

Palmyra Borough Council Meeting
 Tuesday, February 28, 2017
 7:00 PM

Borough Council President Mark Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of the Palmyra Municipal Center, located at 325 S. Railroad St. Other Council members in attendance included Beth Shearer, Brian Craig, Carissa Mellinger, Jane Quairoli, Joe Templin and Ralph Watts. Also in attendance were Mayor Fred Carpenter, Police Chief Stan Jasinski, Borough Manager Roger Powl, and Assistant Borough Manager Brenda Pera.

Announcements

President Smith announced that Borough Council held an executive session before this evening’s Borough Council meeting to discuss personnel issues as permitted by the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. Any official action resulting from discussions held during the Executive Session will occur at an open public meeting.

Public Comments

- Greg Reed, 233 E. Hazel Street, inquired about the costs of installing a new natural gas line at Fireman’s Park versus switching to propane instead.
- Kurt Yordy, 165 Lawn Road, expressed concerns about having to provide stormwater management facilities on two properties he purchased on South Lingle Avenue and is trying to develop. He provided a copy of a stormwater plan to Council. Mr. Powl stated he would forward the plan onto the Borough Engineer for comments on possible waivers or modifications.
- Ann Kozlowski, 961 E. Maple Street, reported on significant flooding on E. Maple Street after the storm on Saturday, February 25th. She also expressed concern regarding a light shining into her home from the property across the street.
- Jael Wolf, 301 E. Cherry Street, thanked the Borough for repairing potholes in South Ave; inquired about the drilling in the alley behind her property in South Ave; expressed concern that a new sinkhole may be developing in front of her house, and; asked if the levy would be reinstalled on Cherry Street to redirect stormwater away from the properties on the north side of the street.

Consent Calendar

The following agenda items were acted upon by a single motion:

- a. Approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Borough Council meeting.
- b. Approve the Treasurer’s Report for the period January 1 through January 31, 2017:

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Refuse Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Special Sewer Fund	Liquid Fuels Fund
YTD Revenue	\$102,325	\$243,197	\$155,452	\$281	\$86,118	\$7,388
YTD Expenses	\$162,386	\$114,178	\$51,918	\$196,026	\$0	\$285
Difference	\$(60,060)	\$129,156	\$103,600	\$(195,745)	\$86,118	\$7,103
Fund Balance	\$1,453,392	\$671,025	\$368,346	\$1,088,714	\$2,338,045	\$328,067

	Library Fund	Police Health Care Fund	Town Square Reserve Fund	Joint Fire Apparatus Fund	Cemetery Fund
YTD Revenue	\$314	\$36	\$1	\$60	\$589
YTD Expenses	\$0	\$2,490	\$0	\$0	\$0
Difference	\$314	\$2,453	\$1	\$60	\$589
Fund Balance	\$917	\$169,146	\$4,735	\$283,079	\$40,958

Motion: To approve the consent calendar. Motion by Jane Quairolì, second by Beth Shearer. Motion passed.

Action Items

- a. Resolution #2017-11 – Appoint Vacancy Board Chairman for 2017:

Motion: To approve Resolution #2017-11, a resolution appointing Greg Reed, 233 E. Hazel Street, as the Vacancy Board Chairman for the Year 2017. Motion by Jane Quairolì, second by Mark Smith. Motion passed.

- b. Resolution #2017-12 – Appoint Member to the Palmyra Area Recreation & Parks Commission:

Motion: To approve Resolution #2017-12, a resolution appointing Jane Quairolì as a Council Representative on the Commission, who shall finish the remainder of the term vacated by Pat Hennessy, expiring December 31, 2019. Motion by Beth Shearer, second by Mark Smith. Motion passed with Jane Quairolì abstaining.

- c. Resolution #2017-13 – Appoint a Member to the Palmyra Municipal Authority Board:

Motion: To approve Resolution #2017-13, a resolution appointing Beth Shearer as a member of the Palmyra Borough Municipal Authority, who shall finish the term vacated by Pat Hennessy, expiring December 31, 2018. Motion by Jane Quairolì, second by Joe Templin. Motion passed.

- d. Resolution #2017-14 – Name a Presently Unnamed Alley to Hennessy Way:

Motion: To approve Resolution #2017-14, a resolution naming a presently unnamed alley located parallel to and between North Harrison Street and North Franklin Street, and from East Main Street (US Route 422) north to its termination at East High Street as Hennessy Way. Motion by Jane Quairolì, second by Beth Shearer. Motion passed.

