

**Borough of Palmyra**  
**Council Caucus Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:30 PM**

The Council Caucus Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Palmyra was called to order by Mayor Tait at 6:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

At the call of the roll:

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

ABSENT: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT**

Mayor Tait Read the following open public meetings statement into the record:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Public Notice of this meeting been given by the Municipal Clerk in the following manner:

- Posting written notice on the official bulletin board at the Palmyra Borough Hall on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times, and the Courier Post Newspaper on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Notice to All Council Members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023- Council Caucus Meeting Minutes

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Mayor Tait requested a motion for approval of the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Council Caucus Meeting Minutes and December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

President Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Council Caucus Meeting Minutes and December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

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

**INFAVOR: Dr. Cloud, Mrs. McCann, Ms. O'Connor, President Howard**

**AGAINST: None**

**Abstain: Ms. Latimore, Mr. Liebe**

January 5, 2024- Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Mayor Tait requested a motion for approval of the January 5, 2024, Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

President Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from January 5, 2024, Reorganization Meeting Minutes. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

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

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

**AGAINST: None**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Municipal Clerk Jackson acknowledged the following correspondence received:

Letter- Kunal Patel, State NFIP Coordinator, Office of Dam Safety and Flood Engineering

Letter- Charles Anthony Solimine, Attorney for Board of Education, Borough of Palmyra

## **REDEVELOPMENT**

### Rt. 73 South Redevelopment Area- Update

Mr. Gural indicated there was a lot to talk about regarding the redevelopment. R. Gural noted that the Philadelphia Business Journal recognized that our redevelopment project is one of the best business deals of 2023 of Greater Philadelphia. The Borough received recognition for the Fillit/TAC PAL warehouse, under the Environmental Social Governance category and the YesWay Logistics/NAI warehouse for Industrial Lease category, the final winners will be announced at their annual event on March 21, 2024.

Tac/Pal warehouse is on schedule with footings and foundation inspections starting tomorrow. The building is on track for the building to be substantially completed by the end of the year. Mr. Gural noted that there are plans to improve the exterior of the building, to make it more attractive to higher-end users.

Me. Gural stated that Conifer is waiting on final approval from NJDEP on the remedial action work plan that was submitted previously. Mr. Gural indicated that once it is issued the final site work will take place and vertical construction can begin. From that point they have eighteen months to complete construction. Mr. Gural noted that within the agreement with Fair Share Housing they have until the end of 2025 to complete.

Mr. Gural indicated a well known kraft brewer that expressed a serious interest in relocating to our redevelopment area. Mr. Gural along with Mr. Stock, Mr. Brewer and Mr. Gerken will be meeting with them this coming Thursday.

Mr. Gural stated that he had spoken with Mr. Stock and expressed the Borough's concern regarding the lack of development of the Rt.73 highway frontage parcels. Mr. Gural indicated that the governing body wants to get more involved in the marketing of that area. Mr. Gural indicated that he is meeting with Mr. Stock and his Caudwell banker on Thursday also to see what plans they have for attempting to market the area. Mr. Gural noted the International Counsel for Shopping Centers conference

coming up May 19<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, in Las Vegas, noting that it is the trade association for anything that relates to shopping centers, retail space, etc. Mr. Gural stated that the Borough needs to have a presence at that conference. There was discussion regarding who should attend, noting that it would be costly.

Mr. Rosenberg expressed concerns about the Borough accepting the donation of thirty-one acres of wetlands property from the redeveloper. Mr. Rosenberg stated this is a situation where you must weigh the benefit vs the potential cost. Mr. Rosenberg stated the benefit is it would be nice to have an area in the Borough dedicated specifically to recreation. Mr. Rosenberg said he had not heard of a municipality voluntarily taking ownership of property known to have serious environmental contamination. Mr. Rosenberg stated it is a huge risk, noting it is a lawsuit waiting to happen. Mr. Rosenberg urged Council not to take ownership of the property. Mr. Rosenberg explained why. After discussion it was decided a resolution would follow and the governing body can decide how they wish to proceed.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated we received a performance bond which guarantees the improvements for the affordable housing complex up to twenty-five million dollars.

