

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

MARCH 8, 2016

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

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:45 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 9, 2016

PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Hensell, Kasardo, Miller
Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

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

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

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

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

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hensell, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

MAYOR

Mr. Kasardo read Mayor Perry's report in his absence. For the month of February there were 28, 911 calls and 172 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 7- Ordinance Violations
- 4- Return calls for Information
- 2- Alarm Calls
- 2- Suspicious Persons

There were three traffic stops with warnings issued.

SOLICITOR

No Report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The borough received a letter that Chalfant was not selected for the Tri COG Business District Grant Funding Analysis. Council will look for other opportunities.

The occupancy permit forms were sent out and completed ones are being received.

The Centennial Yearbook will be printed by May 2016.

Chalfant Redd Up Day will be on April 2, 2016. Dr. Pustorino will be picking up supplies available through the state. Volunteers should come to the community center around 1pm. A Swift Reach reminder will be sent.

Ms. Wroblewski will be contacted regarding cleaning for the meeting with the sheriff and the primary election.

The Porta John will be scheduled to arrive in April.

Dr. Pustorino shared the program from the 2015 WHHS musical with the audience and noted that the borough sponsors an ad each year. Dr. Pustorino also reported on a recent meeting with the school board and neighboring municipalities. The discussion focused on the transition. There have been some growing pains and negative media attention. The boroughs plan to work with the school district on issues including public perception and parent education. The superintendent is very engaged. Metrics on the school district's performance show that the district is outperforming neighboring charter schools.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Kasardo, to exonerate the real estate tax collector in the amount of \$17,458.38 for 2015 real estate taxes. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$31,500 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

One occupancy inspection was done on Highland Avenue.

The occupancy permits are coming in relatively fast.

There has been a complaint regarding a property on Fairview. Mr. Dodge is trying to reach the landlord.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Hoover reported that it has been a great year for the salt budget. Additionally, only 40 total hours were reported for snow removal in February.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Signs regarding e-cycle were put up.

Storm drain work will begin when the weather improves.

A truck has been cleaning drains in the borough.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting at Forest Hills. The police will be checking cars in the borough for bad stickers and plates as well as being parked on yellow lines. Cars will be ticketed. Also, the police will be taking action on a house where drug activity is occurring. More details will follow at a later meeting.

There were two alarms and four practices for the VFC last month. The number of members attending each was read. The VFC will be going to Wilkins #3 for drills. These typically occur every other Thursday evening.

The VFC will have a refreshment sale on Election Day which is April 26th. The wrong date was in the newsletter. They will also be holding a hoagie sale. A Swift Reach message will go out.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Department will come to the community center on March 31st at 6pm to talk about neighborhood crime watch programs which are designed to enhance community safety and to work in collaboration with police. The idea is to get people involved and to be aware. Council hopes to get residents signed up for committees at the meeting.

Mr. Hoover noted that there is a large hole at the park which was marked with caution tape but that the tape has disappeared. Given this, the DPW will put up a fence tomorrow. Mr. Hoover also noted that the wrong lights were installed and will be replaced with LED lights. Also, new fall zones, security cameras, new swing sets, a new gate and a cleaning of the batting cages is scheduled for the park under the grant received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ed Olen, Lynnwood Avenue, stated that 204 Lynnwood has been empty for ten years and it is beginning to be a hazard. There are cement blocks on the side that are starting to fall and the front porch is collapsing. Mr. Hoover noted that the new building inspector will be more aggressive than the past one. Mr. Kasardo stated that he is attending the ALOM conference and will discuss this with county officials.

Doris Libel, Lynnwood Avenue, inquired as to how council planned to get residents to attend the March 31st program. Mr. Miller said it will be advertised on social media as well as through Swift Reach.

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, stated that the borough's e-cycle program has made it to social media. She also noticed that a lot of items were left in front of the garage. She inquired as to how the borough will deal with this. Mr. Hoover responded that the borough is trying to have Waste Management handle e-cycle in the new contract in 2017 and that the borough currently pays a flat rate.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Baburich stated that she almost ran into a skateboarder on the way to the meeting. He was difficult to see as he was wearing a dark hoodie. She indicated that they should not be permitted to ride on the streets. Mr. Hoover stated that if they are riding carelessly the police should be called.

Mr. Hoover asked for a motion accepting the resignation of Mr. Swinney who regretfully decided that he no longer wanted to be on council. Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Hensell, motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to reopen the reorganization meeting for the purpose of electing a Vice President. Motion carried.

Dr. Pustorino nominated Mr. Kasardo for Vice President. There were no other nominations. Motion by Baburich, seconded by Pustorino, to close nominations. Motion carried. All were in favor of Mr. Kasardo being Vice President.

Mr. Miller said that council is discussing a no smoking ordinance for the borough. They are considering either prohibiting smoking in the park or designating non-smoking areas. Two members of the audience said to just eliminate it all together.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Pustorino, to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President