

BOROUGH OF PALMYRA
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5th, 2024, at 4:00 PM

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra was called to order by Municipal Clerk Doretha Jackson at 4:00 pm.

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Municipal Clerk Jackson then read the following open public meetings statement into the record:

Public Notice of this meeting has been given by the Municipal Clerk Jackson in the following manner:

- A. Posting written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Palmyra Borough Hall on November 27, 2023.
- B. Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, Courier Post newspaper on November 26, 2023.
- C. Notice to all Council Members.

OATH OF OFFICE

Gna Ragomo Tait was sworn in as Mayor of the Borough of Palmyra for a 4-year term oath given by Ted Rosenberg, Bible held by Patrick Tait and Liza Tait her children.

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

Jessica O'Connor was sworn in as Councilmember of the Borough of Palmyra for a 3-year term oath given by Ted Rosenberg, Bible held by her husband Thomas Taylor.

The new Council was then convened with a roll call:

PRESENT: Dr. Laura Craig Cloud, Natashia Latimore, John Liebe, Michelle McCann, Jessica O'Connor, Timothy Howard, Mayor Gina Ragomo Tait

ABSENT: none

Mayor Tait requested a motion to open the floor for nominations for Council President.

Mrs. McCann made a motion to open the nominations. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

Mrs. McCann nominated Timothy Howard for Council President.

Hearing no more nominations, Mayor Tait asked for a motion to close the nominations.

Mrs. McCann made a motion to close the nominations. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to accept the nominee, Timothy Howard as Council President.

Dr. Cloud made a motion to accept the nominee Timothy Howard as Council President. Mrs. McCann second the motion.

At the call of the roll the vote was:

INFAVOR: Dr. Cloud, Ms. Latimore, Mr. Liebe, Mr. Howard, Mrs. McCann, Ms. O'Connor

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 Council by Mr. Ted Rosenberg, bible held by Mayor Tait.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DIGNITARIES

Mayor Tait acknowledged the presence of Senator Troy Singleton, U.S. Senate, A representative from Congressman Donald Norcross's office, Jim Quinn, Mayor of Riverton Borough and Richard Hagemeyer and Charles Kerbeck from F.C. Kerbeck.

PRESENTATION – F.C. Kerbeck

Mayor Tait stated that in 1899, Charles F. Kerbeck, patriarch of the Kerbeck family and grandfather of the three Kerbeck brothers who are the present-day owners, began bringing his dream of providing quality transportation to the growing Philadelphia-area population. He sold horse-drawn buggies to well-to-do families and when their chauffeurs would bring the buggies in for repair, or to change their configuration from winter to summer or vice versa, Charles F. Kerbeck provided overnight lodging for them. Horse drawn carriages evolved into coaches powered by

gasoline engines, which evolved into automobiles. Over 100 years later, the Kerbeck dealerships are among the most prominent and successful in America, with 7 highly successful brands. It is, unquestionably, one of the great American success stories. In the early 1920's, Frank C. Kerbeck continued in his father's tradition by opening an automobile dealership in Philadelphia. In the early 60's, as the population spread outside of the city, Kerbeck opened what was at that time a very large showroom on Route 73 in, NJ at the foot of the Tacony Bridge, which was known as the "nickel bridge." He named this new establishment F.C. Kerbeck & Sons and began a unique marketing plan: After Charles Kerbeck passed away in 1968, his wife Jennie along with his eldest son Charles, operated the dealership. Shortly thereafter, Charles' two younger brothers, George, and Frank, joined the business and the company began developing into the mega-dealership of today. In the late 1970s, the Kerbecks foresaw an exciting opportunity and expanded into Atlantic City. They began growing, earning the respect of manufacturers, and were awarded franchises for some of the automobile industry's leading brands. They became authorized by both import and domestic manufacturers. The Kerbecks were now selling and servicing automobiles from Chevrolet to Rolls-Royce. One by one, their vision turned into reality. Aligning themselves with General Motors, they were awarded highly coveted franchises for Chevrolet and Pontiac. Then they earned franchises for Subaru, Mitsubishi, Rolls-Royce, and Bentley. More recently, Buick and GMC were added to the roster. To meet the increasing demand, another large operation in Pleasantville NJ was added by the Kerbecks. At the dealership in, NJ where it all started, luxury car franchises were awarded by Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Lamborghini, Saab and now Aston Martin. On the domestic front, Buick and GMC were added to the Lincoln division. Today, the Kerbeck dealerships are among the most successful in America. Mayor Tait thanked FC Kerbeck for all the support that they give to our community, residents, and events in the Borough of Palmyra. Mayor Tait then presented then with the key to the Borough.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS

Resolution 2024-69, Authorizing the promotion of Alex Alven to Sergeant for the Palmyra Police Department effective January 5, 2024, with an annual salary of \$111,876.