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

Mr. Gural stated he had reached out to Mr. Wade regarding what was going on with the redevelopment of the property. Mr. Wade, thru an email, indicated that the business was doing great, and they were in a position to begin construction shortly. Mr. Gural noted that there were components of the email which needed to be discussed in closed session.

#### Sea Box/ELM Office LLC, 321 E. Broad Street Property- Update

Mr. Gural indicated he had nothing currently to report.

### **PROFESSIONAL UPDATES**

William Kirchner, ERI

Mr. Kirchner went over the resolutions on the agenda for approval. Mr. Kirchner stated that PES&G reached out to us for a road opening permit, he explained that they will be opening streets, Cleveland, part of Parry, part of Garfield and part of Morgan against Cinnaminson. Because they will be opening those streets and will have to repave them Mr. Kirchner indicated ERI had done some measurements on those streets because as in the past what we have taken advantage of, is when one of the utilities comes in and does a project which requires them to repave the street we try to get the curbs and paving ready for them so we realize a brand new street when it is complete. Mr. Kirchner stated he would be getting an estimate to the governing body in regard to the cost.

Mr. Kirchner indicated that Stormwater training, required by the state yearly, applies to the governing body, the Land Use Board, certain members of the administration and the public works department.

Mr. Kirchner stated that someone from his office would be in the give a demonstration so that everyone can understand why and the ins and outs of stormwater management. Mr. Gural indicated that the training must be completed by all by May, however some things must be completed prior to the training. Mr. Gural indicated he would forward those documents to everyone.

Mr. Kirchner stated that the sewer plant outfall has come apart out in the river. Mr. Kirchner indicated it must be repaired. Mr. Kirchner indicated in the report completed by the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the Riverbank erosion issues, they suggest the Borough apply for the section 208 program, which is a program at their cost up to one hundred thousand dollars, which they initiate a study to see if it is worth them taking the next step of doing any more work. Mr. Gural explained that in addressing the concerns of the Riverfront residents regarding erosion along the riverbank we discovered this, and the Army Corp of Engineers issued the report. Mr. Gural noted that because the next step involves clearing and DE snagging an area out in front of the Riverfront. Mr. Gural noted that costs are associated with that, and it is on private property. Mr. Gural stated that he is asking for permission to apply for the program however there is no commitment beyond that on the Borough's part. Mr. Gural indicated that if applied for and awarded the council can make the decision of how to proceed later, especially if additional funds are required. There was additional discussion, and it was agreed to apply only.

Mr. Kirchner indicated the council's desire to make improvements regarding the tennis courts and basketball court at Legion Field. Mr. Kirchner indicated that the cost is about is about \$150,000.00 soft costs included. Mr. Gural stated that instead of making it another capital improvement and including it in the capital budget, part of the remaining balance in the recreational account which came from the redeveloper could be used to make these improvements as there are at Legion Field. Mr. Gural noted that if council agreed, at the next council meeting a resolution could be on the agenda for consideration. There was discussion regarding what would be done. Mr. Gural asked Mr. Kirchner to put together schematics so all could see, and the council can consider how they wish to proceed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This public portion is for discussion on professional updates, resolutions and ordinances listed on the agenda. Please sign in at the podium and 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. Mr. Liebe the motion.

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

**Mr. Giffin – Garfield Avenue-** Mr. Griffin expressed concern about the corners where repaving takes place, noting that after a snowfall the handicap corner ramps are not cleared. Mr. Giffin stated he was impressed with the rain garden however the walkways were not cleared when it snowed.

**Mr. Bauer – Cinnaminson Avenue** – Mr. Bauer asked Mr. Kirchner when the extra poles would be removed on Cinnaminson Avenue. Mayor Tait stated that was a PSE&G project with the County and we have no authority or timeline on that project.

**Ms. McCoy- Riverfront Drive**- Ms. McCoy asked if the information from the Riverfront study had been shared with the Riverfront Association. Mr. Gural stated that some participated in the study, and they were copied on the emails as well. Mr. Gural indicated as soon as he has authorization to proceed, he can forward additional information to the Association also.

