

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**JANUARY 10, 2012**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Sperduto

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:50 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 11, 2012**

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

Motion by Sperduto, 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 Lasser, seconded by Swinney, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

**MAYOR**

For the month of December, there were 34, 911 calls and 189 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Med Unit Assists
- 4- Informal Requests
- 3- Alarm Calls
- 3- Suspicious Persons
- 2- Suspicious Vehicles
- 2- Warrants Served
- 2- Follow up Reports

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Evashavik reported that he will attend the hearing regarding 203 Greenfield this month with Mr. Sperduto and Mr. Dodge.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Community Center was rented on December 24, 2011. Total revenue for the center in 2011 was \$1,025.

The website has been changed to show the minutes with the most recent on the top. The webmaster is working on adding the ordinances to the site. To date the site has been viewed 5117 times and averages 87 hits per day.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There were three occupancy permits issued and two building permits are pending.

The hearing for 203 Greenfield is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Simek, to transfer \$16,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Swinney is planning to order signs for the borough including approximately eight speed limit signs.

The tree burning in Forest Hills will be held this Friday at 7pm at the Westinghouse Recreation Center.

Chalfant has seen light snow so far this winter and hopefully this will continue.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Highland Manor has three to four buildings thus there are more than 36 units attached to our line. Mr. Hoover is working to determine the exact number and will have the surcharges these residences pay come to Chalfant Borough. This may amount to \$10,000 more in revenue per year for the borough. Mayor Perry asked if there was any chance the borough could recover retroactively. The solicitor noted that there is nothing in the agreement about this but that the borough could sue for this.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. The mutual aid agreement with surrounding municipalities is being reviewed. It was noted that there have been positive results with the new part time officers and that overtime costs have been reduced. Mr. Kasardo will discuss with the chief the concerns expressed by residents at the planning commission meeting regarding parking and he will also discuss the concerns about the delay in the crime watch messages.

Mr. Kasardo met with Pat from the Crimewatch Committee. She gave him some information that he will review and bring to the next council meeting.

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There were no fire alarms and three practices of the VFC last month. The number of members attending was read.

The next WFCCB meeting will be held at Churchill VFC on 01/18/12.

The pasta dinner is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> and will cost \$6.00 per dinner.

Hoagie orders are due on May 11<sup>th</sup> and pickup will be May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kasardo asked Mr. Sperduto if anyone had moved into the home by him. Mr. Sperduto responded that he was not aware that anyone had but that he will look into it.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Theilacker will be ordering pine chips for the park.

Mr. Lasser is looking into replacing the refrigerator at the Community Center.

Redd-up Day is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> (rain date April 7th). The date will be in the newsletter. Residents will be asked to clean up their properties during the week before this date so that Redd-up Day can be used for common areas.

Mr. Lasser reported that he attended a real estate assessment seminar.

Ms. Williams asked about the database of vacant properties that he was working on. Mr. Lasser noted that he has been working with borough secretaries and managers to get this information.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, asked Mr. Swinney where the speed signs would go. Mr. Swinney responded that they would be placed at the entrances to the borough and they will say that the speed limit is 20 mph. They will not say "throughout the borough". State law requires a sign every ½ mile so all individual streets will not be posted.

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, noted that the recycling bin is becoming two-thirds filled in one day. Mr. Hoover responded that currently the bin is emptied every other week. He can move to every week but after that the next step would be curbside and there would be a charge for that. A larger dumpster cannot fit in the current location. It was noted that it would be up to council to decide if/when the borough should go curbside.

Ed Olen, Lynnwood Avenue, asked about the DPW contract with Forest Hills and if the borough gets any refund for a mild winter. Mr. Swinney responded that the contract currently does not say this but that this will be explored before a final contract is signed. Mr. Olen also asked about the steps that he brought up at the last meeting. Ms. Williams read the engineer's report which recommends that no steps be placed at this site nor that the site be designated as a formal access because the site is not suitable for pedestrian access. He also noted that it may be best to post it

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as No Trespassing. Council did discuss the issue the previous night and further discussion will take place with the engineer and solicitor. Mr. Lasser noted that this recommendation is from the same engineer that made a large error in the budget to which Ms. Williams responded that was an oversight. Mr. Sperduto asked Mr. Olen if he has noticed any activity at the Gage residence and Mr. Olen responded that he has not in several weeks.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Sperduto will review the current occupancy permit form and email to Ms. Williams for inclusion in the newsletter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Borough Secretary

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Council President