

Palmyra Borough Council Meeting
 Tuesday March 26, 2024
 7:00 PM

Vice President James Tesche 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 Matthew Andrews, Anthony Catalani, Nancy Fleege, and Jane Quairoli. Also in attendance were Borough Manager Roger Powl, Assistant Borough Manager Brenda Pera, Mayor Fred Carpenter, and Police Chief Andy Winters. President Shearer was absent from the meeting.

Announcements

Vice President Tesche announced that anyone interested in applying for the vacant Borough Council seat should attend the Tuesday April 9th Borough Council meeting to be interviewed during the public meeting.

Public Comment Period #1

- Marcus Riddell, 625 N Railroad Street, expressed his opposition to the County Hazard Mitigation Plan and encouraged Council not to adopt it. He claimed that he could write a better Hazard Mitigation Plan within 3-days.

Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, Borough Council meeting.
- b. Approve payment of all bills listed on the February 2024 Detailed Check Listing Report.
- c. Approve the Treasurer’s Report for the period February 1 through February 29, 2024:

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Refuse Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Special Sewer Fund	Liquid Fuels Fund
YTD Revenue	\$351,908	\$443,740	\$305,135	\$90,627	\$2,224	\$118
YTD Expenses	\$445,243	\$294,935	\$176,390	\$358,871	\$0	\$0
Difference	\$(93,335)	\$148,806	\$128,745	\$(268,244)	\$2,224	\$118
Fund Balance	\$521,622	\$337,951	\$225,036	\$1,147,684	\$2,210,780	\$47,878

	Library Fund	Police Health Care Fund	Joint Fire Apparatus Fund	Cemetery Fund	Employee Benefits Fund	Fire Protection Tax Fund
YTD Revenue	\$439	\$0	\$397	\$109	\$2,544	\$6,864
YTD Expenses	\$0	\$2,819	\$0	\$0	\$60,340	\$10,614
Difference	\$439	\$(2,819)	\$397	\$109	\$(57,796)	\$(3,750)
Fund Balance	\$4,049	\$294,101	\$161,309	\$44,414	\$611,322	\$29,474

Motion: To approve the consent calendar. Motion by Jane Quairolì, second by Nancy Fleegle. Motion passed.

Action & Discussion Items

a. Amend Western Lebanon County Regional Police Commission Charter Agreement:

Motion: To amend Article X (Pensions), Section B of the Western Lebanon County Regional Police Commission Charter Agreement to rename existing Section B to B.1 and to add Section B.2 to require any municipalities wishing to join the Regional Department to determine the status of their police pension plans and to fund those plans to a minimum level of 95% funded prior to joining, and, increase that funding to 100% within 36-months of joining the Regional Department. Motion by Jane Quairolì, second by Nancy Fleegle. Motion passed.

Reports

a. President's Report: There was no report.

b. Financial Report: Mr. Powl provided a copy of the February 2024 report.

c. Fire Department: There was no report.

d. Library Report: Councilor Quairolì provided a copy of the March 2024 report.

e. Police Department: Chief Winters provided a copy of the February 2024 report.

f. Recreation Commission: Councilor Quairolì commented that the March 2024 report was emailed to Council.

g. Solicitor's Report: (Solicitor Cleary)

1. Letter dated March 20, 2024, concerning Christopher T. Behney, Jr's appeal of the denial of the Liquor License Transfer Request for 1 E. Main Street.

Motion: To authorize the Borough Solicitor to enter her appearance and defend Borough Council's denial decision in the appeal. Motion by Jane Quairolì, second by Nancy Fleegle. Motion passed.

2. Resolution #2024-12 - Lebanon County Hazard Mitigation Plan: Mr. Powl reported that Solicitor Cleary will have a revised resolution for the April 9th meeting.

3. Ordinance #829 – Amend Chapter 350 (Vehicles & Traffic): Mr. Powl reported that the ordinance has been advertised for April 9th meeting (with the addition of the removal of one-way north/south alley between 900 Block of E. Maple St & E. Oak Street).

h. Zoning & Codes Enforcement: Mr. Powl provided a copy of the February 2024 report. No zoning hearings are scheduled for Monday April 8th.

i. Borough Manager's Report:

1. 982 E. Pine Street – Aftosmes – Southeast Park use request: Mr. Aftosmes requested to set up a 20x20 tent in the corner of SE Park immediately behind his property on E. Pine St. for his son’s wedding reception on July 27, 2024, from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Council discussed the request and agreed to allow him to place the tent in the park. However, the approval comes with the requirement of no alcohol, no smoking, and to follow all the park rules established for the use of the Borough parks. In addition, Mr. Aftosmes must provide a certificate for liability insurance for the use of the park.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Public Comment Period #2

- Don Barry, 711 N. Grant Street, reminded Council to make sure Mr. Aftosmes cleans up the park when he is finished with the wedding reception. He also made a plea to borough residents to clean up debris that has blown onto their properties.

Announcement

Vice President Tesche announced that Borough Council will conduct its next public meetings on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, and Tuesday, April 30, 2024, beginning at 7:00 PM. Primary election is being held on the normal meeting date of April 23rd.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Nancy Fleegle, second by Jane Quairolì. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Powl
Borough Manager