the redeveloper/contractor. Mr. Gural noted all pilots have been negotiated on the components in phase one of the project. Mr. Gural noted the pilots for the two warehouses is a million each and 20% annual gross revenue on the affordable housing component. Mr. Gural stated the redeveloper has submitted information for permits and are hopeful to begin pipework inground next week, then footings for the foundation.

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

Mr. Brewer stated Outlaw Training & Fitness has brought their escrow and tax accounts current and are back on track. Mr. Brewer indicated the court valuation hearing is scheduled for next week and will be held virtual.

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

Mr. Gural stated he had nothing new to report regarding the former Knights of Columbus property.

## PROFESSIONAL UPDATES

William Kirchner, ERI- Mr. Kirchner indicated the contractor has essentially completed the 5<sup>th</sup> & Race Street project; noting the replacement of signs still needs to be completed. Mr. Kirchner stated the resolution on the agenda tonight is an increase to the project for the additional sidewalk work completed at the school. Mr. Kirchner stated the increase is in the amount of \$14,831.89 making the contract total \$499,973.89 or 3.1%. Mr. Kirchner noted that the change order includes the liquidated damages adjustment of \$7,762.24, which the contractor is taking exception to. Mr. Kirchner indicated the contractor has completed the majority of the work on the Temple Blvd project noting there are some signs still needed to be installed and also the stripping issues addressed. Mr. Kirchner stated he would be meeting with Mr. Rosenberg later in the week regarding the liquated damages for this project. Mr. Kirchner stated we have received Federal authorization to proceed with the Tap grant portion of the project which includes the rain garden and Firth Lane intersection noting the requirement to advertise the project by early December. Mr. Kirchner stated there maybe an apprentice requirement on the project regarding pipe work. Mr. Kirchner stated he was waiting for additional instruction before proceeding as it would have to be advertised with the project. Mr. Kirchner stated if it becomes a requirement, it will increase the funding amount, however it will also require full time construction observation. Mr. Kirchner indicated the proposal submitted was for part-time construction observation thus he will be providing and updated proposal for the full-time construction observation. Mr. Kirchner stated the contractor on the 2021 Road Program has completed the work on New Jersey, West Charles, and second Street. Mr. Kirchner indicated he still has some work to complete on Hubbs Drive and Park Avenue. Mr. Kirchner noted that part of the project was the reconstruction of the basketball court on Madison Avenue. Mr. Kirchner indicated the contractor is waiting for product however the coloring system which essentially changes the color of the asphalt, need to be applied when the asphalt is new, and the temperature is constantly over 60° for two to three days. Mr. Kirchner is recommending we wait until the spring to complete the project, so the application is done correctly, and we get the most out of it. Mr. Kirchner indicated the Spring Garden Street project will be submitted to DOT over the winter, with construction in the spring. Mr. Kirchner also noted the resolution on the agenda for \$4,500.00 for the proposal to do the HVAC maintenance contracts for next year. Mr. Kirchner noted they would also be preparing the annual sewer contracts for lab work, generator maintenance, pump station clean-out and mechanical maintenance. Mr. Kirchner stated they would have them out for bid in November with results back in December, ready for re-organization.

## REPORTS

**Kate Allen-Yoakum**, Palmyra Board of Education Liaison – Mrs. Yoakum indicated she was glad to be back in school with the students, she noted the school is updating their website weekly regarding

covid-cases so everyone will be aware of case numbers within the school district. Mrs. Yoakum noted the unvaccinated staff has begun their weekly testing. Mrs. Yoakum also noted a new program within the High school where children can earn credits with classes from Stockton University.

PHS Student Representatives

**Mr. Coady McCann** updated council regarding the fall sports teams progress thus far this year. Mr. McCann also noted seniors were recognized at Homecoming at the last game.

**Ms. Naomi Caban** stated it was good to be back in school in person. Ms. Caban stated Homecoming and Spirit week were held last week and lots of money was raised for their charity with the penny wars. She noted the Seniors placed first, Sophomores second, Juniors third and Freshman placed fourth. Ms. Caban stated the week ended with the Homecoming dance, which was very nice.