Daniel Hubel to Sergeant - Palmyra Police Department

Resolution 2024-70, Authorizing the promotion of Daniel Hubel to Sergeant for the Palmyra Police Department effective January 5, 2024, with an annual salary of \$108,798.32.

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-69 and Resolution 2024-70.

President Howard made a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-69 and Resolution 2024-70. Dr. Cloud seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INEAVOR: Dr. Cloud, Ms. Latimore, Mr. Liebe, Mrs. McCann, Ms. O'Connor, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Resolution 2024-69 and Resolution 2024-70 were approved

Lt. Murphy noted this was an exciting time for the Palmyra Police Department. Lt. Murphy stated the position of sergeant is one of the most important positions in the department, sergeants are tasked with the responsibility of promoting the goals and objectives of the department through policy and procedure while encouraging enthusiasm amongst their subordinates. Lt. Murphy noted a patrol sergeant is the bridge between the police department's administration and the departments workforce, noting that the way the sergeant leads is vital to the accomplishment of the department's goals. Lt. Murphy indicated the two officers will be part of the departments supervisory structure, helping with decision making, discipline, and training. Lt. Murphy stated he was confident that they would continue to educate themselves in all aspects of their jobs. Lt. Murphy congratulated Alex Alven on his accomplishment and noted that due to a prior engagement Daniel Hubel was not present tonight but would be sworn in later.

Mayor Tait swore in Sergeant Alex Alven while his wife, Rachell, daughter Emmy and son Jace held the bible.

STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS - Mayor Gina Ragomo Tait

Mayor Tait stated that this year the Borough of Palmyra redevelopment project completed the first Warehouse and broke ground on the second warehouse about two months ago. Mayor Tait stated the affordable Housing portion of the project will break ground during this year 2024 and will provide 102 units which will satisfy our affordable housing obligation to the State of New Jersey. Mayor Tait noted they should be complete by 2025.

Mayor Tait noted various projects that were completed:

The Temple Blvd construction project with the Rain Garden complete with a 30 thousand tank placed under the road way to hold water runoff;

Replacement of the artificial turf soccer field with the financial donation of the redeveloper PURE, Mayor Tait noted that additional repairs will be made at Legion Field with the remaining funding;

Stipends for fire fighters, noting two stipend fire fighters present during the day that help with get the trucks out on calls during the day between 9-5 when most volunteers are at work;

Mayor Tait stated a new agreement was signed with Virtua so the pantry bus will continue to be in front of the Community Center on Thursdays between 2-3:30 pm;

Mayor Tait noted the purchase of two trash trucks and the beginning of the Borough picking up trash in the Riverfront explaining that the plan is to move into Zone one during the beginning of this year and to eventually take over the entire town moving forward.

Mayor Tait thanked Ms. Johns for the creation of the Borough application that informs Borough residents of trash collection dates, bulk trash collection date sand leaf and brush collection dates, it also allows residents to sign up via the application for pick-up of bulk trash.

Mayor Tait noted the new four-year CBG negotiated with the Palmyra Police Association, stating it included raises and offer signing bonuses to help with recruitment.

Mayor Tait stated that the Borough received a grant for the community garden, requesting volunteers, and noting that times and tasks for the garden will be posted on the website

Mayor Tait stated that this year we will be working on more public events. Mayor Tait indicated she will be visiting various churches and civic groups trying to get more volunteers.

Mayor Tait stated that a better effort would be made to attend the Palmyra Harbour Condo Association and Riverfront Association meetings, noting that all of council will be taking turns attending those association meetings. Mayor Tait also noted the Communications and Public Relations Committee will be working on updating and improving our website and on better communications with the residents of the Borough in disseminating information.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Letter from LaChia L Bradshaw, Burlington County Prosecutor

PUBLIC EVENTS

Mayor Tait stated that the MLK Day of Service would be held on January 15th, 2024, at 10:30 am in the Community Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This public portion is for discussion on professional updates, resolutions and ordinances listed on the agenda. Please sign in at the podium, state your name and address for the record. All comments will become part of the record and included with the meeting minutes.

