

Palmyra Borough Council Workshop Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2014
6:00 PM

Borough Council President Jane Quairoli called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers of the Palmyra Municipal Building, 325 S. Railroad Street, Palmyra, PA 17078. Other Council members in attendance included Brian Craig, Pat Hennessy, Bob Longenecker, Gary Laudermilch, and Joe Templin. Also present were Mayor Fred Carpenter, Police Chief Stan Jasinski, Borough Manager Roger Powl and Assistant Borough Manager Brenda Pera. Beth Shearer was absent from the meeting.

Administration Department

- a. Road Closure Request: Lion's Club Reindeer Night: Mr. Powl announced that the Lion's Club will hold their annual Live Reindeer Night on December 20, 2014 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and is seeking to close S. Railroad Street between Main Street & Cherry Street.

President Quairoli opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion: To authorize the Palmyra Lion's Club to implement the following road closures necessary for the 2014 Reindeer Night event to be held on Saturday December 20, 2014. Close South Railroad Street from Main Street to Cherry Street from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Motion by Pat Hennessy, second by Joe Templin. Motion passed.

- b. Resolution #2014-32: Appointment to the Palmyra Area Recreation and Parks Commission.

President Quairoli opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion: To approve Resolution #2014-32, to appoint Brian C. Craig to fill the unexpired term of Chad Mazzocca on the Palmyra Area Recreation and Parks Commission. Term to expire December 31, 2015. Motion by Pat Hennessy, second by Bob Longenecker. Motion passed.

- c. Safety Manual: Mr. Powl announced that the Susquehanna Municipal Trust agreement has been amended to require all members to approve a Safety Manual by December 20, 2014. This item will be on the December workshop agenda for action.
- d. 2015 Budget: Mr. Powl presented a worst case scenario budget that includes all expenses for grouting the sinkhole at East Cherry Street/South Grant Street, building a new fire house, and the 25% increase in spending requested by the Palmyra Police Department. As a result, the budget shows a \$672,000 deficit and will require a tax increase, which was anticipated when the decision was made to move forward with the \$5-million loan. He advised Council that one mil of tax is equal to approximately \$486,391 in revenue.

Council reviewed the budget as presented and agreed that a tax increase is inevitable for 2015, however, the amount of the tax increase is still open to discussion based on the priorities Council wishes to pursue. President Quairoli asked Chief Jasinski to review his budget for possible cost savings in the Police Budget.

Mr. Powl reminded Council that the Preliminary Budget must be approved for advertisement for the required 10-day public inspection period at the November 25, 2014 regular Borough Council meeting. He inquired if Council had any interest in scheduling an additional special budget meeting.

Council agreed to schedule and advertize a budget workshop meeting for Monday, November 17, 2014 beginning at 6:00 PM.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Announcement

President Quairolì announced that Borough Council will conduct the regular monthly public meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 beginning at 7:00 PM and a public workshop meeting on Tuesday, December 9, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Powl
Borough Manager