- e. Ordinance #775 - Motor Vehicles & Traffic - Parking Regulations Update:

Motion: To authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise Ordinance #775, an ordinance updating the following parking regulations:

1. Section 350-26 (Special Purpose Parking Zones):
 - Remove – North Chestnut Street – East side – 144 North Chestnut Street

- Add – West Oak Street – North side – 227 West Oak Street
 - Add – North College Street – East side – (due to existing no parking zone on west side) from a point approximately 70-feet south of the southern curbline of West High Street to a point 20-feet south thereof.
 - Add – North College Street – East side – (due to existing no parking zone on west side) from a point approximately 120-feet south of the southern curbline of West Broad Street to a point 20-feet south thereof.
 - Add – Hazel Street – North side – from a point approximately 70-feet west of the west curbline of N. Chestnut St to a point 20-feet west thereof.
 - Add – East Cherry Street – North side – 115 E. Cherry Street
 - Add – South Grant Street – West side (2 spaces) – from a point approximately 35-feet south of the southern curbline of E. Main St. to a point 20-feet south thereof, and 20-feet south thereof of the first space.
 - Add – North Lincoln Street – West side – 115 N. Lincoln Street
 - Add – North Green Street – East side – 24 N. Green Street
2. Section 350-22 (Parking Prohibited at all Times):
- Add – West Walnut Street – South side – from the east curbline of South Bowman Avenue to a point approximately 160-feet east thereof.
 - Remove – North College Street – East side – from West North Ave to West Arch Street.

Motion by Ralph Watts, second by Jane Quairolì. Motion passed.

Reports

- a. President's Report: There was no report.
- b. Fire Department:
1. New Firehouse Update: Citizens Fire Company President Dustin Kennelly informed Council that the contractor is still waiting on Met-Ed for power to the new building. He also indicated that the issue with water in the elevator shaft is being addressed by the contractor. The project is scheduled for an April 10th completion date.
- c. Library Board Report: Councilor Watts presented his February 2017 report and informed Council that the Library is looking for interested parties to fill vacancies on the Library Board.
- d. Police/Mayor's Report: Mayor Carpenter provided a copy of the January 2017 Monthly Report.
- e. Recreation Commission Report: Council Quairolì did not attend the February meeting as she was not appointed at that time.
- f. Solicitor's Report: There was no report.
- g. Zoning Hearing Board: No Hearings are scheduled for Monday March 20th.
- h. Borough Manager's Report:
1. 300 Block E. Cherry Street Sinkhole Repair & Stormwater Management: Mr. Powl reported that the aquifer enhancement is scheduled for this week for the test well drilled in South Ave. The preliminary tests show that the well has promise and would allow the detention basin to be constructed.
 2. Shellbark Alley New Injection Well Project: (to the rear of 138 N. Chestnut St) Mr. Powl informed Council that the aquifer enhancement crew was scheduled for 3/1, but may have to be postponed due to forecasted inclement weather.

3. Injection Well #1 Relocation Project (at Palmyra Memorial (Fireman's) Park): Mr. Powl commented that the aquifer enhancement was completed on 2/22 and the gravity drainage in the well did not improve as much as was originally anticipated. ARM Group found an unlimited capacity to discharge water into the well at a depth of 435-feet if the water is pumped under pressure. Their recommendation is to install a wet-well with a submersible pump that the stormwater basin would discharge into so that it could then be pumped down into the injection well.
4. Phase A Stormwater Management System: (north of railroad tracks - west of N. Grant St.) Mr. Powl has not heard from the School District. The School Board has meetings scheduled on March 2nd and on March 9th. He believes the Borough will hear something after these meetings.
5. New Public Works Building: Mr. Powl reported that staff has a meeting scheduled on Thursday with the architect and engineer to review revised plans for the building, and the land development plan. He will report back to Council at their next meeting.
6. 812 E. Cypress Street – Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Issue: Mr. Powl inquired if Council was willing to consider condemnation of this property. The property went for Sheriff's Sale and then the new owner has not complied with the Notice of Violations issued by Light-Heigel & Associates. Of concern is a set of bunk beds that are a few inches away from the hot water line from the boiler. This is a violation of the UCC Building Codes and needs to be remedied.

Chief Jasinski reported that the tenants were evicted from the property two days earlier. Council did not agree to the condemnation since the tenants have been removed.
7. Weis Liquor License: Mr. Powl informed Council that the public hearing for the liquor license transfer request was advertised appropriately and a hearing will be held at the March 14th Council meeting.

Other Business

- Councilor Quairoli asked about the agreement with ShadowStone. Mr. Powl indicated that until a resolution can be reached with the School District regarding the wetlands project at Ridge Road Park, the agreement with Mr. Wagner is on hold.

Announcement

President Smith announced that Borough Council will conduct a public meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 and on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jane Quairoli, second by Beth Shearer. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Powl
Borough Manager