

## **BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**APRIL 12, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Hensell, Kasardo, Miller

ABSENT: None

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

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Kasardo, to name Dennis Syska to the vacant council seat. Motion carried. Mayor Perry swore Mr. Syska in.

Four members of the CAA board introduced themselves and a discussion about the upcoming season and some administrative items took place.

## **BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 13, 2016**

PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Hensell, Kasardo, Miller, Syska, Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

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

Mr. Hoover welcomed Mr. Syska to council.

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

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

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

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Hensell, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

### **MAYOR**

Dr. Pustorino read Mayor Perry's report in his absence.

For the month of March there were 34, 911 calls and 176 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 6- Med Unit Assists
- 6- Parking Complaints
- 4- Ordinance Violations
- 3- Welfare Checks
- 2- Alarm Calls
- 2- Suspicious Persons

There were also three traffic stops with two warnings and one citation issued.

### **SOLICITOR**

No report

### **BOROUGH PROPERTY**

The swings and lighting is complete at the park. It looks good lit up.

Approximately 15 people attended the crime watch meeting and 10 volunteered for committees. There will be additional meetings scheduled.

Mr. Hoover noted that the cameras at the park will be online in 3-4 weeks.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting in Forest Hills. The chief discussed having new lights installed at the Forest Hills Park. Mr. Kasardo told Chief Williams that new lights and cameras were installed in Chalfant's park and that he will update him once the cameras are online. The police will be able to pull them up from their vehicles. Chief Williams also reported that Forest Hills is looking into funds for cameras on Ardmore Boulevard to record license plates. The speed trailer was put on Elizabeth and stop sign details will begin since the weather is getting warmer. Mr. Theilacker has been contacted to change the batteries in the stop signs.

There were four practices for the VFC. The number of members attending each was read.

The person that cuts the grass at the memorials has been approached about cutting grass in other locations in the borough.

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Glenn Engineering will obtain bids for the repair of eight storm drains.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Kasardo, to pay Insight Pipe Contracting in the amount of \$29,508.68 for sewer cleaning and evaluation. Motion carried.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Baburich, to transfer \$29,508.68 from the sewer line fund to the general fund checking to cover the payment to Insight Pipe Contracting. Motion carried.

### **ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Hoover reported that the DPW will start grass cutting and pothole patching soon. Also, some signs need to be replaced and there are three areas that will need some resurfacing.

### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There were five occupancy inspections done last month. Three on North Avenue, one on Highland Avenue and one on the Greensburg Pike.

Ms. Baburich reported that Mr. Phil Dodge, the code enforcement officer, is retiring from his position in the borough.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Pustorino thanked all that attended Chalfant Redd Up Day on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was attended by 12 residents including Council members. Some areas were cleaner than in past years. Approximately 12 bags of trash were collected as well as some televisions.

The Porta John was delivered to the park. Mr. Lasser will provide stakes to secure it to the ground.

Dr. Pustorino and several members of Council attended the first Crime Watch meeting. They look forward to working with all in the future.

Confetti will not be permitted when renting the community center. This will be added to the permit.

The summer newsletter will go out at the end of May.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the tax collector how real estate tax collection was going. Mr. Baburich responded that it has been slow but will be picking up soon.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, stated that the room needs to be set up prior to Monday for Election Day. She asked why there are only two regular swings but six baby swings at the park. Mr. Hoover responded that two of the baby swings will be replaced with regular swings. She also asked if the VFC will be selling food on Election Day. Ms. Roche responded that they will be selling hoagies. Mr. Kasardo will ask them to get the word out.

Judith Fox, Highland Avenue, asked what is happening with an empty house across the street from her. Mr. Hoover responded that it is going up for sheriff sale. Solicitor Evashavik reminded all that the borough cannot trespass on private property but that they can access the property to abate a nuisance. Ms. Fox also asked Mr. Kasardo if he followed up with All State Insurance regarding the speed trailers. He responded that he will.

Robert Baburich, Brighton Street, stated that the person that cuts the grass at the memorials should get compensated. Council responded that he was given a gift card.

Mr. Lasser, Lynnwood Avenue, said that someone stole a cart his daughter uses to transport her lawn mower. It wasn't really valuable but it was on his property and he wanted all to be aware. The police were contacted.

Rose Tucker, Highland Avenue, said that a company called Meals for Friends will deliver home cooked meals to the disabled and elderly. The cost is \$6 for lunch and dinner and the meals are very good. Dr. Pustorino will add to the newsletter. She also asked how large a tree can be. Mr. Hoover said there is no height limit but he will look at the tree and see if there are any ordinance violations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kasardo attended the ALOM meeting. He had several discussions with people including one about a vacant house on Lynnwood and another about the Duquesne Light LED program. The borough will be applying for more of these. Many of the programs at the conference focused on Alcosan, sewer problems and major problems that Penn Hills is having related to this.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Hensell, to pass resolution 537, naming Mr. Hoover as the delegate, and Dr. Pustorino as the alternate delegate to the Southeast Tax Collection Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Kasardo, to pass resolution 538, a resolution to adopt the Allegheny County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

A discussion regarding the topics discussed with the CAA on Tuesday evening ensued. These topics included that vehicles will be prohibited from driving into the park, that council will contribute towards the purchase of a tractor and that the schedule will be included in the newsletter.

LuAnn Bouvier, Highland Avenue, asked if dogs were permitted in the park. Mr. Hoover responded no and that signs will be put up. A resident in the audience stated that he has been walking his dog there and he doesn't see an issue with it. Mr. Miller added that council discussed possibly resurfacing the track and maybe paving the tennis court for use as a deck hockey rink.

Mr. Hoover has received a quote from Comcast for the park camera internet connection. Verizon was not interested. The price is \$94.90/month for the initial period. A hotspot is an additional \$40/month. Installation is \$49 which he will try to get waived. Motion by Baburich, seconded by Hensell. A roll call was requested. All responded yes except Mr. Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Pustorino, to donate \$25 to the CAEC Scholarship. Motion carried.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the WH Academy will be holding a march against gun violence on 4/23 at 10 am starting at the Wolverina. This will be followed by a presentation in the auditorium.

Live Well Allegheny has put out a grant RFA that the borough may submit an application in response to (to widen and resurface the track at the park). Mr. Lasser suggested PAR exercise stations be included.

Mr. Hoover reminded all that the primary is April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Pustorino, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Borough Secretary

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Council President