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

President Howard made a motion to open the public portion for comments. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

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

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

No one wishing to make a comment Mayor Tait requested a motion to close the public comment portion. President Howard made a motion to close the public portion. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING (Public Hearing February 20, 2024)

Ordinance 2024-01, An Ordinance of Borough of Palmyra to Address the Requirements of the Department of Community Affairs (Department) Regarding Compliance with the Municipalities Prior Round and Third Round Affordable Housing Obligations

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01. President Howard made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01. Dr. Cloud seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Dr. Cloud, Ms. Latimore, Mr. Liebe, Mrs. McCann, Ms. O'Connor, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Ordinance 2024-01 was approved.

Ordinance 2024-02, An Ordinance to Exceed the 2024 Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02. President Howard made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02. Dr. Cloud seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Dr. Cloud, Ms. Latimore, Mr. Liebe, Mrs. McCann, Ms. O'Connor, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Ordinance 2024-02 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-01, Resolution to Confirm Council Committee Appointments

Mayor

Gina Ragomo Tait

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Public Safety Director

Committee Chair: Administration & Finance, Communications & Public Relations

Committee Member: Redevelopment & Negotiations; Public Events

Borough Council

Timothy Howard

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Committee Chair: Redevelopment & Negotiations, Public Works & Sewer

Committee Member: Administration & Finance; Public Safety & Municipal Court;

Public Events

Jessica O'Connor

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Committee Chair: Veterans Affairs;

Committee Member: Business Community Development; Green Team; Communications &

Public Relations; Public Events

Michelle McCann

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Committee Chair: Public Buildings & Grounds & Parks

Committee Member: Public Works & Sewer; Public Safety & Municipal Court; Youth &

Recreation Veterans Affairs; Communications & Public Relations; Public Events

John Liebe

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Committee Chair: Construction Housing & Code Enforcement

Committee Member: Public Works & Sewer; Business Community Development; Administration & Finance; Public Buildings & Grounds & Parks; Youth & Recreation; Board of Education Co-Liaison; Public Events

Natashia Latimore

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Committee Chair: Youth & Recreation

Committee Member: Construction Housing & Code Enforcement; Board of Education Co-Liaison; Public Events

Laura Craig Cloud

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Committee Chair: Green Team; Business and Community Development

Committee Member: Land Use Board Liaison- (Class II Member); Shade Tree Advisory Board Liaison; Public Events

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

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Resolution 2024-1. Dr. Cloud made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-1. Mrs. McCann seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Dr. Cloud, Ms. Latimore, Mr. Liebe, Mrs. McCann, Ms. O'Connor, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Resolution 2024-01 was approved.

Resolution 2024-02, Resolution to Confirm Mayor's Annual Appointments

MAYOR'S ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS-2024

All appointments expired December 31st, 2024

Human Resource Officer

John Gural

Hearing Officer for Non-Uniformed Employees

John Gural

Deputy Registrar

Amanda Schwartz

Tax Search Officer/ Alternate Registrar

Tanyika Johns

Municipal Lien Search Officer/Fair Share Housing Officer Doretha R Jackson

Housing Official/ Housing Inspector	Tracy Kilmer
Zoning Officer	Tracy Kilmer
Construction Codes Inspections and Housing Supervisor	Tracy Kilmer
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Donna Condo
Secondary Human Resources Officer	Donna Condo
Board of Health Coordinator	Doretha R. Jackson
Tree Officer	Thomas Ewing
Shade Tree Secretary	Linda Yansick
Storm Water Management Coordinator	Greg Benson
Clean Communities Coordinator	Allan Berg
Recycling Coordinator	Allan Berg
Palmyra Police Chaplain	Wesley Allen
Palmyra Police Chaplain	Ella Graham
Hearing Officer Uniformed Employees	Robert Verry
Emergency Management Coordinator	Ron Lindemuth
1 st Deputy Emergency Mgmt.	Tracy Kilmer
2 nd Deputy Emergency Mgmt.	John Skowronski
3 rd Deputy Emergency Mgmt.	Richard Dreby
Fire Chief	Michael Stokes
Deputy Fire Chief	Richard Dreby
1 st Battalion Chief	Howard Dreby
Captain	John Skowronski
Lieutenant	John Hickey
Lieutenant	Jim Fries
Fire Police Captain	Jim Teesdale
Fire Police Lieutenant	Teree Bankowski
Fire Police	Jeff Beuerle
Fire Police	Bob Hawk
Fire Police	Natalie Fries