Seeing no one else wishing to make a comment, Mayor Tait asked for a motion to closed to the Public for comments President Howard made a motion to close the public portion for comments. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution **2024-71 thru** and Resolution **2024-85** will be enacted as a single motion, if any resolution needs additional discussion, it will be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

Mayor Tait asked if any resolution needed to be removed from the consent agenda for additional discussion. Seeing none, Mayor Tait read the following resolutions into the record:

**Resolution 2024-71**, Resolution authorizing the release of escrow account balance for Communications Construction Group, LLC for the Broad Street Opening-Comcast Fiber Conduit Project in the amount of \$40.00.

**Resolution 2024-72**, Authorizing the award of a Contract to Coyne Chemical Company in the amount of \$34,080.00 subject to pay-to-play and other state bidding requirements and the certification of the CFO of Borough of Palmyra

**Resolution 2024-73**, Resolution Awarding a Contract to Environmental Resolutions, Inc. (ERI) for Engineering Services for the Infiltration and Flow Study – Phase II Project per their proposal dated January 5, 2024, in the amount of 29,000.00.

**Resolution 2024-74**, Resolution awarding a contract to CGPH for Grant writing services for the Local Recreation Improvement Grant per their proposal dated January 18, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00.

**Resolution 2024-75**, Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Palmyra to apply to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) for the FY 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG)

**Resolution 2024-76**, Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of taxes for a totally disabled veteran at Block 89 Lot 10 for Tax year 2023 and thereafter and refunding taxes overpaid in the amount of \$4,172.25.

**Resolution 2024-77**, Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of taxes for a totally disabled veteran at Block 95 Lot 4 for Tax year 2023 and thereafter and refunding taxes overpaid in the amount of \$6,219.55.

**Resolution 2024-78**, Resolution Declaring various assets as surplus property and authorizing them to be auctioned on GovDeals.com.

**Resolution 2024-79**, Resolution of the Borough of Palmyra, County of Burlington Authorizing a Lien be placed on Blk 115 Lot 5 for failure to comply with obnoxious growth and property maintenance violations in the amount of \$1,935.00.

**Resolution 2024-80**, Resolution awarding a contract to Environmental Resources, Inc. (ERI) for engineering services for the 2024 Road Program Project per their proposal dated January 9, 2024, in the amount of \$74,000.00.

**Resolution 2024-81**, Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates for Getro Manceno

**Resolution 2024-82**, Awarding a contract to Neri's Construction for installation of three (3) sanitary sewer manholes along Cinnaminson Ave in the amount of \$21,340.00.

**Resolution 2024-83**, Appointing Tracey McGill as Part-time Deputy Municipal Court Administrator effective February 9, 2024, at the rate of \$33.50 per hour not to exceed 28 hours per week, per offer of employment dated November 3, 2023

**Resolution 2024-84**, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of January 2023 Bills already paid in the Amount of \$1,714,630.91

**Resolution 2024-85**, Resolution Appointing Robert Salmons as Building Sub-Code Official, Building Inspector retroactive to January 1, 2024

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to approve **Resolutions 2024-71 thru Resolution 2024-85**.

President Howard made a motion to approve **Resolutions 2024-71 thru Resolution 2024-85**. Dr. Cloud second the motion.

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

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

**AGAINST: None**

**Motion carried. Resolutions 2024-71 thru Resolution 2024-85 were approved.**

## **PUBLIC EVENTS**

Mayor Tait noted the following upcoming events.

Mayor Tait stated the Virtua Mobile Grocery Store is in the Community Center parking lot on Thursdays from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

Palmyra Fire Department's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Fisherman's Flea Market – Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Charles Street School from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Read Across America 2024, March 5, 2024, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble, February 10, 2024, at 2:00 pm at Palmyra Community Center.

Mayor Tait noted the Red Sand Project on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Laurel Areas Park in Mt. Laurel at 10:00 am.

