

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Lasser

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:45 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 8, 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 Sperduto, seconded by Simek, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

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

**MAYOR**

For the month of January, there were 33, 911 calls and 188 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 5- Ordinance Violations
- 4- Information Requests
- 3- Alarm Calls
- 3- Med Unit Assists
- 3- Suspicious Persons

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Evashavik stated that he will defer to Mr. Sperduto to report on the recent hearing they both attended.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The website has been updated with the link to the borough ordinances.

The Community Center will be used for baseball sign-ups this upcoming weekend. It is also rented for 2/26 and 3/3 in addition to 3/24 when the VFC will be holding a fundraiser dinner.

The borough has been notified by Citizen's Bank that municipal accounts will no longer get interest. The manager at the Turtle Creek location is working to see if she can establish accounts that can get interest without changing our current numbers.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There was one occupancy permit issued for 210 Fairview Avenue.

The hearing for 203 Greenfield was held on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sperduto, Mr. Dodge and Solicitor Evashavik attended. The outcome was an additional \$500 in fines assessed to the owner of the property which makes the total fines assessed \$1,500 plus court costs. Mr. Sperduto noted that he was satisfied with the outcome.

Mr. Sperduto asked Solicitor Evashavik if the borough could amend Ordinance #386 to incorporate some of the language from the Wilmerding ordinance that he received. Solicitor Evashavik noted that he will review the ordinance to see if it can be amended by resolution and to determine how much change would be needed. Mr. Sperduto reported that he would like to add language regarding rentals with problem tenants that require a lot of police involvement. He'd like the language to include that steps must be taken to evict these tenants.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$7,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Kasardo, to raise the hourly rate for the code enforcement officer from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per hour. Motion carried.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

The alleyway behind Elizabeth and a few other areas require additional millings.

Snowfall this winter has been light thus far so salt usage has been low.

The list of residents requiring assistance during an emergency was updated and copies were given to the police and fire departments.

Motion by Swinney, second by Hoover, to accept the contract form Forest Hills for DPW service. Motion opposed by Lasser. Motion carried.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

It has been determined that Highland Manor has three buildings tied into the Chalfant sewer line. Mr. Hoover will speak to the manager of Wilkins to have the surcharges for these residences sent to our borough. Mr. Hoover asked the solicitor if Chalfant should terminate the contract currently in place with Litman. The solicitor noted that Litman is the party that would

have a vested interest in having it officially terminated since it is tied to their deed but it's not crucial for the borough so any cost should be covered by them. Mayor Perry noted that the surcharge could be terminated at some future time so he believes that there should be a formal agreement in place. Solicitor Evashavik responded that the agreement could be amended.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo, Mayor Perry and the police chief are working on parking and Crime Watch reporting issues.

There were two alarms and three practices of the VFC last month. The numbers of members and names of those who responded was read.

The Chalfant Athletic Association will hold baseball signups on Saturday from 1-4 pm.

#### **BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Lasser and Ms. Hillen from the CAA will meet to review park rules, inspect the field and refreshment stand and discuss submission of a monthly report to council. There has been some recent damage to the backstop from the snow.

Mr. Lasser met with Jim Murphy of Allied Energy Management to review the work done on the light fixtures. Mr. Murphy provided a manual that included work description, parts and warranty information. The manual is at the borough office.

Redd-Up Chalfant Day is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 12:30pm. A cookout will end the event. The rain date is April 7<sup>th</sup>. Residents will be asked to clean up their properties between March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>

Mr. Lasser attended a presentation on the Allegheny County assessments on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Residents have until April 2<sup>nd</sup> to file an appeal of the 2013 assessed value.

Mr. Sperduto asked Mr. Lasser about the status of the window replacement in the office. Ms. Williams noted that a two way window will not work so a curtain would need to be installed over the window.

Mr. Lasser spoke with Mr. Markovic of the Wilkins VFC station. They are looking at ways to reduce their expenses. Mr. Hoover noted that the Wilkins VFC could discuss their ideas with the Chalfant VFC directly or at the joint meetings of the fire departments.

#### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Eileen Wroblewski, 205 Fairview, noted that Mr. Markovic could call Ray Wroblewski directly and also asked Mr. Swinney to add her mother-in-law to the emergency management list.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Williams requested an update from the planning commission for the March council meeting.

The newsletter is being finalized and should go out in a few days.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion if the borough would hold a meeting about the county reassessments. Mr. Lasser stated that he would look into it and Mr. Kasardo stated that he will ask Mr. Martoni if the county has someone they could send out.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek, to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

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

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Council President