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-2. President Howard made a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-2. Mr. Liebe seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Dr. Cloud, Ms. Latimore, Mr. Liebe, Mrs. McCann, Ms. O'Connor, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Resolution 2024-2 was approved.

Resolution 2024-03, Resolution to Confirm Mayor’s Annual Citizen Appointments

Borough of Palmyra

Annual Citizen Committee Appointments-2024

LAND USE BOARD

Laura Cloud, Council Rep. Class III Member	1 year	01/01/24	12/31/24
John Gural, Borough Official Class II Member	1 year	01/01/24	12/31/24
Jayson Rossignol	4 years	01/01/24	12/31/27
Lewis Yetter	4 years	01/01/24	12/31/27
Alternate #1 -Open Seat	2 years	01/01/24	12/31/25
Alternate #2- Open Seat	2 years	01/01/24	12/31/25
Alternate #3 – Open Seat	2 years	01/23/22	12/31/24
Alternate #4 – Open Seat	2 years	01/01/22	12/31/24

SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Laura Cloud - Council Rep	1 year	01/01/24	12/31/24
John Petite	1 year	01/01/24	12/31/24
Tim Kaluhiokalani	1 year	01/01/24	12/31/24

GREEN TEAM

Jessica O’Connor	1 year	01/01/24	12/31/24
Laura Cloud	1 year	01/01/24	12/31/24
Wendi Wence	1 year	01/01/24	12/31/24
Lewis Yetter	1 year	01/01/24	12/31/24
Bernadette Russell	1 year	01/01/24	12/31/24

Rt.130 DELAWARE RIVER CORRIDOR PLAN ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE

Allie Rossignol
Josh Ormand
Loretta Kelly
Jessica O’Connor
Gina Tait

COMMUNITY GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Katie Lucas
Jessica Porter
Gina Tait

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-3. President Howard made a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-3. Ms. Latimore seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Dr. Cloud, Ms. Latimore, Mr. Liebe, Mrs. McCann, Ms. O'Connor, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Resolution 2024-03 was approved.

Resolution 2024-04, Resolution Approving the Borough of Palmyra Official Caucus and Regular Monthly Public Meeting Dates for the Borough Council for 2024

BOROUGH OF PALMYRA RESOLUTION 2024-4

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BOROUGH OF PALMYRA OFFICAL CAUCUS AND REGULAR MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETINGS DATES FOR BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR 2024

Whereas; the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, has the need to hold meetings to conduct the business of the Borough of Palmyra, and an accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq;

Whereas, in consideration of a declared State of Emergency and or a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the Borough of Palmyra does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, and to reduce the potential spread of any infectious disease and or its variants, Mayor and Council meetings may/will be held Virtually during the current year. All up-to-date information regarding each Council meeting will be posted on the Borough of Palmyra website prior to each meeting.

Be It Resolved; by the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra that the Borough Council will meet on the following dates in 2024

All such meetings to be held on the first Monday (**Caucus Meeting**) and third Monday (**Regular Meeting**) of each month, unless otherwise noted due to a holiday. Meetings shall be held at 6:30 P.M., unless indicated with ***, in which case those meetings shall begin at 5:30 P.M. All meetings may be held virtually or in Borough Hall at 20 West Broad Street, Palmyra, New Jersey 08065. Information regarding how any specific meeting will be held will be posted on the Borough of Palmyra website prior to the meeting date. Any and all business involving the Borough may be discussed. Formal official action may be taken at such meetings. At those meetings, the governing body may adopt a resolution to retire into closed session for the purpose of discussing qualified exemptions from the Open Public Meetings Act. The Borough Council, immediately following closed session will resume with the general business of the meeting and formal action may then be taken. The public is welcome to attend and speak at any meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey.

