

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

MARCH 11, 2014

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

ABSENT: Mr. Swinney

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:12 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 12, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Swinney, 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 February there were 46, 911 calls and 173 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 6- Parking Complaints
- 5- Suspicious Vehicles
- 5- Ordinance Violations
- 5- Med Unit Assists
- 2- Follow up Reports
- 3- Animal Problems

Mayor Perry attended a COG meeting in Monroeville. The discussion centered on land banking.

SOLICITOR

No Report

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lasser is getting estimates for the repair/replacement of windows at the Community Center.

An application was received for Ms. Libell's position. Mr. Lasser will review.

There was a water problem in the basement of the Community Center. Mr. Lasser will see if the situation improves following the trench placed outside.

There were a lot of folks at the park the other day. There was a lot of foul language and trash on the basketball court. The situation will be monitored closely and the police will be asked to patrol.

Redd Up Day is scheduled for Saturday April 5th from 1-4 pm with rain date on April 12th.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. The Rothlisberger Foundation donated \$10,000 for the Forest Hills K-9 unit. The money will go towards a new car for the unit.

The batteries have been replaced on the stop signs with blinking lights.

The speed trailer will be back up for spring.

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

HEALTH AND SANITATION

The storm drain work is needed at Rossmore and Wilkins and Elizabeth and Rossmore.

Mr. Hensell spoke to Al at Waste Management. He will get a larger dumpster for the borough and will empty more frequently.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Extreme winter weather has taken a toll on the streets. Mr. Swinney spoke with Mr. Theilacker and road patching, crack sealing will begin as soon as the weather permits.

Forest Hills indicated they could fix the storm drain on Rossmore that is in need of repair.

Mr. Swinney attended the breakfast get-together with Paul Costa and the COG dinner that included Cyril Wecht as the guest speaker and the Democratic endorsements at the IBEW. Mr. Swinney also attended the Emergency Management session last night. Chalfant is compliant with emergency management operations, hazard mitigation and NIMS. Mr. Swinney will be taking some courses. Mr. Swinney also asked Mr. Hoover if he would like to be deputy coordinator. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Hensell, to appoint Mr. Hoover as deputy coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Pustorino, to update Resolution 450, to update signatures and comply with the two year review. Motion carried.

Mr. Lasser inquired if the street sweeper would clean the sand from the streets. This will be done in the spring. Also all alleys will be evaluated and prioritized by condition.

Motion Swinney, seconded by Lasser, to authorize the engineer to solicit bids to repair the handicap ramp at the corner of Brighton and Wilkins. Motion carried.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There has been a nice return on the annual occupancy forms.

Two occupancy inspections were done last month. One on Elizabeth and one on Rossmore.

New light bulbs were purchased for the Community Center and a new door handle was purchased for the door leading to the DPW garage.

Mr. Hoover attended a meeting with the school board. They discussed how representatives for the districts may change. Mr. Hoover suggested that they could get resolutions from the municipalities to show the judges.

Mrs. Wendy Rocco would like to put a deck on her property but the deck would span two lots that she owns. This is against county rules as it has to be on one lot only. Solicitor Evashavik advised her on how to proceed.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The VFC held a stuffed cabbage dinner on March 8th. They will provide a financial report soon. The annual audit will be scheduled.

Interviews are ongoing for Ms. Libell's position.

Changes are being made to the website. Notifications will be on the front page.

Residents should have received the newsletter.

The Centennial Committee approved the use of maroon and grey on the logo. The first Centennial event will be a car cruise on July 26, 2014. Mr. George Markovic is the chair. Also, they are moving forward with a Chalfant School reunion and a banquet dinner. The committee meets every third Wednesday at 7 pm.

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

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hoover, to place a quarter page ad for \$55 in the WHHS musical program. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, noticed a brick structure behind her house that the cement lid is not on. Mr. Swinney will contact the DPW.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell, to authorize a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$51.39 to David Mandak for the property located at 301 Shadeland. Motion carried.

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hoover, to exonerate the tax collector for unpaid real estate 2013 taxes in the amount of \$13,755.15. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President