

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

JANUARY 08, 2013

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Simek, Messrs. Sperduto, Swinney, Hoover, Lasser, Kasardo

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:43 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 09, 2013

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Simek, Messrs. Sperduto, Swinney, Hoover, Lasser, Kasardo

ABSENT: None

Ms. Williams called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Simek, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to approve for payment the bills for the month after being properly countersigned. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

MAYOR

For the month of December there were 28, 911 calls and 174 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4-Med Unit Assists
- 3-Animal Problems
- 3-Parking Complaints
- 2-Accident Reports
- 2-Alarm Calls
- 2-Information Requests

SOLICITOR

No report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The borough secretary is working with Kris Scigliano on the borough occupancy updates. The next newsletter will include the 2013 occupancy permit form which will be due at the end of February.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There were six occupancy inspections since last month's meeting including one at 140 Greenfield.

The property owner of 240 Greenfield Avenue has picked up the certified letter sent to him. He has 30 days to remove the illegal vehicles and clean up the area or he will be cited weekly.

The owner of 109 Shadeland has been contacted on numerous occasions regarding the numerous vehicles on the property. The unlicensed trailer has been removed and another vehicle is to be removed on January 11th. Changes will need to be made to the property if vehicles will continue to be stored there.

The owner of the property at Highland and West has removed the tires.

The owner of the property at 117 West has removed the car that had an expired inspection and a plate set to expire at the end of the month.

A citation hearing was held a few days ago regarding a property on West Street. The owner did not appear and a citation was issued.

The black Audi on Chalfant Street has been removed.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Swinney responded to concerns from some residents regarding the roads. He explained that the crews were out but salting and clearing the roads takes time. The Forest Hills DPW has not been utilized for other services aside from this.

Forest Hills DPW will pick up Christmas trees left by the curb for the annual tree burning event.

There was no COG meeting last month. Mr. Swinney will attend the January meeting and will address the idea of the street light improvements mentioned by Ms. Williams recently.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Work on the Brighton Street storm drains will be bid out when the weather improves.

Effective January 24th, residents can no longer put electronics in the trash. The borough is investigating some options including using a garage at the public safety building as a drop off point for residents.

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A committee has been formed for the Chalfant centennial. Ms. Alia Pustorino-Clevenger will serve as chair and Mr. Chad Hoover as co-chair. An email address (100yearsofchalfant@gmail.com) has been set up and a meeting will be scheduled.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. Forest Hills and Churchill will be conducting a speed check detail on the Greensburg Pike from Tyke's gas station to Wolfe's Funeral Home.

The car on North Avenue currently is legal but the police department will watch and tow it if necessary once the plate expires. The car belongs to a woman from Braddock that has a male friend in Chalfant.

The one way signs are up on the alley behind the Forest Hills Senior Center.

Chief Williams sent out a Crime Watch message about cars in Forest Hills that were broken into.

The light on the stop sign at Chalfant and Elizabeth has been reported and will be repaired.

The VFC had one alarm and one practice last month. The names of those attending were read.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

The gutters and downspouts have been cleaned at the public safety building and Community Center. Ken Bichsel recommended repairs to the Community Center chimney and a new cap. The cost will be \$200.00.

Mr. Lasser is having the water meter pulled during non-use months at the park.

Mr. Lasser attended the blight workshop in Homestead on December 17th. Plans are being made to have a training session to show how best to use the data compiled about 43 municipalities.

Mr. Lasser met with Mr. Gary Silversmith of P&L Investments who closed on the Westinghouse property at the end of December. Mr. Silversmith has attended two meetings with council to discuss a proposed development on the site which tentatively calls for 100 housing units.

Mr. Lasser and Mr. Kasardo attended the Allegheny County Boroughs Association meeting on December 13th.

An inventory of the 63 streetlights in the borough was performed.

Redd-up Day is planned for April 6th from 1-4 pm. Everyone should meet at the Community Center.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Joanne Baburich, 168 Brighton Street, reported that the street light at Greenfield and Brighton Street is flickering. Mr. Kasardo will report it.

Doris Libell, 127 Lynnwood, questioned 1) if council wanted her to order water and council requested that she order the minimum amount possible, 2) what type of electronics were prohibited from being discarded in the trash and Mr. Hoover responded that it is anything with a plug and 3) if there was a law against putting snow in the street when a person is cleaning a car to which council responded that it would be hard for a person to control that. Ms. Libell also noted that 1) signs were on the property next door indicating that the water would be shut off, 2) the building alarm was going off earlier today and 3) the snow plows did a good job overall.

Ms. Alia Pustorino-Clevenger, 214 Wilkins, stated that she looks forward to the centennial celebration and hopes for lots of volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President