February 5, 2024
February 20, 2024 (Tue)
March 4, 2024
March 18, 2024
April 15, 2024
May 6, 2024
May 20, 2024
June 3, 2024 ***
June 17, 2024
July 15, 2024
August 19, 2024
September 16, 2024
October 7, 2024
October 21, 2024
November 4, 2024 ***
November 18, 2024
December 2, 2024
December 16, 2024

Be it further resolved; the Annual Budget Workshop Meeting Shall be held **Saturday April 6th, 2024** at 8:30 am

At any time, the governing body may adopt a resolution to retire into closed session for the purpose of discussing qualified exemptions from the Open Public Meetings Act. The Borough Council, immediately following closed session will resume with the general business of the meeting and formal action may then be taken. The public is welcome to attend and speak at any meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey.

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Resolution 2024-4. President Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-4. Dr. Cloud seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Dr. Cloud, Ms. Latimore, Mr. Liebe, Mrs. McCann, Ms. O'Connor, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Resolutions 2024-04 was approved.

Consent Agenda

Resolution 2024-5 to Resolution 2024-68 will be enacted as a single motion; if any resolution needs additional discussion, it will be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately. Mayor Tait asked if anything needed to be removed.

5. **Resolution 2024-05**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Ted Rosenberg, Esq., as Municipal Solicitor.
6. **Resolution 2024-06**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Alexis B Batton, Esq., of Archer & Greiner, PC. as Special Counsel/Bond Attorney.
7. **Resolution 2024-07**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Armando Riccio, Esq., as Special Counsel/Labor Attorney for Burlington County Municipal JIF related matters and non-police matters.
8. **Resolution 2024-08**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Carmen Saginario Jr., Esq., of Capehart Scatchard as Special Counsel/Conflict Attorney.
9. **Resolution 2024-09**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Andrew Brewer, Esq., of Maraziti Falcon, LLP as Special Counsel/Municipal Redevelopment Attorney.
10. **Resolution 2024-10**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Robert P. Nehila Jr., of Bowman & Company LLP, as Municipal Auditor
11. **Resolution 2024-11**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of William Kirchner of Environmental Resolutions Inc., (ERI) as Municipal Engineer
12. **Resolution 2024-12**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of William Kirchner of Environmental Resolutions Inc., (ERI) as Municipal Sewer Engineer
13. **Resolution 2024-13**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Kim M Whelan and Jennifer G. Edwards of Acacia Financial Group, Inc. as Municipal Financial Consultant
14. **Resolution 2024-14**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of William Kirchner of Environmental Resolutions, Inc. (ERI) as Special Projects Engineer
15. **Resolution 2024-15**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of David Gerkens of Community Grants, Planning and Housing, (CGP&H) as Municipal Planner/Grants Coordinator.
16. **Resolution 2024-16**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Community Grants, Planning and Housing, (CGP&H) as Municipal Affordable Housing/RCA Administrator.
17. **Resolution 2024-17**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Daniel M Rosenberg, Esq., of Rosenberg & Associates, LLC., as Municipal Public Defender.
18. **Resolution 2024-18**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Robert Beinfield, Esq., of Hawkins, Delafield & Woods, LLP as Special Counsel/Bond RAB Attorney
19. **Resolution 2024-19**, Resolution Authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Contract to Matthew Weng of Chance and McCann, LLC for Municipal Prosecutor in the amount of \$500.00 per session.

- 20. Resolution 2024-20**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of any/all other Municipal Prosecutors in Burlington County, as Substitute Prosecutor
- 21. Resolution 2024-21**, 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
- 22. Resolution 2024-22**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Mark Ruderman, Esq., of Ruderman & Roth, LLC. as Special Counsel/Labor Attorney for Police matters/Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations
- 23. Resolution 2024-23**, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Carmen Saginario Jr., Esq. of Capehart Scatchard. as Special Counsel/Labor Attorney for General Labor Matters
- 24. Resolution 2024-24**, Resolution Appointing Evan H.C. Crook., Esq., of Malamut & Associates as Special Counsel/Ethics Attorney
- 25. Resolution 2024-25**, Resolution Appointing Kelly Grant, Esq. of Malamut & Associates as Special Counsel/COAH Attorney
- 26. Resolution 2024-26**, Resolution Appointing John Hogue & Vladimir Raskin of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) as Environmental Engineers/Consultant and LSRP
- 27. Resolution 2024-27**, Resolution Appointing Dominic Villecco of V-COMM Telecommunications Engineering as Monopole/Cell Communications Consultant Engineer
- 28. Resolution 2024-28**, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Contracts with All Appointed Professionals After Review and Approval by the Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer.
- 29. Resolution 2024-29**, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Administrator for The Borough of Palmyra
- 30. Resolution 2024-30**, Resolution Appointing John Gural as Burlington County JIF Fund Commissioner and JIF Claims Coordinator
- 31. Resolution 2024-31**, Resolution Appointing John Gural and Doretha Jackson as DOT/CDL Designated Employer Representatives
- 32. Resolution 2024-32**, Resolution Appointing Doretha R Jackson as Burlington County JIF Alternate Fund Commissioner and Wellness Coordinator
- 33. Resolution 2024-33**, Resolution Appointing Doretha Jackson as Municipal Housing Liaison for the Administration of the Affordable Housing Program with an annual salary of \$5,000.00