The Underground Railroad presents Heros and Sheros at Rowan College on February 23, 2024, at 6:00 pm. Mayor Tait indicated Payton I. Flournoy will be honored at that time.

Ms. McCann stated that the Easter Egg Hunt would be held at Legion Field on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 am. Ms. McCann also noted that on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, they will be filling the eggs in the community center and additional information would follow.

Mayor Tait noted that the Spring Townwide yard sale will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Mayor Tait also noted the Palmyra Day will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and there is no rain date.

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

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2023 and December 2023. President Howard made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2023 and December 2023. Mr. Liebe second the motion.

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

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Gural noted the need for the mayor to sign the authorization to conduct Aerial Larval/Adult Mosquito Control activities. The council agreed.

Mr. Gural noted the conversation earlier regarding Stormwater Management training and the state requirement.

Mr. Gural noted the Chief of Police vacancy. Mayor Tait indicated that they had prepared a list of questions, and the public safety committee would be checking with Lt. Murphy and setting up a meeting sometime next week. Mr. Gural indicated that Lt. Murphy had made an offer of employment to a recruit and if accepted he will be appointed at the next meeting.

Mr. Gural stated the 2024 budget meeting will be held on April 6, 2024, noting that he had forwarded an update to the governing body indicating some challenges we will be facing. Mr. Gural stated that if at the budget meeting the budget is introduced, we are looking for final adoption on May 6, 2024, and then forwarded to the State for final approval. Mr. Gural also noted that the annual financials and dept statement have been completed and submitted.

Mr. Gural reported that the Land Use Board appointed two engineers this year, mostly due to the vast amount of work needed to be completed with pending projects. Mr. Gural noted that both CME and ERI were appointed noting that a subcommittee had been composed of Mr. Gural, Mayor Tait, and Chairman Yetter to determine various engineering assignments for the Land Use Board. Mr. Gural noted that CME will be responsible for the current application currently in the pipeline, additionally they will be responsible for warehouse #1 inspections, site management and all the affordable housing

inspections and site management will go to ERI. ERI is also handling the stormwater management requirements of the Borough.

Mr. Gural noted that earlier the council approved the listing of vehicles and other items determined to be surplus to be sold on GocDeals.com. Mr. Gural noted that police vehicles were listed. Mr. Gural stated that Lt. and Mr. Kirchner are currently in the process of purchasing two, possibly three Dodge Durangos for the department. Mr. Gural stated that in the past we purchased SUV's under state contract, however this time we are moving in a different direction. Mr. Gural stated that this time the purchases will be publicly advertised and bid on. Mayor Tait noted that these purchases were approved in previous capital improvement budgets so they will not affect the current budget.

Mr. Gural noted that we requested two hundred and fifty trees thru the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign 2024 Application. Mr. Gural stated that we will devise a plan to distribute them.

Mr. Gural noted that earlier the part-time Deputy Municipal Court Administrator was filled with Ms. McGill, however we still have a need to fill the Deputy Municipal Clerk position.

Mr. Gural stated that a conference call was held with Republic last week and we are trying to reach an agreement with them to take over the entire trash collection in the Borough. Mr. Gural explained that what we were looking to do is to move into zone one at a day of our choosing and then to move into the remaining zones at a day of our choosing and for them to let us out of the contract with no penalty. Mr. Gural noted that they agreed. Mr. Gural stated that the plan calls for the Borough to take over Zone one in May and at the end of the year we will take over Zones, two, three and four, also taking over bulk collection as well for the entire community and Republic will let us out of the contract. Mr. Gural explained the new vehicles to be purchased the staffing requirements, CDL drivers (2 proposed) and laborers (4 proposed) and how we will get to the end goal.

Mr. Gural noted that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Study is comprehensive and can be used for grant applications.

Mr. Gural noted the Palmyra School District Special Election to be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, noting that the Interim Superintendent, Mark Pease would be here in February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with a presentation and answer questions from the governing body.

Mayor Tait stated she would have an update for the next meeting regarding the Community Garden.

