

Palmyra Borough Council Meeting
Tuesday August 28, 2018
7:00 PM

Borough Council President Beth Shearer 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 Don Barry, Josh Holl, Carissa Mellinger, Jane Quairoli and Joe Templin. Also in attendance were Borough Manager Roger Powl, Assistant Borough Manager Brenda Pera, Mayor Fred Carpenter and Chief Stan Jasinski. Mark Smith was absent from the meeting.

Announcements

President Shearer announced that Borough Council held an executive session prior to tonight's Borough Council meeting to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. Any official action resulting from discussions held during the Executive Session will occur at a future public meeting.

Special Discussion: Issues Affecting the Borough's Refuse & Recycling Collection Program:

Mr. Powl provided an explanation of the current situation with the recycling program. The types of recyclables that will be accepted is changing and will place more into the refuse at higher tipping costs. The recycling transfer station on E. High Street may soon be closing, so the Borough will need to haul recyclables to either Reazer's Recycling, Lebanon at a cost of \$75 per ton or Penn Waste, Manchester, PA at \$40 per ton. Currently the Borough does not pay tipping fees for recycling. The combination of issues will require a significant increase in service fees for the Borough.

Mr. Powl commented that to keep the existing Borough operated refuse/recycling service, the Borough will need to hire additional employees to handle recycling daily. The Borough can also pursue outsourcing the program to a private hauler through a bid contract.

The following individuals shared comments and asked questions about the refuse/recycling changes:

- Claire Hall, 735 E. Cypress St
- Bill Logan, 223 E. Cherry St
- Brian Craig, 215 W. Oak St
- Dave McCloskey, 212 E Ridge Road
- Kevin Fuhrman, 734 E Cypress St
- Robert Keller, 759 W. Cherry St
- Carol Stager, 223 S. Locust St
- Cindy Smith, 45 N. Grant St
- Greg & Maddie Reed, 233 E Hazel St
- Donna Breidegam, 161 W. Pine St
- Crystal Shifflett, 133 N. Penn St
- Debra Hough, 148 Juniper St
- Paul Tinsman, 22 Sun High Circle
- Jay Arnold, 468 W. Cedar St
- Priscilla Stoner, 229 E. Maple St
- Andy Hall, 223 S. Locust Street

Public Comment Period #1

- Maddie Reed, 233 E Hazel St, complained about the roads.
- Greg Reed, 233 E Hazel St, complained about stormwater breaking up the road at his residence.
- Kevin Fuhrman, 734 E. Cypress St, asked why the roads are being bid in August and not the Spring. He also complained about yard waste not being collected because the containers are not marked.
- Cindy Smith, 45 N. Grant St, rebutted his complaint by stating that it is difficult for the crew driving down the alley to recognize all yard waste containers if they are not marked.

- Dave McCloskey, 212 E. Ridge Rd, inquired about the Ridge Road stormwater project.
- Robert Keller, 759 W. Cherry St, complained about the intersection of W Main St and Windsor Ave being very dangerous.

The following individuals had comments or questions about the stormwater project in the 300 block of E. Cherry St.:

- Priscilla Stoner, 229 E. Maple St.
- George Bell, 733 E. Oak St.
- Bill Logan, 223 W. Cherry St.
- Cory Shifflett, 133 N. Penn St.

Consent Calendar

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

- Approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 Borough Council meeting.
- Approve the Treasurer’s Report for the period July 1 through July 31, 2018:

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Refuse Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Special Sewer Fund	Liquid Fuels Fund
YTD Revenue	\$2,647,976	\$1,131,180	\$609,672	\$945,518	\$11,363	\$229,457
YTD Expenses	\$2,623,328	\$554,984	\$389,532	\$343,477	\$297,731	\$18,751
Difference	\$24,648	\$576,196	\$220,140	\$602,042	\$(286,368)	\$210,706
Fund Balance	\$1,861,745	\$797,099	\$487,905	\$1,678,659	\$2,003,776	\$738,021

	Library Fund	Police Health Care Fund	Town Square Reserve Fund	Joint Fire Apparatus Fund	Cemetery Fund	Employee Benefits Fund
YTD Revenue	\$28,256	\$39,093	\$21	\$51,520	\$879	\$107,070
YTD Expenses	\$28,500	\$22,704	\$45	\$0	\$0	\$78,112
Difference	\$(244)	\$16,389	\$(25)	\$51,520	\$879	\$28,957
Fund Balance	\$1,349	\$205,951	\$4,721	\$375,298	\$41,931	\$28,957

Motion: To approve the consent calendar. Motion by Jane Quairoli, second by Josh Holl. Motion passed.