- 34. Resolution 2024-34**, Resolution Appointing Tracy Kilmer as Burlington County JIF Safety Coordinator.
- 35. Resolution 2024-35**, Resolution Appointing Tracey Kilmer as Vacant/Abandoned Property List Public Official for the Borough of Palmyra with an Annual Salary of \$1,500.00 effective January 1, 2024
- 36. Resolution 2024-36**, Resolution Appointing Stephen Falicki as seasonal custodian employee for Legion Field Complex
- 37. Resolution 2024-37**, Resolution Appointing Dale Palmer as Part-Time Supervisor Public Buildings and Grounds at the rate of \$25.00 per hour not to exceed 28 hours per week.
- 38. Resolution 2024-38**, Resolution Appointing George Moore as Part-time Public Buildings and Grounds employee not to exceed 28 hours per week
- 39. Resolution 2024-39**, Resolution Appointing Michele Sykes as part time Community Center/Facilities scheduling coordinator not to exceed 28 hours per week.
- 40. Resolution 2024-40**, Resolution Appointing Latasha Sheppard-Jones, and Christiana Quinton as part-time Community Center Scheduling Assistants at the rate of \$15.13 per hour, not to exceed 28 hour per week
- 41. Resolution 2024-41**, Resolution Appointing Frank Billingere as part-time Code Enforcement Officer not to exceed 28 hours per week
- 42. Resolution 2024-42**, Resolution appointing Shawn Benedict as Part-time Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class 2 for the Palmyra Polica Department, not to exceed 28 hours per week
- 43. Resolution 2024-43**, Resolution Appointing Gerald Griffin as Part-Time Class I Officer to the Borough of Palmyra Police Department not to exceed 28 hours per week.
- 44. Resolution 2024-44**, Resolution Appointing Ron Holt as Part-time Fire Inspector not to exceed 6 hours per week
- 45. Resolution 2024-45**, Resolution appointing Ron Holt as Part-Time Housing Inspector for the Housing Rental and Resale Inspections
- 46. Resolution 2024-46**, Resolution Appointing Sara Ercolono, Howard Dreby, Barbara Zeyher, Ellen Adams, Jarmilla Sheppard, Delia Spiker, Mary Boylan, Timothy Puglia, and Joyce Alessandro as Crossing Guards for The Borough of Palmyra for 2024.
- 47. Resolution 2024-47**, Resolution Appointing Borough of Palmyra Fire Department 2024 Members/Firefighters
- 48. Resolution 2024-48**, Resolution Appointing the Borough of Palmyra Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Members