## **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](mailto:djackson@boroughofpalmyra.com). The opportunity to submit comments prior to meeting expired at 12:00 PM on Monday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Mr. Rader- Harbour Drive – Mr. Rader stated the Burlington County Times published a public notice to voters indicating candidates for offices. Mr. Rader indicated the notice says Palmyra Borough Council vote for two for a four-year term. Mr. Rosenberg noted the State law says the term for Borough Council is three years, regardless as to what the Burlington County Times published, state law determines the term, and it is three years. Mr. Rader asked what the project is regarding resolution 2021-200. Mr. Gural stated it references our housing rehab program, which is handled by CGP&H and the funding is thru grants and RCA funding.

Mr. Steinberg – Mr. Steinberg thanked the governing body for allowing him to present the information regarding the transportation of liquified natural gas thru and near the Borough of Palmyra and other towns along the river. Mr. Steinberg requested the governing body pass resolution 2021-206, on the agenda tonight, opposing the transportation of liquified natural gas by rail through Palmyra or nearby communities.

Ms. Still – Veterans Drive – Ms. Still stated she has owned her home on Veterans Drive since 1991. Ms. Still thanked Carol Full, who came to her home after the flood with boots and gloves and asked how she could help. Ms. Still asked Council if they were aware that the main reason for having council meetings is to address the issues and concerns of the public. Ms. Still asked if council ever supplies answers or solutions to the issues brought to council, noting that that has not been her experience. Ms. Still asked why they recite the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America declaring liberty and justice for all, when you are not about liberty and justice for all. Ms. Still indicated she worked for the Palmyra School District from 2017 to 2019 as the Public Information Officer, and she is also the Co-Founder for the Clarence B Jones Institute for Social Advocacy, which is about the equality and justice for all Americans. Ms. Still stated she discovered some very unsettling happenings in the school district. Ms. Still stated the Palmyra School District is made up of 50% students of color; however, there are no administrators of color and a handful of teachers and staff of color. Ms. Still indicated she did an extensive report noting these discrepancies, but the school district continues to not hire people of color. Ms. Still indicated she has a number of facts that support her findings of systemic racism. Ms. Still indicated she and Dr. Jones discussed these issues at length and she met with several other regarding these issues. Ms. Still stated Dr. Jones sent her a letter to share with council and the school board and superintendent and who ever she felt needed to hear the message. Ms. Still indicated she did share it with Mr. McBride. Ms. Still stated, initially the CBJ Institute focused on the empowerment and support of the Palmyra School District and its student; they developed a CBJ Scholars program which awarded two scholarships to two Palmyra High School seniors, but because of the current situation the CBJ Institute no longer can support this type of discrimination against people of color and have limited its involvement with the Palmyra School District. Ms. Still asked why the Borough of Palmyra hasn't addressed this issue, what are you going to do to stop this alleged systemic racism. Ms. Still noted children need to see people of color in positions of leadership. Ms. Still read a portion of Dr. Jones letter; "few challenges are more important for the Palmyra High School, Palmyra New Jersey CBJ Institute for Social Justice then developing and fostering programs and opportunities to increase and assure continued racial diversity in the teachers and educational materials and programs. After years of debate and discussion, following the historic unanimous Supreme Court decision in 1954, Brown vs the Board of Education which outlawed racial segregation in our nation's public education

schools, substantial data has revealed that there are academic benefits when students and teachers share the same race/ethnicity. Such teachers can serve as role models, mentors, advocates and cultural translators.” Ms. Still read other portions of Dr. Jones letter. Ms. Still asked President Howard to respond to the alleged issue of systemic racism in Palmyra High School. **\*\***(note complete email from Dr. Clarence B Jones available upon request)

Mr. Steinberg thanked the governing body for giving him the opportunity to present material on the transport of liquified natural gas thru or near the Borough of Palmyra and other towns along the Delaware River. Mr. Steinberg requested that council approved resolution 2021-206.

No one else from the public wishing to be heard, Mayor Tait asked for a motion to close the public Portion. President Howard 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 November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Ordinance 2021-15**, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 190, Article III of the Code of the Borough of Palmyra Entitled Parks and Recreation Areas

Mayor Tait requested of motion to approve Ordinance 2021-15. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-15. Mrs. McCann seconded the motion.

