

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

JANUARY 13, 2015

PRESENT: Ms. Williams, Ms. Pustorino, Messrs. Kasardo, Hoover, Hensell, Swinney, Lasser

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

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

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

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PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Pustorino, Messrs., Hensell, Kasardo, Hoover, Swinney, Lasser, Solicitor 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. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Lasser, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of December there were 21, 911 calls and 179 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

3- Return Calls for Information

2- Alarms

2- Disturbance

2- Suspicious Activities

There was one traffic stop.

SOLICITOR

No Report

BOROUGH PROPERTY

The side door of the Community Center was fixed by EZ Garage Door.

Mr. Lasser is setting up a committee meeting to discuss the park grant. All are welcome to attend. Contact Mr. Lasser if interested.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. The investigation of body cameras is ongoing. Presently the law allows the police to videotape but not record sound. There is strong support to change this law. The speed trailer is in storage for the winter.

Mr. Kasardo will talk to the police chief about having the police post a car at the address discussed at the last meeting. He will also contact Mr. Theilacker about changing the batteries on the stop signs.

The VFC had two practices and two alarms. The number of members attending was read. The VFC is planning two fundraisers in the spring.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

More televisions will be recycled at the end of the month.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Hoover, to pay the invoice received from JL Urban in the amount of \$19,050 for the removal and repair of five catch basins. Motion carried.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Kasardo, to ratify the action taken by council to proceed with the emergency repair on Highland Avenue with the work performed by JL Urban. Motion carried.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Lasser, to pay the invoice received from JL Urban in the amount of \$6,900 for an emergency catch basin repair on Highland Avenue. Motion carried.

Mr. Swinney asked if there were a lot more catch basins that needed to be fixed. Mr. Hensell noted that an inventory will be done in the spring but offhand, he does not believe there to be many.

Roto Rooter has been cameraing. Mr. Hensell is not certain when this work will be completed.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Snow removal is ongoing as required.

Peoples Gas is working on Shadeland where there is a gas leak.

A speaker for the annual COG dinner is being finalized.

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Most of the boroughs in the area and the Woodland Hills School District have approved the land bank, however, the county is waiting for a report from the Center of Community Progress.

The next COG meeting is scheduled for January 22nd.

Demolition is in progress at the Silversmith property. The atom smasher is still standing.

Mr. Kasardo alerted Mr. Swinney that the water company dug a hole by the North Avenue monument.

Mr. Hoover asked if the DPW sends monthly reports. Mr. Swinney responded that he does receive one.

There was some discussion regarding citizen complaints on the roads being cleared. The consensus was that the DPW does a good job and residents need to be patient during inclement weather.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There was one occupancy inspection on West Street.

There are a lot of issues with garbage and residents putting out non-compliant items. Mr. Hoover is going to put together a list. Folks that put these items out will get a note on their door.

The codification of the ordinances will be brought up to date.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell, to pass Ordinance 417, the Land bank Ordinance. Ms. Williams asked if there were any questions and there were none. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Pustorino thanked Mrs. Libell for her help with Founders Day. She also thanked Mr. Markovic for the donation of a varsity coat, Mayor Perry and Mr. Lasser for speaking at the event and the VFC for their help with the luminaries. Mr. Hoover is creating a Facebook group for the centennial.

The borough website and newsletter will contain information on the trash collection dates and updates on centennial events.

The occupancy permit report will be included in the next newsletter.

The VFC meeting was completed. The VFC kept good records over the past year. They are solidifying dates for upcoming fundraisers.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, asked why the flag does not have a light on it at the park. Mr. Lasser noted that it never did and Mayor Perry said additional lighting is part of the park grant. Ms. Libell stated that Forest Hills does a great job on clearing the roads.

Joanne Baburich, Brighton Street, asked if anyone has problems finding West Street at night as it is pitch black there. Mr. Kasardo stated that this area was brought to his attention and there is no light pole there but it could be corrected by adding a light pole in the area. Council then discussed illuminating the Chalfant signs, possibly with solar lights. Ms. Baburich also stated that one Saturday morning there was freezing rain and she had no problems on the borough streets.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Swinney asked the secretary to look over the letter to the county and to send out.

NEW BUSINESS

The borough received a request from the WHHS performing arts department regarding placing an ad in the program. This year's musical is "The Mystery of Edwin Drood". Council will discuss at the February meeting.

Mr. Hoover asked council to act on the letter that the engineer sent regarding the extension of the consent order.

Mr. Hoover asked the solicitor about firearms in the park. According to state law this is now allowed. As state law always supersedes local law the borough will need to change its ordinance to reflect this. There are two sections that need to be changed. The borough can restrict the discharge of guns but not possession of guns. Solicitor Evashavik will review the ordinance and prepare a revision. Ms. Baburich asked if anyone had spoken to the Costa's about this and suggested a petition.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President