

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

MARCH 10, 2015

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

ABSENT: Ms. Williams

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:54 pm.

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Solicitor Evashavik

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

MAYOR

For the month of February there were 18, 911 calls and 167 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The
majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Ordinance Violations
- 4- Suspicious Activities
- 3- Parking Complaints
- 2- Alarms

There were two traffic stops with warnings issued in both cases.

A senior citizen resident received a telephone call that was a scam. Mayor Perry encouraged
everyone to hang up and notify the police if they receive this type of call.

SOLICITOR

No Report

BOROUGH PROPERTY

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

The borough is starting to review what needs to be done in regards to the park grant. Safeguard Fencing will provide an estimate to replace a missing section of handrail. A meeting is scheduled with the engineer to meet at the park later in the month. Mr. Lasser met informally with the Allegheny County Director of Parks and got some suggestions.

Mr. Lasser attended the Woodland Hills School Board Community meeting on February 24th and the last Centennial meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. Chief Williams is ready to move forward with the purchase of body cameras which will record audio and video. Also, a car on Lynnwood was being parked in such a way that it would be difficult for a fire truck or plow to get past it. The resident said he would park differently moving forward. There was a home invasion in Forest Hills on Avenue F. It was a targeted invasion. There were no weapons used but the residents were duct taped and money was taken from a safe.

There were three practices and two alarms for the VFC. The number of members attending each was read. There are six new members currently attending fire school. Mr. Hoover noted the members are doing well and the VFC plans to be involved in the Centennial. Mr. Hoover and Mr. Kasardo also complimented the VFC for their excellent work at the Lynnwood fire.

The VFC will host a pasta dinner on March 21st from 3-7 at the Community Center.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Camera work is ongoing.

Some members of council will meet with the engineer at the park later in the month.

There has been some road collapse on Chalfant Street and cones were put up.

The camera work by Roto Rooter was \$8,000 less than anticipated. Motion by Hensell, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$11,911.80 from the Sewer Line Fund to the General Fund Checking to pay for the work. Motion carried.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

The DPW was busy last month with road clearing.

Mr. Swinney attended the Allegheny County 911 meeting. The borough is in compliance with all current requirements.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There was one occupancy inspection last month.

Approximately 70% of the annual occupancy forms have been returned.

The demolition of 310 Lynnwood started today. The property owner is interested in rebuilding.

Motion by Hoover to pass Ordinance 418, an ordinance amending Ordinance 16.103 regarding prohibited conduct. By way of explanation, Mr. Hoover stated that the state changed the law regarding carrying firearms in parks and if the borough doesn't amend the ordinance, a resident or a non-resident could sue the borough claiming harm and could also claim attorney fees. Ms. Baburich, in the audience, stated that she called Representative Paul Costa to discuss. He signed the bill but was planning to re-review. Another resident asked if passage could be delayed for further investigation and /or if possibly the new Governor would appeal it. Solicitor Evashavik explained the law, said someone could sue the borough, this may or may not ever happen but it could and that the ordinance could be changed back if the law changes. He further stated that even if the borough did not change it the ordinance has no teeth and could not be enforced as state law always trumps local law. Mr. Lasser seconded the motion. A roll call was taken. All yeses. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover stated that a Centennial flag is being made and he would like to get one for the council chambers. Motion by Hoover, second by Hensell, to move forward with this. Motion carried. Mr. Orosz, in the audience, noted he would like the serviceman's flag to also remain in the council chambers. Mr. Hoover assured him that it would.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The newsletter has been mailed.

Updates have been made to the website.

Ms. Pustorino attended the All District School Board meeting. The consolidation plan was discussed. They also discussed the state rankings, plans for improvement and the UCLA suspension report. Ms. Pustorino noted that what was reported were old statistics and suspensions have been cut in half since then. Ms. Pustorino is also going to participate in the steering committee for the consolidation plan.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$40,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hoover, to exonerate the Tax Collector in the amount of \$18,804.57. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Joanne Baburich, Brighton Street, asked what the school district was doing with common core. Ms. Pustorino responded and Ms. Baburich expressed her disagreement with it. It was suggested that she attend a school board meeting.

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Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, asked about the Woodland Hills ambulance meeting. Mr. Hoover stated that the ambulance service is in financial distress. They do have a plan and are putting some things in place but they are not aggressively collecting on their bills.

Dan Miller, Highland Avenue, stated that his wife just had a baby and would like an ordinance to be put in place to make the park non-smoking. He also noted that the park needed some improvements and stated that he was willing to help and suggested a community cleaning day. Mr. Hensell stated a park grant was recently received and Mr. Lasser stated that he would welcome all local support. He also noted that the CAA has been tasked with keeping the park clean, especially following the games. Mr. Swinney noted that council planned to put the hoops back up. Mr. Miller also asked about the construction on the prior Westinghouse site and what role or influence council has in this. Council responded technically none as it is privately owned but the developers have to abide by zoning ordinances. The current owner is remediating the property and looking for a developer.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Lasser, to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council Vice President