- 49. Resolution 2024-49** Resolution appointing Josiah Murphy as Alternate Contact Person for the Burlington JIF Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultant Service
- 50. Resolution 2024-50,** Resolution Authorizing a contract with Bay Hill Environmental for Lead Testing Inspections upon request per their proposal submitted amount to be determined in the 2024 budget
- 51. Resolution 2024-51,** 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.
- 52. Resolution 2024-52,** Resolution Authorizing the 2024 Temporary Budget Appropriations.
- 53. Resolution 2024-53,** Resolution to Approve 2024 Temporary Debt Service for the Borough of Palmyra in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey
- 54. Resolution 2024-54,** Resolution Approving a Cash Management Plan for The Borough of Palmyra.
- 55. Resolution 2024-55,** Resolution Fixing the Rate of Interest to Be Charged on Delinquent Taxes, Sewer Payments, and Assessments
- 56. Resolution 2024-56,** Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Debits and Credits of \$10.00 or Less for Tax and Sewer Payments
- 57. Resolution 2024-57,** 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
- 58. Resolution 2024-58,** Resolution Awarding a contract to New Jersey Animal Control, LLC for 2024 Animal Control Services, subject to the Solicitor's review and the Chief Financial Officer's Certification
- 59. Resolution 2024-59,** Resolution Awarding 2024 Maintenance Contract for Sewage Treatment Plant to Municipal Maintenance Company, Inc. in the amount of \$301,536.00, subject to the Solicitor's review and Chief Financial Officer's certification
- 60. Resolution 2024-60,** Resolution Awarding 2024 On-Call Contracting Services Contract to Neri's Construction & Rentals, Inc. in the amount of \$573,687.00 subject to the Solicitor's review and the Chief Financial Officer's certification
- 61. Resolution 2024-61,** Resolution Awarding the 2024 HVAC Maintenance Contract to Air Systems Maintenance in the amount of \$30,975.00 subject to Solicitor's review and the Chief Financial Officer's certification

- 62. Resolution 2024-62**, Resolution Awarding the 2024 Wastewater Vactoring Services Contract to G.E. Mechanical, LLC in the amount of \$186,977.40 subject to the Solicitor's review and Certification of the CFO
- 63. Resolution 2024-63**, Resolution Awarding the 2024 Generator Preventive Maintenance Contract to Industrial Diesel Power, Inc. in the amount of \$9,360.00 Subject to the Solicitor's Review and the Chief Financial Officer's Certification
- 64. Resolution 2024-64**, Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 to Municipal Maintenance Co. with an increase in the amount of \$36,748.00 for the Palmyra Treatment Plant Emergency Generator project making the total adjusted contract price \$330,348.00 per ERI'S recommendation letter dated December 15, 2023
- 65. Resolution 2024-65**, Resolution Awarding the 2024 Palmyra Sewerage Treatment Laboratory Testing Contract to Eurofins QC, LLC in the amount of \$12,335.00 subject to the Chief Financial Officer's Certification
- 66. Resolution 2024-66**, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of December bills in the amount of \$1,958,628.41.
- 67. Resolution 2024-67**, Resolution Authorizing the Chief Finance Officer to Pay Vendor Bills during the Month of January 2024.
- 68. Resolution 2024-68**, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington Authorizing a Lien be placed on Blk 54 Lot 3 for Failure to comply with Obnoxious Growth and Property Maintenance Violations

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-5 thru 2024-68. President Howard made a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-5 thru 2024-68. Dr. Cloud seconded the motion.

At the call of the roll:

INFAVOR: Dr. Cloud, Ms. Latimore, Mr. Liebe, Mrs. McCann, Ms. O'Connor, President Howard

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried. Resolutions 2024-05 thru 2024-68 were approved.

PUBLIC PORTION

The public portion is for any matter you desire to share with the governing body. It may be necessary to follow up with comments later. Comments should be limited to no more than (3) three minutes. All comments will become part of the record and included with the Meeting Minutes.

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

President Howard made a motion to open the public portion for comments. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

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

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

No one wishing to make a comment Mayor Tait requested a motion to close the public comment portion. President Howard made a motion to close the public portion. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

President Howard – President Howard congratulated the newly appointed council members and stated he looked forward to working with them.

Dr. Cloud – No Comment

Mrs. McCann – Mrs. McCann congratulated the newly appointed council members and President Howard noting that she was looking forward to this new year.

Ms. Latimore – Ms. Latimore stated Happy New Year and congratulated the newly appointed council members and Mayor.

Mr. Liebe – Mr. Liebe said Happy New Year and congratulated the newly appointed council members and professionals.

Ms. O'Connor – Ms. O'Connor stated Happy New Year and noted that she is looking forward to getting started.

Mayor Tait – Mayor Tait noted that she is looking forward to this new year and doing new things for the residents. Mayor Tait thanked everyone for all they do. Mayor Tait encouraged everyone to check on those residents that live alone, and to get to know their neighbors.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to adjourn. President Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM

Doretha R. Jackson, RMC

Municipal Clerk, Borough of Palmyra

Approved: February 5th, 2024