

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Mr. Hensell, Mr. Kasardo

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:20 pm.

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of January there were 24, 911 calls and 186 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Alarms
- 3- Ordinance Violations
- 3- Suspicious Activities
- 2- Return Calls for Information
- 1- Arson Fire

An arrest was made on the arson fire which occurred on Lynnwood Avenue.

SOLICITOR

The solicitor attended the 3RWW meeting. The transfer of the trunk lines from Alcosan to the municipalities was discussed. They will be sending a map and the solicitor will forward that once received. Mayor Perry brought up the main line on Electric Avenue. Solicitor Evashavik stated that he is not certain if that will be considered a trunk line or if the trunk line will be further down in East Pittsburgh. The map will indicate this.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

The leak in the office and at the Community Center has been repaired by Bichsel Roofing.

The Chalfant AA held sign-ups on February 7th. There was a great turnout and a large number of T-ball players signed up.

Mr. Lasser stated that the WHSD has a plan for excellence. It is currently ranked 475th out of 500 school districts in the state. He stated that the superintendent could use the support of the boroughs.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo and Mr. Hoover attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. The batteries on the stop signs have been changed, talk about police regionalization is circulating and Keith Morris from WHEMS will be contacting municipalities to increase their contributions to WHEMS. Also, Mr. Tomassic brought up about Forest Hills providing fire services to Chalfant. Mr. Kasardo responded to him that Chalfant is not interested in this for the immediate future but would look at proposals and that Chalfant Council feels that the VFC has been doing a good job and has attracted new members. Ms. Williams asked if a merger would need to be initiated by the captains and Mr. Kasardo said yes and that Forest Hills cannot contract fire service to Chalfant as the fire department members are not employees of the borough. Mr. Lasser stated that he watched the VFC handle the fire on Lynnwood Avenue and that he was very impressed with them as well as Mr. Hoover who was in the bucket up high.

There were four practices and four alarms for the VFC. The number of members attending each was read.

The VFC will host a pasta dinner on March 21st from 3-7 and a hoagie sale on April 25th from 11-3. They are also planning a reunion.

The VFC garage door opener was repaired.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

The engineer will attend next month's meeting.

There will be an e-cycle pickup at the end of February. Ms. Williams suggested that a Swift Reach message be sent.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Governor Wolf may speak at the COG banquet.

There was some discussion on combining police forces at the last COG meeting.

The price of salt has decreased. It is now \$77.03 per ton.

There will be an "All District Council Gathering" on February 24th from 7-8:30 pm at the WH administration building to discuss the plan for excellence.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There were six occupancy inspections last month.

Some warnings were issued regarding snow covered sidewalks. A problem is that some of the walks are either borough property or vacant property. Council will have Mr. Balogh clear these sidewalks as necessary. Also, it was discussed that for rental properties, both the tenant and the landlord can be cited. Some judges won't enforce against the tenant even if it is in the lease.

There was a fire at 310 Lynnwood Avenue due to arson which pretty much gutted the house. The property was insured and has been condemned. It will be razed sometime this week or next week.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Lasser, to instruct the secretary to advertise the ordinance to amend our existing ordinance No 16-103, regarding prohibited conduct. Motion carried.

WHEMS is in financial distress and will be approaching the boroughs for additional support. There is a meeting scheduled for February 17th at Wilkins Township. There has been some discussion on a merger or a takeover by another EMS organization.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

More updates were put on the website.

The newsletter was printed by Life's Work however there was an error that caused it to be sent to the wrong communities. This is being corrected.

Ms. Pustorino discussed the planned centennial events and noted that chairs are needed for these events. She also noted to save the date, September 5th and 6th, for the school reunion and banquet.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Lasser, to take out a ¼ page ad for \$55.00 for the WHHS production of The Mystery of Edwin Drood. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Swinney, to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, asked if the area where the recycle bin is located belongs to the VFC. Mr. Swinney responded no, it's a public works area but the VFC tries to keep it clean. The pavement in that area is in bad shape and difficult to use a snow blower here. Ms. Libell stated that the Elks on Brown Avenue is having a Night at the Races on March 7th. Cost is \$15.00.

Susie Zewacki, Wilkins Avenue, said that Forest Hills skipped her street two times during a snow storm. Ms. Williams responded that it wasn't deliberately skipped but that the truck had to go back for more salt. Ms. Zewacki suggested that signage be put at both ends of her street to alleviate parking problems during ballgames.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Lasser noted that Election Day is coming up and Ms. Williams stated that she will not be running again.

A letter was sent to request an extension for the consent decree.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Lasser, to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President