

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

MARCH 7, 2017

PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Drenning, Syska, Miller

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Mr. Hensell

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:10 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 8, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hensell, Hoover, Syska, Drenning, Miller, Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

Motion by Drenning, seconded by Syska, 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

For the month of February there were 27, 911 calls and 164 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 5- Domestic
- 3- Med Unit Assists
- 3- Return Calls for Info
- 1- Disturbance in Chalfant Park with shots fired

There were four traffic stops with four citations issued.

Mayor Perry provided specifics on the shooting that occurred at the park in broad daylight.

SOLICITOR

No Report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The borough is continuing to collect the occupancy permit forms. Approximately 140 responses have been collected thus far.

The target date for the next newsletter is mid-May.

Dr. Pustorino is continuing to work on the ordinance codification and website updates.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hensell, to transfer \$36,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

Mr. Perry asked if there were any suggestions on trying to collect more occupancy forms. Council responded that they plan to put out a Swiftreach message as well as to give a list of uncompleted ones to the code enforcement team. Mayor Perry asked if permits could be withheld against them. Solicitor Evashavik responded that you would have to have a judgement against them first.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

COG reported 74 violations in February.

There were no applications for dumpsters.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

During the month of February, the road department installed a new handicap sign at 144 Brighton, they replaced a No Parking sign at 314 Greenfield and they replaced signage knocked over during the incident at the park. Mayor Perry said that the damage to the park signage should be added to the charges.

Mayor Perry stated that when the hillside slid on North Avenue, he recalled that there is an underground spring in the area and that the borough had at one time put in a French drain and that council may want to consider putting in a new one prior to any paving in the area. Mr. Hoover noted that the borough plans to hydro seed the hillside this year.

Mr. Hoover said that they plan to designate the entire parking area at the park as handicapped/for borough business.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Hensell received complaints about sewers backing up in the 100 block of Elizabeth. He had the area checked by camera but no blockage was discovered.

Mr. Hensell and Mr. Hoover are looking at curbside recycling. Swissvale would collect and residents would pay if their household wanted this. The cost would probably be about \$30/year and they would need to buy their own can.

PUBLIC SAFETY

There were two practices and two alarms for the VFC. A description and the number of members attending each were read.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Miller is looking for volunteers for a recreation board.

The Chalfant AA has been contacted about park clean up. Redd Up Day was scheduled for April 15th but may move as that is Easter weekend. A Swiftreach message will go out.

The "No e-Cycling" signs are ready for pick up.

Emergency Services Day is moving forward and some donations have been received. WHEMS, FHPD and some fire departments have committed to attending. They are hoping to have the sheriff's department do a 20 minute presentation on safety. The event will be on May 20th from 11am to 3 pm. Tugboats may do an after party.

Mr. Miller asked Solicitor Evashavik about the noise by his home coming from the garage. Solicitor Evashavik said that he will need to read the ordinance in its entirety but based on the section that Mr. Miller read aloud it sounds like work should cease between 8pm and 8 am.

Mr. Lasser noted that he belongs to a group called Thrivent Financials and that they make contributions to community events.

WHEMS (Doris Libell)

Ms. Libell said that there were 268 total calls for February with 256 billable calls. Billable calls are those where bills are sent to the insurance company. There were 215 transports.

The mail drive will start the week of March 16th.

WHEMS passed the EMS inspection with flying colors.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Rose Tucker, Highland Avenue, asked if there was a tree ordinance that governed the height of trees. She said that the one across the street from her is knocking out her electricity and telephone and that twigs are falling on her property. Mr. Hoover responded that there is not an ordinance on height but suggested that she contact Duquesne Light. Ms. Tucker reported that the fundraiser for Mr. Bill Fischer is on March 26th from 3-8 pm at the Elks Bar on Brown Avenue.

Gary Markovic, Highland Avenue, asked for ideas on how to keep an eye out for residents that live alone. Mr. Miller responded that he will bring this up at the next Crime Watch meeting.

Judith Fox, Highland Avenue, stated that she was surprised more residents were not in attendance to hear about the park incident. She also suggested horseshoes and bocce ball as activities at the park that seniors might enjoy.

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, asked if cleanup after the games was discussed with the CAA and reminded council that there were issues with this last year. Mr. Miller will remind them.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Perry will attend the PSAB meeting to receive an award. He has been named the voting delegate.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Drenning to approve up to \$1,000 payment for two additional lights at the park. These will cover the entrances. Motion carried.

The printer at the office is getting old and parts will soon no longer be available. The current cost is \$1,200 per year but a new printer/fax/copier/scanner can be obtained at a cost of \$45.19 per month for 60 months. Motion by Hensell, seconded by Miller to approve ordering this. Motion carried.

Mr. Lasser inquired about the overgrown area between Lynnwood and Fairview. He stated that folks are dumping here and asked if the DPW could make a pass to clear. Mr. Hoover said that it is a paper alley so public funds cannot be used. He stated that the police should be contacted if folks are observed dumping.