Mr. Gural stated conversations were had to consider taking the Palmyra Ambulance Squad into and under the Borough instead of it remaining an independent organization. Mr. Gural stated there is much to look into regarding insurance payments etc. before that would be possible. Mr. Gural indicated they would continue to talk and see what can be worked out.

Mr. Gural stated that if the council would be agreeable, current Borough employees that volunteer for the fire department/ ambulance squad have inquired if it would be allowable for them to participate in the stipend program. There was some discussion and Mr. Gural stated he would have something for their consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. Gural stated the current market ratios are at 66.84%. Mr. Gural explained and noted that it should be as close as possible to 100%. Mr. Gural stated that what that requires us to do is property

revaluations. Mr. Gural noted that revaluations have not been done in many years and he anticipates the cost to be between \$265,000.00 and \$285,000.00. Mr. Gural noted that we need to raise that money over a five-year period, it can be done as an emergency appropriation and does not have to appear in the budget this year, but we plan to do it this year. Mr. Gural explained how the process works and how it affects tax payments, noting that it does not increase taxes.

Mr. Gural noted that the In rem foreclosures on municipal liens and the Housing Rehabilitation Program should be discussed in closed session.

### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Mr. Gural reminded all that the 2024 Burl Co JIF Elected Officials Training seminars are all online, noting that for every council member that attends we receive a \$250.00 dollar reduction to our insurance billing.

Mr. Gural stated that Part 1 of the Wizer 2024 Cyber Awareness Training is available and needs to be completed to continue using the Borough email addresses.

Mr. Gural explained the requirement of the entire governing body and Land Use Board attending the Stormwater Management Education and Training. Mr. Gural noted he would send it out to the governing body.

Mr. Gural also noted the upcoming OEM Incident Command System Seminar scheduled for February 22, 2024, at 7:00pm in Westhampton.

Mayor Tait indicated she looked at the ordinance which covers the fees charges at the Legion Field Facility and felt some changes needed to be made. There was some discussion and Mayor Tait indicated she would make the necessary changes, send it to Mr. Rosenberg for correctness and approval and bring the ordinance changes to council for consideration at the next meeting.

### **ONGOING REMINDER PROJECTS**

Mr. Gural stated the following items are reminders for the various projects the governing body is addressing. Mr. Gural noted additional information will be forthcoming in the future.

Purchase Orders - Council signature requirement.

Sidewalk/snow & ice removal Ordinance

Sewer Lateral responsibility Ordinance and sewer bills

Parking Ordinance - additional amended code subsections required.

Veterans Affairs Committee Ordinance

Accessory Structures/cargo containers - Zoning/Land Development Ordinance amendments

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

We request those wishing to have or make a public comment, sign in at the podium and 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 the motion.

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

**Mr. Orfe -Memorial Avenue** – Mr. Orfe asked why the only way he could participate in this meeting was by sending a letter or to come into the meeting noting that the Borough needs to invest in some sort of telecom or zoom like the neighboring towns. Mr. Orfe asked why the Borough offices close at noon on Fridays. Mr. Orfe asked why the reorganization meeting was held at 4:00 pm on Friday, making it difficult for anyone working a traditional week to participate. Mr. Orfe noted that the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled, and he came and there was no notice posted or online indicating it was cancelled. Mr. Orfe asked if there was a process for getting roads and curbs accessed for repair, noting that he did not understand the decision-making process for which roads need to be fixed. Mayor Tait stated the roads are accessed by the engineer and a list is prepared accessing the road conditions. Mr. Gural noted that that list is what is used to determine which grants to apply for and which roads get repaired. Mr. Gural noted that other criteria are also used such as, shared services with the various utilities doing projects and working with them to have a completely repaved street. Mayor Tait stated that a committee was formed this year to address the website and the Borough social media accounts. There was additional discussion regarding the road conditions map, meeting notification requirements, and website improvements.

