

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

APRIL 8, 2014

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

ABSENT: Ms. Pustorino

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:02 pm.

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PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Pustorino, Messrs., Hensell, Kasardo, Hoover, Swinney, Lasser (attended the latter portion of the meeting), Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

Motion by Hoover, 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

Mayor Perry asked for a moment of silence to reflect and offer prayers to those involved in the tragic incident at Franklin Regional High School and on the passing of Mr. Kenneth Kuiros who served on council for 36 years. Mr. Kuiros brought a lot of revenue into the borough which was critical for the park and public safety building renovations in addition to sewer repair work on North Avenue.

Mayor Perry noted Mrs. Rose Tucker (in audience) recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

For the month of March there were 29, 911 calls and 187 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Ordinance Violations
- 4- Suspicious Activities
- 2- Alarm Calls
- 2- Med Unit Assists
- 2- Parking Complaints

Mayor Perry explained the circumstances surrounding a telephone alert message regarding a break-in at the 100 block of Elizabeth.

SOLICITOR

No Report

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Swinney read Mr. Lasser's report in his absence.

Mr. Lasser instructed Vynex to make window repairs at the Community Center at a cost of \$350.00.

The gutters and downspouts were inspected at the Community Center and Public Safety Building.

The Community Center has been rented for June 8th.

Redd-up Day was April 5th. Mr. Swinney read the names of the participants. There were 27 bags of trash and 14 tires collected. Dumping is a problem in the ravine and Mr. Hoover will look into this.

Mr. Lasser attended the Building One Pennsylvania meeting. A regional meeting is being planned.

Mr. Hoover stated that the old Westinghouse strip between the jersey barriers and fence is a problem area. Mr. Lasser has been asked to have P&L Investments keep the area clean. Mr. Hoover asked council if they would like for him to pursue the situation. Mayor Perry noted that the property owner should be notified as any property owner would be notified.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. He spoke with the police chief about the speed trailer and stop sign details. He also spoke with Officer Lenny who has been monitoring and tagging problem cars. Mr. Kasardo learned from the police chief that some cars were broken into in Forest Hills. The perpetrators were arrested. They were stealing items from cars that were left unlocked.

The VFC held five practices last month. The number of members attending each was read.

The VFC is making arrangements to take the service truck to the garage. The muffler broke off. Engine 120 is due for inspection.

The VFC is proceeding with getting raffle tickets for a fundraiser.

Mr. Kasardo will discuss with the VFD if funding is available for carbon monoxide detectors.

Mr. Kasardo attended the ALOM conference and reported that there is a Fire Vest program that

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provides funding for volunteer firefighters to obtain an associate's degree. They must take one class per semester related to fire service and maintain a 2.0 GPA.

Mr. Swinney was surprised to hear that the VFC has nine members and asked if any of them are taking advantage of the program. Mr. Hoover noted that they are junior volunteers.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

The storm drain work is occurring at Wilkins and Elizabeth.

The recycling bin at the fire station will be emptied weekly.

The borough will take electronics such as televisions, computers etc. for recycling.

The borough plans to camera storm drains this summer.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Crack sealing and pot hole patching will be done when the weather gets better. Mr. Swinney will also see if alleys can be improved.

The stop sign at West Street was down. Mr. Swinney placed it back in the ground.

Mr. Swinney received a call regarding a collapsed sewer grate at 104 Fairview Avenue. A cone and barrel are in place and Mr. Hensell is working to have this fixed.

Mr. Swinney contacted the engineer to set up a time to examine the alleys and also to discuss the issue regarding Brighton Street mapping.

Mr. Swinney is following up on an issue regarding the step by Ms. Joanne Baburich's home.

Mr. Swinney noted that he has a lanyard with his name and picture which identifies him as the Emergency Management Coordinator. He stated that he thinks it would be good to have a vest to wear that further identifies him in the event of an emergency. He will look into the cost. He would also like to get one for Mr. Hoover and Mayor Perry.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Three occupancy permit inspections were done last month.

The vehicle at 243 North has been removed and Mr. Hoover thanked the police and Phil Dodge for their help.

Mr. Hoover gave approval to Mr. Ventrice to put a dumpster by his property. He is cleaning out the Kennedy property.

Mr. Hoover would like to pursue having carbon monoxide detectors as a mandatory requirement for home inspections. This would affect rentals and new sales. Solicitor Evashavik stated that this would require an ordinance. Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell, to proceed with creating an ordinance requiring carbon monoxide detectors for property inspections. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

At the Community Center, the VFC held a stuffed cabbage dinner on March 8th and the Centennial Committee used the facility on March 19th. The center will be used for the upcoming election and the hall is rented for a bridal shower in June.

Interviews are ongoing for Ms. Libell's position.

Additions were made to the website. Minutes of the meetings, weather notifications and the VFC fundraiser were added.

The first Centennial event will be a car cruise on July 26, 2014. Mr. George Markovic is the chair and has been working hard to get individuals involved from the car cruise circuit.

The Chalfant School reunion will include tours of the building and this is scheduled for September 2015. The post event reception will likely be held at Grandview Golf Course.

The next meeting of the committee is next Wednesday at 7 pm. All are invited.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$6,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Gus Petry, Greenfield Avenue, asked if it would be possible for microphones to be put up for the meetings. Mr. Petry also reported that the fence by the projects has holes in it and he has seen individuals in the borough from that area and heard one group having a loud argument. He would like council to ask that the fence be repaired or replaced. Mr. Petry also noted that he heard rumors that he has been complaining that Forest Hills DPW was not keeping the streets clean in winter but he stated that it was not him. Mr. Petry also inquired as who the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator were and council responded that Mr. Hoover is Fire Marshal and Mr. Swinney is the Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Petry stated that he feels it is too political to have them also hold these positions. Ms. Williams suggested that he pass along the names of individuals he feels would be qualified.

Brian Barnett, Highland Avenue, reported on issues with the residents and their guests at the property at 205 Highland Avenue. He has been calling the police but the issues are chronic. Mayor Perry stated that he and Mr. Kasardo should discuss with the police as it is becoming a nuisance problem.

Rose Tucker, Highland Avenue, asked if they could have police radios at this property as she has noticed that once the police are called, the situation seems to disperse before they arrive.

Mr. Baburich, Brighton Street, stated that he has problem individuals on North Avenue. He has complained to the landlord and the landlord has responded that as long as the rent is paid, he is not concerned with what the tenants do.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Solicitor Evashavik asked if the borough was aware of the flood plain ordinance that they need to pass. Mr. Hoover will follow up with the engineer on this. It needs to be done by September.

Mayor Perry inquired if council plans to hold a borough tour. Council decided on May 17th at 10 am.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President