

REGULAR MEETING OF PALMERTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

HELD IN BOROUGH HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.

Terry L. Costenbader, President of Council, called the duly advertised meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Terry L. Costenbader, Council President
Kris W. Hoffner, Council Vice-President
Richard L. Nothstein
Holly Hausman Sell
Andrew J. Hollywood
Randolph M. Gursky
William A. Gallagher

Jenny Y. C. Cheng, Esq., Solicitor
Don Herrmann, Mayor
Timothy Kromer, Police Chief
Autumn Canfield, Borough Manager
Christal Benninger, Recording Secretary

VISITORS

Jeremy and Raberta Hans, 435 Franklin Avenue; Jason Behler, 727 Franklin Avenue; Keith Hause, Cambell Supply Company; Patrick Frank, 485 Columbia Avenue; Terry Ahner, Times News.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HEARING OF VISITORS

None.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PUBLIC SAFETY

Kris Hoffner reported:

1. Discussion of Fire Apparatus Purchase, Jason Behler was in attendance and spoke on the pros of purchasing a new Pumper to replace our current 2002 Engine # 714 in the color Blue. Keith from Campbell Supply was also in attendance for any questions. Raberta Hans asked if there were any grants available and Jason Behler explained that is not an option. Richard Nothstein asked about pricing and savings options by ordering soon and Chief Behler confirmed the earlier the truck is ordered the better the price will be. Terry Costenbader asked if a down payment was required to place an order and Jason Behler stated no deposit was needed. Council agreed the Public Safety committee should meet to discuss this in the near future.

FINANCE

Richard Nothstein reported:

1. On motion by Richard Nothstein, second by Kris Hoffner and voice vote, Council authorized the Manager to advertise Ordinance 780 which sets the 2025 real estate tax rate.
2. On motion by Richard Nothstein, second by Kris Hoffner and voice vote, Council authorized the Manager to advertise Ordinance 781 which sets the 2025 Act 511 taxes.
3. On motion by Richard Nothstein, second by Kris Hoffner and voice vote, Council authorized the Manager to advertise Resolution 726-24 which sets the 2025 fee schedule.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/BOROUGH CODE

Holly Sell had no report.

BUILDINGS/RECREATION

Andrew Hollywood had no report

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Randolph Gursky reported:

1. On motion by Randy Gursky, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council approved the award of Alley H & J bid for paving to Construction Master Services in the amount of \$130,800.
2. On motion by Randy Gursky, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council approved the public improvement agreement for Patrick Frank for an alley extension.

SEWER/SOLID WASTE/WATER

William Gallagher had no report.

PERSONNEL

Terry Costenbader had no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Don Herrmann thanked everyone who was involved with the Christmas in Park decorations.

2. Terry Costenbader asked everyone to be cautious driving on the streets now that it is dark. It is hard to see pedestrians crossing the streets and asked residents to walk dogs on the sidewalk, not the streets.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Richard Nothstein, second by Holly Sell and voice vote, Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christal M. Benninger
Recording Secretary

Autumn Canfield
Manager/Secretary