

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

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

ABSENT: None

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

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

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

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

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

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

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

**MAYOR**

Mr. Kasardo read the Mayor's report in his absence:

For the month of January there were 25, 911 calls and 189 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

5-Ordinance Violations  
3-Alarm Calls  
3-Suspicious Activity  
3-Suspicious Vehicles  
2-Med Unit Assists

Mr. Kasardo also noted that residents were involved in a telephone scam. The police were able to save \$6,000 but two payments of \$4,000 each were lost.

**SOLICITOR**

No report

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The newsletter was sent out and it will be added to the website once a few typos are corrected.

The Community Center is rented for 3/9/13, 5/5/13, and 7/20/13. It will be used on 03/16/13 for the VFC Pasta Dinner, on 04/06/13 for Redd-Up Day and on 05/21/13 for the primary election.

The borough will sponsor an ad in the program for the WHHS production of "Young Frankenstein."

The annual financial review of the VFC will be scheduled.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There occupancy forms were sent out with the newsletter. The report will be done in-house.

There were three occupancy inspections done last month.

The owner of 115 West Street was fined for not showing up at a scheduled hearing. The owner has appealed the fine and another hearing has been scheduled for April 1, 2013.

Mr. Lasser received a complaint from a property owner on Brighton Street. Mr. Sperduto will have the building inspector investigate.

Mr. Sperduto received a call about rodents that were seen at a property. This will also be investigated.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$8,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Swinney thanked the Forest Hills DPW for their efforts during the past month.

Mr. Swinney did not attend the last TCVCOG meeting due to illness but he did speak to Amanda Settelmaier regarding the idea of LEDs for the street lights. Ms. Settelmaier will find out if other boroughs may be interested.

Five bags of calcium chloride will be delivered to the public safety building tomorrow.

Mr. Swinney asked the DPW about putting millings in the alleys.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Mr. Hoover will contact the phone company to test the line at the Community Center.

The E-cycle program has been set up. Residents can contact any councilmember or the mayor to make arrangements to drop off an item.

The first meeting for the Centennial Committee will be on March 5, 2013 at 7 pm. A message will be sent out over the telephone system.

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Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$21,540 from the General Fund Money Market to the Sewer Line Fund. This is to reimburse the fund for 2012 sewer line expenses. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. Chief Williams instructed Officer Lenny to have the car on North Avenue towed. The car is now gone.

Mr. Kasardo received a call from a resident on West Avenue concerning school buses and a motorcycle speeding on West Avenue. The resident will keep an eye out for the motorcycle to get a license plate and to get a bus number. Mr. Kasardo can then contact the school district about the bus.

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

The VFC has two fundraisers scheduled. A pasta dinner will be held on March 16, 2013 and a hoagie sale in April. April 27, 2013 will be the distribution date for the hoagies.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Lasser attended the blight workshop on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Efforts to have the municipal code amended to address solar panels was discussed.

Mr. Lasser discussed using the Westinghouse research buildings and atom smasher to develop a STEM program with representatives of the Woodland Hills School District.

Mr. Lasser met with Gary Silversmith of P&L Investments and members of the PA DEP. The contamination of the Chalfant side of the Westinghouse property is not as bad as anticipated. Mr. Silversmith will be providing both Chalfant and Forest Hills VFC with keys to the gate. Mr. Silversmith had previously indicated that the VFC could, with proper insurance in place, utilize the site for training.

Mr. Lasser attended Senator Jay Costa's town meeting on February 9, 2013. He gave Senator Costa an update on the Westinghouse Research and atom smasher development.

Redd-Up Day will be April 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 4:00.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Robert Baburich, Brighton Street, asked if Forest Hills could return after making their initial pass to widen the street after a snowfall. Mr. Swinney will inquire.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council noted that they will need to discuss Brighton Street paving with the engineer. The grant funding notification is pending.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

The CAEC has finished the electric light advisory and copies will be made available to residents.

Chalfant AA had a good turnout for sign-ups.

Mr. Baburich thanked council for the recent write-up in the newsletter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Simek, seconded by Kasardo, to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

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

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Council President