**Mrs. Nowicki – Morgan Avenue** – Mrs. Nowicki stated that she found the Wetland issue interesting noting that she texted her son who is a wetlands specialist with a master's degree in environmental science. She noted that he stated that the town could request a site assessment and ask the owners of the property to pay for it. Mrs. Nowicki noted that if you have been at the community center between 10:15 and 10:30 there is no place to park. Mrs. Nowicki asked if it would be possible for presenters to park in front of the community center and place a cone behind their car so traffic could get around them. Mrs. Nowicki stated she hoped something could be worked out for them. Mrs. Nowicki noted her other issue is regarding protocol. Mrs. Nowicki indicated that Senator Troy Singleton has agreed to talk with the seniors on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, between 11:00 am and 11:30 am; Mrs. Nowicki asked if it would be possible if Mayor Tait or Mr. Gural to come and thank him for attending. Mayor Tait indicated she would try to work it in her work schedule. Mrs. Nowicki asked Lt. Murphy if they could talk about parking. Mrs. Nowicki thanked Ms. Jackson for attending the Riverfront Seniors board meeting and explaining some things and listening to some of their concerns.

**Mrs. Veitenheimer -Rowland Street** -Mrs. Veitenheimer voiced her concerns regarding the reassessment noting that there may be significant changes in overall property values towards the end of this year and the possibility of having to do them again. Mr. Gural indicated he did not think it could wait as they are overdue and the tax assessor who makes his decisions independently of the governing body has indicated the need to have it done. Dr. Cloud noted that she just read an article that they do

not anticipate a market collapse as the market is stable. Dr. Cloud noted the article was in Forbes Advisor.

**Mr. Bauer – Cinnaminson Avenue-** Mr. Bauer stated he was here last year about this time complaining about his neighbor's lights. Mr. Bauer stated that the neighbor was fined and the next thing he knew he was taken to court for trespassing. Mr. Bauer complained that his neighbor has still not gone before the court yet and he continues to postpone his court dates. Mr. Bauer stated that that neighbor has cameras pointed to his windows of his house. Mayor Tait and Mr. Gural indicated that there is a case pending in court and the governing body has no control over the municipal court. Mr. Rosenberg stated that he can inquire at the court as to the rescheduled date. Mr. Bauer asked about the camera pointed into his window. Lt. Murphy stated to Mr. Bauer that if he wished to have a conversation he could come in and see him and he would let him know what the law says about cameras.

**Ms. McCory – Riverfront Drive –** Mrs. McCory stated that the trash collection has been great since the Borough took over, she noted that she loves not seeing her trash all thrown around on the ground.

**Mrs. Schwartz – Washington Avenue –** Mrs. Schwartz inquired if there had been any updates regarding the comcast issues. Mayor Tait indicated she has spoken with the BIU, and they sent an 18-page questioner to be returned by the middle of next month. Mayor Tait stated it is still in the process and she will update her as progress is made.

Seeing no one else wishing to make a comment, Mayor Tait asked for a motion to closed to the Public for comments President Howard made a motion to close the public portion for comments. Ms. Latimore second the motion.

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

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

**Dr. Cloud**-no comment

**Ms. Latimore** –no comment

**Mr. Liebe**-no comment

**Mrs. McCann**– Ms. McCann stated she learned a lot at this meeting.

**Mrs. O'Connor** –no comments

**President Howard**-President Howard stated this was a very productive meeting.

**Mayor Tait** –no comment

Mayor Tait asked Mr. Gural and Mr. Rosenberg if there were items for closed session. Mr. Gural and Mr. Rosenberg indicated yes regarding contracts, negotiations.

**Resolution 2024-86** Resolution Excluding the Public from Certain Meetings Pursuant To

Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act C. 231 P. L. 1975 for matters relating to: Contracts and Negotiations

Mayor Tait requested a motion to approve Resolution 2024-86. President Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-86 Dr. Cloud second the motion.

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

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

**AGAINST: None**

**Resolution 2024-86 was approved.**

Into closed at 8:36 pm

Out of closed at 9:36 pm

Mayor Tait requested a motion to open the meeting to the public. Dr. Cloud made a motion to open the meeting to the public. President Howard second the motion.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Tait asked for a motion to adjourn. President Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. O'Connor second the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM

Doretha R Jackson, RMC

Municipal Clerk

Approved: February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024