

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

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

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:35 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2014**

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Pustorino, Messrs., Hensell, Kasardo, Hoover, Lasser, Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: Mr. Swinney

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

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

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

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

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

**MAYOR**

For the month of January there were 27, 911 calls and 189 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 5- Parking Complaints
- 2- Animal Complaints
- 2- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Loud Music Complaints
- 1- Stolen Vehicle

There were also two traffic stops with one citation issued.

**SOLICITOR**

No Report

### **BOROUGH PROPERTY**

There were frozen pipes at the public safety building. No damage was done but Mr. Hoover reinsulated and closed a vent.

Bids on windows for the Community Center are being received.

Mr. Lasser received information on the 2014 PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant. The grant period closes April 16, 2014. Council is putting together a wish list of items at the park and around the borough.

Redd-up Day is being planned for April 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm.

Mr. Lasser met with the Westinghouse Research owners to discuss the remediation plan. Work is planned to begin next month.

Mr. Kasardo noted that the CAA held registration on February 8<sup>th</sup> and had a great turnout for T-ball. The phone system and school fliers were used to help facilitate. Information will also be put on the website.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. The discussion centered mostly on the situation with their fire department. Details are ongoing in the borough.

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

A stuffed cabbage dinner will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The public safety committee will meet with Chief Wroblewski and Mr. Bichsel on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Storm work repairs are on hold until the weather improves.

Mr. Hensell and Mr. Hoover will meet with the engineer next week to discuss a plan for camera work.

A pick up for the E-cycle program was completed. Eighteen televisions and other items were collected. The cost was \$250 and this was paid by the borough.

### **ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Hoover read Mr. Swinney's report in his absence.

Snow removal continues to be a priority.

Road patching and crack sealing will be done when the weather breaks.

Delays in snow removal from sidewalks, for both residences and businesses, is a concern and council is discussing an approach to rectify.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Pustorino, to adopt Resolution 528, a resolution implementing the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Motion carried.

The radios are being reprogrammed with proper frequencies.

### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There were four occupancy inspections completed.

Mr. Hoover is monitoring issues with three properties (two on North and one on Fairview).

The borough will start a warning letter process for failure to shovel snow from sidewalks. The ordinance requires removal within 12 hours of the end of a snowfall. This will start to be enforced. Mr. Kasardo noted that in Forest Hills the ordinance officer canvasses the borough and has a door hanger that is used to issue warnings. He suggested that the ordinance be put on the website as well. He further stated that he attended a newly elected officials class and it was mentioned that if a borough has an ordinance on the books but do not enforce it, then the borough is just as liable as the person that didn't clean the sidewalk. Solicitor Evashavik stated that there is some exposure to risk here but it's not as cut and dried as that.

Mr. Hoover is compiling the occupancy list and asked council to let him know if they would like a copy. A copy will be in the office as well as provided to both the fire and police departments.

The school guard has brought to council's attention that, at the bus stop on North, the students are standing in the street as the sidewalk has not been cleared. Mayor Perry asked that the DPW be contacted to clear an area and that the property owner also be contacted.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

There were no rentals for the community center or park. The center was used on January 15<sup>th</sup> for the Centennial Meeting and that group will meet again next Wednesday. It was also used this past weekend for CAA registration. The VFC will use the center in March for a fundraiser.

Interviews are ongoing for Ms. Libell's position.

The voting booths will be delivered for the next election.

The newsletter and annual occupancy form was sent.

Ms. Pustorino plans to verify all addresses are on the newsletter mailing list and the borough website will be getting a facelift.

Two logos were approved by the Centennial Committee which Ms. Pustorino displayed. The first centennial event will be a car cruise on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Tugboats has expressed an interest in being a food sponsor and providing entertainment.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hensell, to approve Resolution 527, a resolution setting the tax collector's bond. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$13,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Gus Petry, Greenfield Avenue, asked if the municipality receives additional funds when the gas tax increases. Council responded that any increase would be reflected in the liquid fuels distribution.

Joanne Baburich, Brighton Street, noted that the roads have been well taken care of but that she is finding the frozen ruts along the side of the roads difficult to navigate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council will discuss the WHHS request for a donation for the school musical at next month's meeting.

Council discussed the donation request received by TCVCOG. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hensell, to donate \$100 to the Centennial Fund in lieu of the donation to TCVCOG. Motion carried.

Mr. Kasardo stated the Alcosan Open House will be held on Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Mr. Lasser asked if T-shirts would be designed for the centennial and the answer was yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Lasser, to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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Council President