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

**INFAVOR: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard**

**AGAINST: None**

**Motion carried. Ordinance 2021-15 was approved.**

**Ordinance 2021-16**, An Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, Burlington County, in the State of New Jersey Amending the Sewer Connection Fees.

Mayor Tait requested of motion to approve Ordinance 2021-16. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-16. Mrs. McCann seconded the motion.

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

**INFAVOR: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard**

**AGAINST: None**

**Motion carried. Ordinance 2021-16 was approved.**

Ordinance 2021-17, Ordinance of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Approving an Application for a Long-Term Tax Exemption and Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement for a Tax Exemption for an Urban Renewal Project with Respect to the Property Commonly Known as Block 156, Lots 2, 2.01, 3.01,4.01,5.01,6.01 (Future Lot 2.03) on the Tax Map of the Borough of Palmyra

Mayor Tait requested of motion to approve Ordinance 2021-17. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-17. Mrs. McCann seconded the motion.

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

**INFAVOR: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard**

**AGAINST: None**

**Motion carried. Ordinance 2021-17 was approved.**

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING public hearing**

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.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to open Ordinance 2021-13 for public hearing. Mrs. Russell made a motion to open Ordinance 2021-13 for public comments. Mrs. McCann second the motion.

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

Seeing no additional comments Mayor Tait requested a motion to close the public portion for hearing of Ordinance 2021-13. President Howard made a motion to close the public hearing of Ordinance 2021-13. Mrs. Russell second the motion.

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

Mayor Tait requested of motion to approve Ordinance 2021-013. Mrs. McCann made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-13. President Howard seconded the motion.

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

**INFAVOR: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard**

**Motion carried. Ordinance 2021-13 was approved.**

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING postponed to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for public hearing, waiting comments from Palmyra Land Use Board.

Ordinance 2021-14, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-05 Concerning Administrative Review and Approval of Minor modifications and/or Field changes to previously approved site plans

## RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Tait stated, Resolution 2021-200 thru Resolution 2021-209 would be enacted as a single motion, if any resolution needed additional discussion, it would be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately. Mayor Tait asked if anything needed to be removed. Noting no one requested additional discussion on any resolutions, Mayor Tait read the following resolutions into the record:

Resolution 2021-200 Awarding a Contract to A-Plus Construction, Inc. from Lincoln Park, NJ per their Bid/Proposal Dated 8/30/2021 in the total amount of \$25,000.00 for Rehab Project PLRCAESC-323 pursuant to CGP&H and CFO's Review and Approval

Resolution 2021-201, Resolution Awarding Change Order #1 to Think Pavers Hardscaping, LLC for the 5<sup>th</sup> & Race Street Improvement Project with the Increased amount of \$14,831.89 from the Original Contract Price of \$485,142.00 Making the New Adjusted Contract Price \$499,973.89 per Environmental Resolutions, Inc, letter Dated October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Resolution 2021-202, Resolution Authorizing the refund of Various Sewer overpayments

Resolution 2021-203, Resolution awarding a contract to Environmental Resolutions, Inc. (ERI) for Engineering Services for the HVAC System Preventive Maintenance Contract for 2022 Per their Proposal dated September 29, 2021, in the Amount of \$4,500.00

Resolution 2021-204, Resolution appointing Matthew Kuhn as Full time Public Works Driver/Laborer at the Hourly rate of \$16.75 effective November 8, 2021, subject to the terms in the Offer of Employment Dated October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Resolution 2021-205, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of October 2021 Bills in the Amount of \$2,138,480.05

Resolution 2021-206, Resolution Opposing the Transportation of Liquefied Natural Gas by Rail Through Palmyra or Nearby Communities

Resolution 2021-207, Resolution appointing Thomas Ewing as Full time Public Works Driver/Laborer at the Hourly rate of \$16.75 effective November 8, 2021, subject to the terms in the Offer of Employment Dated October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Resolution 2021-208, Resolution Awarding a Contract to Continental Fire and Safety per Quote 21-3149 per New Jersey State Contract #17-FLEET-00805 in the Amount of \$16,625.00 Subject to certification of the CFO.