Action & Discussion Items

- Bid Award – 2018 Paving Project:

Motion: To authorize the Borough Manager to issue a Notice of Intent to award a contract to Pennsy Supply, Inc., 1 Clear Spring Rd, Annville, PA 17003 in the amount of \$281,870.00 for the milling, base repair, and paving of E. Hazel Street (from N. Grant St to N. Railroad St), S. Windsor Avenue (from W. Main St to the dead-end south of W. Oak St), E. High Street (from N. Chestnut St to dead-end), and N. Lincoln Street (from E. High St to E. Broad St). Motion by Jane Quairoli, second by Carissa Mellinger. Motion passed.

b. 2018-19 PennDot Winter Maintenance Agreement:

Motion: To approve the 2018-2019 PennDot Winter Service Agreement in the amount of \$9,370.50 for the winter maintenance of 8.98 lane miles of State owned roadways located within the Borough. Motion by Jane Quairolì, second by Joe Templin. Motion passed.

c. Road Closure Request - Palmyra Area High School Band Spirit Parade:

Motion: To authorize the closure of S. Railroad St, from Park Drive to Walnut St, and W. Walnut St, from S. Railroad St to S. Bowman Ave, on Friday October 12, 2018 beginning at 5:40 p.m. for the Palmyra Area High School Band to conduct a "Spirit Parade" before the final home football game of the season. Motion by Jane Quairolì, second by Josh Holl. Motion passed.

Reports

a. President's Report: President Shearer did not have a report.

b. Library Report: Councilor Quairolì provided a copy of the August 2018 Library report.

c. Police Department: Mayor Carpenter provided a copy of the July 2018 report.

d. Solicitor's Report: There was no report.

e. Zoning Hearing Board: Mr. Powl shared the results of hearings conducted on Monday August 20th

1. 108 E. Front Street – Curvin S. Wenger:

- Granted Variance – Sec. 380-21.B (Uses Permitted By Right) to construct a single-family detached dwelling in the Light-Industrial District. The approval was conditioned on the new single-family dwelling meeting all setback requirements of the Town Residential (TR) District.

2. 320 W. Main Street (The Filling Station) – Michael, Connie, and Nathan Mrakovich:

- Granted Variance – Table 380.E (MU District Area & Design Requirements - Lot coverage) to allow 74% total maximum impervious surface coverage where 70% is the maximum permitted, and 73% already existing. The request was made to enable the construction of new handicap accessible bathrooms. The approval was conditioned on requiring the removal of two existing storage sheds.

f. Borough Manager's Report:

1. 300 Block E. Cherry St / 100 Block S. Grant St Stormwater & Road Restoration Project: Mr. Powl commented that the engineers have asked the contractor to finish the items under the original contract first before commencing with the connection of the second injection well. He also commented that the Borough is still waiting on an updated construction schedule from the contractor.

2. Phase A Stormwater Management System: Mr. Powl reported that The Hershey Company is not budging on their position concerning the original plan to bring stormwater to the lower end of the Ridge Road Park property. They are still willing to grant an easement to pipe the stormwater through their property, but installation will be at the Borough's cost. Council agreed to continue looking for the next steps in solving stormwater problems in the Borough.

3. New Public Works Garage Building Project: Mr. Powl reported that the building construction is continuing. The under-slab plumbing is being installed so the concrete floor can be poured.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Public Comment Period #2

There were no public comments.

Announcement

President Shearer announced that Borough Council will conduct a public meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 and on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jane Quairola, second by Josh Holl. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Powl
Borough Manager