

Palmyra Borough Council Meeting
 Thursday January 28, 2021
 7:00 PM

Vice-President Miller 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, Jane Quairolì, Joe Templin, and James Tesche. Also, in attendance were Mayor Fred Carpenter, Borough Manager Roger Powl, Assistant Borough Manager Brenda Pera, and Police Chief Andrew Winters. Beth Shearer was absent from the meeting.

Public Comment Period #1

There were no public comments.

Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 Borough Council meeting.
- b. Approve payment of all bills listed on the December 2020 Detailed Check Listing Report.
- c. Approve the Treasurer’s Report for the period December 1 through December 31, 2020:

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Refuse Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Special Sewer Fund	Liquid Fuels Fund
YTD Revenue	\$3,640,320	\$1,603,627	\$1,086,120	\$261,885	\$569,638	\$233,807
YTD Expenses	\$3,911,063	\$1,938,623	\$1,141,023	\$495,597	\$3,716	\$465,342
Difference	\$(270,742)	\$(334,996)	\$(54,903)	\$(233,742)	\$565,921	\$(231,535)
Fund Balance	\$778,357	\$198,402	\$275,328	\$1,127,184	\$2,039,298	\$663

	Library Fund	Police Health Care Fund	Town Square Reserve Fund	Joint Fire Apparatus Fund	Cemetery Fund	Employee Benefits Fund
YTD Revenue	\$28,986	\$38,508	\$25	\$70,227	\$269	\$138,106
YTD Expenses	\$29,000	\$27,639	\$0	\$0	\$1,240	\$6,377
Difference	\$(14)	\$10,869	\$25	\$70,227	\$(971)	\$131,728
Fund Balance	\$1,057	\$226,869	\$3,962	\$90,413	\$41,739	\$235,101

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar with corrections to minutes as requested by Councilor Quairolì. Motion by James Tesche, second by Jane Quairolì. Motion passed.

Action & Discussion Items

- a. Sewer & Refuse Bill Penalties – Council discussed the options of continuing the waiver of penalties for late payments or reinstating the penalties. They agreed that the circumstances surrounding the pandemic have not changed and decided to waive the penalties for this quarter. Council will revisit the issue in April after the next billing cycle.

Reports

- a. President's Report: Vice President Miller commented that he was happy to see the number of residents that opted to hang Christmas lights and decorations over the holiday.
- b. Financial Report:
 1. Financial Statement: Mr. Powl provided a copy of the December 2020 report.
 2. Delinquent Sewer & Refuse Account Report: Ms. Pera provided a copy of the December 2020 report.
- c. Fire Department: There was no report.
- d. Library Report: Councilor Quairoli provided a copy of the January report.
- e. Police Department: Chief Winters provided a copy of the December 2020 report and 2020 year-end annual crime statistics. He reviewed aerial photo maps that show the overlap of thefts versus the police walking details and the criminal mischief versus the police walking details.

He also reported that the new Ford police SUV was ordered and is expected to arrive around the end of March. It will be all black with white lettering and some blue details.

Chief Winters also visited East Cocalico Township to view their body cameras. He intends to order cameras soon and develop an appropriate policy for their use.
- f. Recreation Commission: The Director's report was e-mailed on January 15th to Council.
- g. Solicitor's Report: (Solicitor Cleary)
 1. Chapter 296 (Skateboarding) – Definitions Update. Mr. Powl provided a copy of an e-mail dated 1/19/21 from the Solicitor highlighting changes that would be needed to ban one-wheeled skateboards under the ordinance. Council considered the options and agreed to add the definition of "motorized skateboard" in ordinance, but not include the wording for scooter. Mr. Powl will have the Solicitor prepare the ordinance for Council's review.
- h. Zoning Hearing Board: No hearings are scheduled for Monday February 8th.
- i. Borough Manager's Report:
 1. COVID-19 Vaccination Policy – Mr. Powl reported that he and Ms. Pera participated in a webinar regarding employer mandated vaccinations. If the Borough wants to mandate the vaccination, then there are definitive steps to be taken regarding record-keeping. The Borough is not obligated to mandate the vaccination and Mr. Powl & Ms. Pera are recommending that vaccination remain a matter of personal choice. Council agreed that the Borough should continue with a voluntary vaccination policy and allow each employee to make their own decision.
 2. Mr. Powl informed Council that he has been removing the red and green "We Buy Houses" signs from the Borough. In the past week, the same individual(s) have been installing new signs that are white with purple writing. The signs are considered off premise signs and are in violation of the zoning ordinance. They can and should be removed. Attempts were made by the Police to identify the company/people placing these signs but, the phone number could only be traced to a P.O. Box in Shermans Dale, PA.

Other Business

- Councilor Quairoli commented that Kurt Yordy contacted her about putting an electronic billboard at the Main & Lingle Ave. intersection. He would pay the Borough \$1,000/month and allow Palmyra businesses to use the sign to promote their business. Mr. Powl indicated that he believed the area is zoned Highway Commercial (HC) which doesn't allow billboards. Councilor Quairoli asked Mr. Powl to verify that for her so that she could inform Mr. Yordy.

Public Comment Period #2

- Nancy Fleegle, 127 E. Maple St, mentioned that the one-wheeled skateboards are called “One-Wheel” single wheel electric skateboards. She sees them throughout the Borough.

Announcement

Vice-President Miller announced that the Borough Council will conduct its next public meetings on Thursday, February 11, 2021, and February 25, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM. He also announced that he will not be present at the next Council meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Josh Holl, second by Joe Templin. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Powl
Borough Manager