**Resolution 2021-209**, Resolution Awarding a Contract to Allrisk, Inc. per New Jersey State Approved CO-OP # ESCNJ- Bid Number ESCNJ 17/18-34 Disaster Recovery in the amount of \$31,879.14 Subject to the CFO's certification

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolutions 2021-200 thru Resolution 2021-209.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Resolution 2021-200 thru Resolution 2021-209. Mrs. McCann second the motion.

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

**INFAVOR: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard**

**AGAINST: None**

**Motion carried. Resolutions 2021-200 and Resolution 2021-209 were approved**

### **MOTION TO APPROVE TREASURERS' REPORTS**

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of September 2021. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 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 Halloween Parade will be held as it was last year. Mayor Tait the parade will ride thru town.

Mayor Tait noted the PIA will be hosting the "Trunk or Treat on October 22, 2021, around the Community Center between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Mrs. McCann noted the "Scarecrow Contest" along Broad Street also hosted by the PIA.

### **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

Mayor Tait noted that the Borough of Palmyra and Habitat for Humanity were recognized for Neighborhood Preservation by the Housing and Community Development Network. The Borough along with Habitat for Humanity were recognized as Outstanding Municipal Partners for Neighborhood Revitalization.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Gural indicated the continued increase in covid infections. Mayor Tait noted the Health Department is in the Community on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 1:00 giving Covid vaccines. Mayor Tait also noted on October 14, 2021, a flu shot clinic was held.

Mr. Gural stated on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, mandatory Covid=19 vaccinations are required for weekly testing must be done for Borough Staff not vaccinated. Mr. Gural stated that the policy would be amended to not require current employees who are being reappointed at the end of year be fully vaccinated, they can continue with the testing if they could not provide proof of vaccination or choose not to be vaccinated. Mrs. Jenkins asked if employees are tested on Borough time or on their own time and also who was paying for the testing. Mr. Gural indicated they are being tested on their own time and employees are paying for their own tests. Mr. Gural noted we are looking for resources to forward to employees regarding free testing programs. Mr. Gural noted that if an employee chooses to get vaccinated it can be done on Borough time as has been done in the past. Mrs. Jenkins asked if an employee who choose not to get vaccinated gets covid-a9 are they being paid for their time off work. Mr. Gural indicated they would have to use their sick time. There was additional discussion regarding usage of provided sick time, CDC guidelines and contacting of covid-19 on the job.

Mr. Gural indicated he still has one more salary recommendation, but a few other things need to get in place before making it.

Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Kirchner, Chief Campbell and Mr. McGill are currently working on the time limit parking signs per the new ordinance, noting the new signs were going to be costly.

Mr. Gural indicated he and Chief Campbell and Ms. Kilmer met regarding the trash accumulation at 313 Delaware Ave. Mr. Gural indicated November 1 is the date we will be cleaning the property and Mrs. Kilmer will be notify the tenant and the property owners' immediate family regarding that date. Mr. Gural indicated the shipping container/ shed at 202 Cinnaminson Avenue is still there. Mr. Gural stated the owner has been notified of the required court dates.

Mr. Gural provided everyone with the information regarding alcoholic beverages and consumption in public places. Mr. Gural stated you must determine exactly what it is that you are trying to do, does it apply only to those with licenses and BYOB permits. Mrs. Russell indicated they were thinking about allowing those with outdoor seating, who have done the required things, the ability to allow outdoor consumption. Mrs. Russell also spoke about the ability of allowing consumption on Borough property, such as Payton I Flournoy Park for other organizations events. Mayor Tait stated she thought the discussion was regarding those business which had the correct credentials from the State, allowing them to consume alcohol outside on their property not on public property. There was additional discussion regarding the possible ordinance change. Mayor Tait indicated comments should be referred to Mrs. Russell's committee for additional information gathering.

Mr. Gural stated he, Ms. Condo and Mr. Nehilla are working on the Fund Balance (Surplus) usage policy but may not have it in place before the end on year. Mr. Gural stated he would like to have it in place before we begin the budget discussions for 2022.

Mr. Gural indicated the ICMA and Brownfields Conferences have both been cancelled.

