

REGULAR MEETING OF PALMERTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

HELD IN BOROUGH HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025, 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	Jenny Y. C. Cheng, Esq., Solicitor
Kris W. Hoffner, Council Vice-President	Don Herrmann, Mayor
Richard L. Nothstein	Timothy Kromer, Police Chief
Andrew J. Hollywood	Autumn Canfield, Borough Manager
William A. Gallagher	Kimberly Rodrigues, Recording Secretary
Randolph M. Gursky	

Absent: Holly Hausman Sell

VISITORS

Jeremy and Raberta Hans, 435 Franklin Avenue; Kyle Behler, 512 Lafayette Avenue; Paul and Diane Snyder, 1004 Charles Street; Carl and Vickie Bush, 827 Delaware Avenue; Shawn and Kristen Rios, 40 Hahns Dairy Road; Jason White, 30 Douglas Lane; Shannon and Garrett Broadfield, 134 Lehigh Avenue; Jade Ruzicka, 783 Lafayette Avenue; Avery Thomas, 365 Lehigh Avenue; Charles Kistler, 390 Forest Inn Road; Amber Haupt, 827 Delaware Avenue; Austin Wilburn, 134 Lehigh Avenue; Benjamin Cornmesser, 773 East Princeton Avenue; Sean Jahelka, 390 Forest Inn Road; TV-13 Camerman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

HEARING OF VISITORS

Raberta Hans of 435 Franklin Avenue asked about the plans for the new Police Department, specifically questioning the \$1,000,000 grant money received. Terry Costenbader informed her the Borough is currently looking for additional funding and applying for other grants. She also complained to Council about the trash littered throughout her alley and that no one is fined for leaving their cans out or placing their trash out early. She would like the Code Officer to issue tickets or citations to the violators.

Paul and Diane Snyder of 1004 Charles Street expressed their frustration to Council about the lack of trash and recycling collection between contracts as well as their refusal to contact the new hauler, Whitetail Disposal, directly. Terry Costenbader asked them to stay after the meeting to speak with the trash committee about their complaints.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PUBLIC SAFETY

Kris Hoffner reported:

1. On motion by Kris Hoffner, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council approved advertisement of Ordinance 782 establishing a handicapped parking space on the 400 block of Lafayette Avenue, South side.

FINANCE

Richard Nothstein had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/BOROUGH CODE

Holly Sell had no report.

BUILDINGS/RECREATION

Andrew Hollywood had no report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Randolph Gursky had no report.

SEWER/SOLID WASTE/WATER

William Gallagher reported:

1. On motion by William Gallagher, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council approved payment of \$134,177.85 to Mr. Rehab for the sanitary sewer lining project.

PERSONNEL

Terry Costenbader reported:

1. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council appointed Jason Behler as Fire Chief and Shawn Rios as Assistant Fire Chief.
2. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council accepted Tom Smith's resignation, effective February 18, 2025. Kris Hoffner thanked Tom for his years of service.
3. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Kris Hoffner and voice vote, Council authorized advertisement for two Department of Public Works employment positions.

4. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council approved the 2025 Police Chief contract.
5. On motion by Terry Costenbader, second by Richard Nothstein and voice vote, Council appointed Attorney John Dean of Elliot, Greenleaf and Dean as the Borough Labor Attorney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Autumn Canfield announced the Palmerton Memorial Park Association is continuing to collect surveys for their feasibility study.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Richard Nothstein, second by Kris Hoffner and voice vote, Council adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Rodrigues
Recording Secretary

Autumn Canfield
Manager/Secretary