

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

MAY 7, 2013

PRESENT: Ms. Williams, Messrs. Sperduto, Hoover, Swinney

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Simek, Mr. Kasardo, Mr. Lasser

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:14 pm.

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PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Simek, Messrs., Swinney, Lasser, Kasardo, Sperduto, Hoover, 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 Simek, seconded by Sperduto, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Swinney, 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 April there were 35, 911 calls and 171 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3-Follow-up Information Reports
- 3-Parking Complaints
- 3-Return Telephone Calls for Information
- 3-Traffic Stops
- 3-Suspicious Activities
- 2-Suspicious Vehicles

SOLICITOR

No report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Elections will be held at the Community Center on May 21. Ms. Libell has made arrangements to have the voting booths delivered.

The borough ran an ad in the program for the Woodland Hills High School production of "Young Frankenstein". Ms. Simek and Ms. Schwoegl attended the production on patron's night. Ms. Simek noted that the students strive to get \$25,000 in ad sponsorships and this year they secured \$27,000. Ms. Simek recommended the borough continue to run an ad in future years.

Ms. Simek and Ms. Williams met with the VFC treasurer, Ms. Eileen Wroblewski, on Saturday May 4th to review the 2012 financial records. The checking account was balanced and the bank statements and ledger were available for review. The records were found to be in good order and a formal report will be written.

Newsletter articles should have been sent to the editor already. The first draft is expected out around May 15th.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Building Inspection Underwriters (BIU) issued a permit for replacement of a deck at 120 West Street and the fee was received.

The outside work has been completed at 268 Brighton Street.

The back porch has been removed from the home at 162 Brighton Street. A neighbor has an additional complaint about this property and has been referred to BIU.

The garbage has been removed in the yard of 110 Lynnwood Avenue. Mr. Kasardo also spoke with the police regarding a car that has not been inspected since 2011 at this site. The police will tag it.

The occupancy directory for the owner occupied homes has been updated. The landlord tenant one has also been updated with the exception of missing information for some properties. Landlords have been contacted via phone and second requests letters. Once the follow up information is received both directories will be printed and copies made.

Seven occupancy permit inspections were completed last month.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

There are potholes in some alleys. Mr. Swinney will ask for millings to be put down.

There were some questions regarding the DPW grass cutting and trimming. Mr. Lasser stated that the Chalfant Athletic Association called about grass cutting at the park and were informed that it is in the rotation. A discussion also ensued about how the DPW should be alerted if the grass needs to be cut for an event at the Community Center. Mr. Swinney stated that he should be contacted and he will relay the information. Ms. Libell stated that she can also provide a list of dates to whoever needs it. It was also noted that some of the trimming has not been done well.

The sidewalk/manhole repair on West Street is pending.

The engineer noted that the ball field should have been smoothed out. It should be dragged by hand (not by machine) or the elevations may be ruined.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek to donate \$25.00 to the Churchill Area Environmental Association for the annual scholarship. Motion carried.

Work needs to be completed on seven storm drains and one manhole. This will be paid by funds in the sewer line account.

Mr. Hoover will delay his request to purchase new tables and chairs for the Community Center until the end of the year.

The next meeting regarding the Centennial will be on May 15th at 7pm in the Community Center. Door hangers publicizing the meeting will be distributed this weekend. Ms. Williams noted that residents may want to make a donation towards the Centennial and information will be disseminated regarding how to do that.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo spoke with Chief Williams about getting the speed trailer ready for service.

The police will contact the owner of a gray Buick parked at 110 Lynnwood Avenue.

The batteries in some of the stop signs are burned out and will be replaced.

Tugboats will hold two outdoor concerts. One will be on June 2nd and the other on June 30th.

Chief Williams will send out a telephone message about the centennial meeting.

There were two practices and one alarm for the VFC last month. The number of members attending each was read.

The total profit for the recent hoagie sale was \$306.71. Another is planned for late July.

The VFC reported, in reference to a discussion that took place last month, that the Delgrosso company charges \$.75 / meal and that the VFC would be required to pick up the food in Tipton, PA, which is near State College. The VFC also noted that the St. Patrick's Day holiday may have been contributed to the low turnout for the pasta dinner.

The engine will be going out for inspection.

The VFC is finalizing the equipment list that the insurance company requested.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lasser met with the PA Department of Labor and Industry on April 26th. They inspected the chair lift and the inspection certificate has been attached to the base of the chair.

There is a leak in the Rossmore Street garage. Hooper Roofing has been contacted.

Mr. Lasser inspected the french drain work at the ball field and an invoice in the amount of \$3,275 was provided to the secretary to pay. This amount includes an additional \$30 charge for removal of the blue climbing sphere. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Swinney, to pay contractor pending inspection by the engineer. Motion carried. Mr. Kasardo noted that the field has been dry following rainfalls with no puddles.

Volunteers are needed to spruce up the memorials and the Chalfant sign on Chalfant Street. Mr. Hoover asked that plants not be put in until he builds a wall. Mr. Lasser suggested that memorialized bricks be sold as a fundraiser.

Mr. Lasser attended a meeting in the Shaler School District on April 25th along with the superintendent of the Woodland Hills School District, Mr. Alan Johnson, and some other individuals. The purpose was to tour the STEM facility that Shaler put into operation and to show Mr. Johnson one possible use of the atom smasher.

The purchase of the Westinghouse property has been finalized by P&L Investments. The initial drawing of the proposed site did not include any housing units in Chalfant and they are looking to revise. They will be using Forest Hills as a conduit for grant funding since most of the acreage is in their borough.

The streetlight at North Avenue has been going off and on. Mr. Kasardo plans to call about this and to also find out how to get an additional light installed at the park.

Mr. Lasser will speak to Mr. Connors regarding his inquiry about maintaining the Parkway Step area.

The initial estimate for the tree work at the Community Center is \$400. Mr. Lasser will look into this in addition to some other work that needs to be completed at this site.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, stated that she did not understand the fuss about the grass cutting at the Community Center and that this hasn't occurred before. Ms. Libell also noted that a lot of donations were received for the prior borough anniversary celebration and she volunteered to assist with passing out the door hangers.

Alia Pustorino-Clevenger, Wilkins Avenue, noted that businesses will be contacted about sponsoring the centennial and that the committee wants to be strategic about contacting them. She also inquired if there would be a problem with the contract if the borough made any alterations to the ball field surface. Additionally, she noted that there was been increased traffic at the park and children are being dropped off and she has concerns about them being hit by vehicles.

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, stated that neighbors on one side of her have moved out and that nobody is cutting the grass. Mr. Sperduto will check on this.

OLD BUSINESS

A copy of the lease contract has been received from the VFC.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Lasser, to issue a real estate tax refund to the Anna Delucia in the amount for \$18.93. Motion carried.

The engineer inquired if any demolition is required. None has been identified but Mr. Hoover will speak to the engineer regarding another use of the funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Kasardo, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President