

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

APRIL 10, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Simek, Messrs. Sperduto, Swinney, Hoover, Lasser

ABSENT: Mr. Kasardo

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:04 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

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PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Simek, Messrs. Sperduto, Swinney, Hoover, Lasser, Kasardo, Solicitor Nick Evashavik

ABSENT: None

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

Motion by Simek, seconded by Sperduto, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of March, there were 29, 911 calls and 186 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4-Med Unit Assists
- 3-Alarm Calls
- 3-Ordinance Violations
- 3-Suspicious Activities
- 2-Welfare Checks
- 2-Neighbor Disputes
- 2-Elderly Assists

Mayor Perry noted that over the last few months there have been issues brought to his attention such as parking issues. Mayor Perry encourages all residents to call 911 directly but if residents don't want to, they can contact him. For all issues that require a police response, residents are to use 911 whether it is an emergency or not.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Community Center was rented out on March 24th for the pasta dinner and used on April 7th for Redd-up Day.

Gift card donations for Redd-up Day were received from Giant Eagle Braddock Hills, Kuhn's on Brown Avenue, Shop n Save in Wilkins and Sam's in Monroeville.

The newsletter is on the website.

The annual VFC financial record review will be scheduled.

Comcast replaced the modem at the office.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

One building permit was issued.

There has been a very poor response to the annual occupancy permits from both residents and landlords. Mr. Sperduto will need to contact over 40 landlords.

Mr. Sperduto has mailed letters to several residences that have property maintenance violations.

A hearing scheduled for last month has been postponed again and rescheduled for May 8th.

Mr. Sperduto attended the ALOM convention. He provided information regarding parks to Mr. Lasser. There is some federal money available but no state money.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

New speed limit signs have been posted at the entrances to the borough.

The eagle fell off the flag pole at the memorial. Forest Hills has it and council will see if it can be repaired.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

The issues with Highland Manor sewer billing have been turned over to Wilkins and they were scheduled to vote on it last night.

A backup battery was placed on the security system at the public safety building. Mr. Hoover reminded all to set the alarm when they exit the building.

Three storm drain inlets are being looked at that will require repairs. There are a few others that still need to be examined.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. Officer Armstrong was involved in the arrest of a murder suspect. Mr. Kasardo spoke to the chief about parking and stop sign issues and details will be set up to deal with the problems systematically. Mr. Kasardo will make the chief aware that the new speed limit signs are up. Mr. Kasardo noted that he can get the speed trailer again if council desires. Mayor Perry suggested that this be done and the new speed limit be put on top to reinforce that the speed limit has been changed.

There were no alarms for the VFC last month but there were three practices. The names of those attending were read.

The rescue trailer will be temporarily housed in the rear of the fire garage.

There was a light turnout for the VFC pasta dinner. The profit was \$196.22.

The stair lift needs to be inspected.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lasser and Mr. Kasardo met with members of the Chalfant Athletic Association to review rules and inspect the facilities. The CAA will provide council with a copy of their insurance policy and game schedule.

Mr. Lasser will get an estimate from Sto Rox Asphalt for resealing the track, pavilion and courts.

The Mr. John was delivered on March 30th.

Mr. Lasser spoke with Terri Dickow at PSAB regarding community events. Information was passed on to Ms. Joanne Baburich and Mr. Hoover.

Redd-up day took place on Saturday, April 7th. Fifteen people participated and twenty tires and twenty bags of garbage were collected. Mr. Lasser identified and thanked all that participated. The clean up supplies were furnished by Myrna Newman of Allegheny Clean Ways.

Mr. Lasser attended the Working Group on Blight meeting. The next meetings are scheduled for April 23rd at 5:30 pm and May 29th at 2 pm.

Mr. Kasardo noted that the bleachers at the park need to be painted again.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, asked if the baseball teams play on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Kasardo responded yes but added that they typically only play in the morning on Sundays.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The next newsletter will go out in June.

Mr. Sperduto mentioned that he would like to try sending the annual occupancy forms out differently next year, possibly sending earlier, mailing to landlords or having hand delivered. He is trying to increase the response rate.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Simek, to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President