Mr. Gural indicated Mr. Gerkens prepared an amendment which applies to Accessory Structures/cargo containers for the Zoning/Land Development Ordinance. Mr. Gural noted he will be forwarding it to Mr. Brewer, Mr. Winckowski and Mrs. Kilmer for review before bringing it to the governing body for review and approval.

Mr. Gural stated the sewer lateral responsibility ordinance changes and the potential water usage sewer billing are currently being worked on and we are hoping to have additional information soon.

### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Mr. Gural noted that we are still advertising for the TACO and Code Enforcement Officer positions.

Mr. Gural noted that we received an application for the part-time seasonal cleaner position for Legion Field restrooms however that because we are so close to the end of season and closing the fields we are going to wait until reorganization to appoint them so we can have them for the entire season as they can only work for a limited number of months as a seasonal employee.

Mr. Gural indicated the election is on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, and we do not have a deputy clerk; Ms. Jackson will be deputizing Tanyika Johns and Michele Sykes as Temporary Deputy Clerks to help with the general election.

Mr. Gural reminded all that the meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, will begin at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Gural stated the Best Practices Checklist must be submitted to the State by November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 and will be reviewed on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021; Mr. Gural explained.

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.

- Purchase Orders - Council signature requirement
- Sidewalk/snow & ice removal Ordinance
- Handicap Parking Sign Ordinance
- Parking Ordinance - additional amended code subsections required
- Veterans Affairs Committee Ordinance
- Accessory Structures/cargo containers - Zoning/Land Development Ordinance amendments
- Grant Opportunities

- DVRPC Safe Routes to Transit Technical Assistance Program – update
- Trash Collection - Republic Services and potential inhouse collections

## **MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**Mrs. Russell** – No comment

**Mrs. Jenkins** – Mrs. Jenkins stated the holiday decorations bill went down so she wanted to know if additional lighting could be ordered. Mayor Tait indicated she should contact the lighting company and indicated what changes she would like to make, bring the proposal to the governing body and they would proceed from there. There was some additional discussion and Mrs. Jenkins indicated she would have additional information at the next meeting.

**Mrs. McCann**- Mrs. McCann thanked Chief Campbell for all her efforts during this tough time. Mrs. McCann also praised Officer Kendal for his hard and dedicated work with the children at Charles Street School. Mrs. McCann also thanked the PIA for their efforts with the downtown cleanup, the Scarecrow Contest and the corn stalks noting how good the downtown area looks. Mrs. McCann noted the Halloween Parade at Charles Street School, weather permitting. Mrs. McCann noted public works has been working on the Promenade and it looks good. Mrs. McCann thanked Mr. Gural for keeping all the lines of communication open, as it is extremely helpful.

**President Howard** - no comment

**Mayor Tait** – Mayor Tait thanked the PIA for the cleanup and thanked Bacio’s for feeding all the volunteers who were working on the project. Mayor Tait asked if the trash cans had been ordered. Mr. Gural indicated he would need to investigate it and get back to her. Mayor Tait indicated she spoke with Comcast regarding updating their infrastructure. Mayor Tait indicated she needs additional information for Comcast, noting addresses where services have been a problem. Mayor Tait asked everyone to get back to her with those address where there has been an issue. Mayor Tait thanked the police officers for taking on the extra shifts. Mayor Tait asked everyone to have a safe Halloween and to look out for children in the area.

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

Mr. Gural asked for approval from the governing body to be able to extend the \$250,000.00 offer to fair share housing, there was additional discussion. Mr. Rosenberg stated the authorization should be done by resolution. Mr. Rosenberg stated the resolution.

**Resolution 2021-210** A resolution of the Borough of Palmyra Authorizing the negotiating team to make an offer to Fair Share Housing to Provide up to \$250,000.00 as a contribution toward the

affordable housing trust fund, solely in the event that the redeveloper defaults with respect to its affordable housing obligations.

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve resolution 2021-210. Mrs. Russell made a motion to approve resolution 2021-210. Mrs. McCann second the motion.

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

**INFAVOR: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Russell, President Howard**

**Motion carried. Resolution 2021-210 was approved.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. McCann second the motion.

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

Doretha R. Jackson, RMC

Municipal Clerk

Borough of Palmyra

Approved: November 1<sup>st</sup>,2021