

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**JANUARY 13, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Swinney, Hoover, Hensell, Kasardo, Lasser

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:15 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

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PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Swinney, Hoover, Hensell, Kasardo, Lasser, Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: Dr. Pustorino

Mr. Hoover called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Swinney, to approve the minutes of the reorganization meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

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

**MAYOR**

For the month of December there were 32, 911 calls and 174 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Parking Complaints
- 3- Suspicious Activities
- 3- Suspicious Vehicles
- 2- Animal Problems
- 2- Harassment Complaints
- 2- Calls for Information
- 2- Theft Reports

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Evashavik tried to get a copy of the City of Pittsburgh's ordinance but due to the volume of Right to Know requests he was unable to prior to the meeting. He will get soon.

Solicitor Evashavik noted that two property assessments appeals were received and he inquired if council wanted him to take action. The first is at 316 North Avenue. BCRE Holding is the owner. The property is assessed for \$63,700 and was purchased for \$14,000. He anticipates they may be requesting the purchase price as the new assessment. The second is 132 Fairview. The owner is Ashak Mandra. It is not a recent sale. The assessment is \$50,300. He is not sure what value they may be seeking. Council stated that the solicitor should take part in at least the first one. Mayor Perry noted that it is a fully rented unit. Council inquired as to the cost and the solicitor noted it would be his regular hourly rate and it would probably be for one hour.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

A replacement for Ken Bichsel to clean the gutters and drains will need to be found.

The new flood light at the park has been installed and will need to be inspected once the power is turned on.

The water meter will need to be installed at the park before the next baseball season begins.

Someone will need to be located to maintain the Parkway Steps.

The owner of P&L Investment had a potential buyer for his property but the financing didn't come through so the deal was put on hold.

Mr. Lasser noted that there is a book on Forest Hills Borough and a book on Turtle Creek at the Braddock Library.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo will attend the public safety meeting at Forest Hills on January 14<sup>th</sup>. He plans to speak with the chief about the Swift Reach program. Council wanted to send a message in December but could not since the chief was off. He wants to discuss a possible backup in case this occurs in the future. Also, some drivers are parking on the yellow lines by the fire hydrants. He will discuss with the chief why these are not being dealt with during routine patrols. Mayor Perry suggested residents make a 911 call when they observe this.

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

Upcoming VFC fundraisers include a hoagie sale (4/23/16), a soup and chili sale and the car cruise in July.

The VFC took the squad to Alley Rate to be worked on.

Eileen Wroblewski will get items to Dr. Pustorino for the yearbook.

Mayor Perry noted that he has heard council state that they have been impressed with the number of VFC volunteers. Mr. Wroblewski responded that he hopes this will continue and that his son has also joined the VFC.

#### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Trash pickup has moved to Wednesdays.

E-cycle has moved to the Lynnwood Avenue garage. The next pickup will be determined by how much is received.

#### **ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Work by the DPW is ongoing and the focus now is on snow issues.

Christmas tree collection will now be done by Waste Management because tree burning is no longer permitted by the county.

Mr. Swinney did not get information on if he is on the Crime Watch committee. Mr. Kasardo stated that he is welcome to come to the meetings.

Brandon Sauter will be the new Fire Marshall and EMC Deputy.

#### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There were no occupancy inspections and no building permits issued.

Due to the unfortunate illness of Phil Dodge, the borough will need to find an alternate occupancy permit inspector. This will cost the borough more per inspection. Motion by Baburich to raise the inspection fee from \$50 to \$65 dollars. Solicitor Evashavik noted that since this is an ordinance this needs to be done via a resolution not a motion. Motion by Baburich, seconded by Kasardo, to pass Resolution 536, a resolution to increase the occupancy permit inspection fee from \$50 to \$65 dollars. Motion carried.

Motion by Baburich to pass Ordinance 420, a proposed Ordinance regulating the use of containers for the storage and disposal of construction and demolition debris and proscribing a charge of \$30.00 for a permit to put one in place. Violators will be subject to a \$600.00 civil penalty for each day of violation. Questions or comments from the audience were invited. Ms. Libell asked about the cost. Mr. Hoover said that the intent was to abate a nuisance. Mr. Lasser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Lasser read Dr. Pustorino's report in her absence.

Audit requests were made to the CAA and VFC for review of 2015 business.

Dr. Pustorino will gather information on upcoming webinars that may be useful to council. She also requests that any information on purchases that are needed be conveyed to her.

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Newsletter articles will be accepted through this Wednesday. The newsletter will go out in late January/early February to accommodate the 2016 occupancy permit report. Articles that currently will be included are the new trash pickup day, reminders on what is permitted for trash pickup, a meet the new members of council and an introduction on the new vacancy board position, dates of interest including the VFC spring fundraiser and CAA signups and winter weather reminders. Mr. Lasser also suggested a short blurb on the new members of the VFC and details on the car cruise be included.

The Centennial Yearbook is still in progress. Ten copies have been ordered to date.

Dr. Pustorino is requesting any updates for the website. She has requested that the ordinance link be updated as well as council membership and the new trash collection date.

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Kasardo, to pay Sports and Recreation \$3,780 for electrical work and pole installation at the park. Motion carried.

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hensell, to pay Sports and Recreation \$30,960 contingent on completion of Phase 1 of the park project. Motion carried.

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Baburich, to transfer \$40,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Lasser thanked the audience for coming out in bad weather.

Mr. Hoover asked if he has a motion to join the Verizon contract through the COG to utilize the Cohen Law firm to negotiate the agreement. The cost could be zero to \$3,150 depending if RAD funding can be obtained. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Baburich. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Lasser, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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Council President