

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**MAY 08, 2012**

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Mr. Lasser

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:14 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 9, 2012**

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

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

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

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

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

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Simek, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

**MAYOR**

Mr. Kasardo read the Mayor's report in his absence. For the month of April, there were 34, 911 calls and 178 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

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

**SOLICITOR**

Jordan Tax Service collected on some delinquent real estate accounts.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The ballpark is tentatively rented for June 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Libell has received the game schedule from the Chalfant Athletic Association.

Ms. Eileen Wroblewski will provide some available dates for the VFC record review.

Ms. Simek spoke with the newsletter editor about some possible ideas for the next edition. The newsletter will go out mid June. Items council would like to add can be sent to her via email.

### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

The occupancy report will be taken to COG tomorrow. Mr. Sperduto plans to finish the landlord/tenant report in the next week or two.

The warm weather has brought grass cutting issues. There are four to five homes that are empty and Mr. Sperduto has been in contact with the mortgage companies.

The backdoor at 204 Lynnwood was found open so Mr. Sperduto entered with the police. The property is in very bad shape. A structural engineer would be needed to determine if structurally sound. Some possible addresses for the owner were located using the internet. Letters will be sent to each address.

Mr. Dodge spoke with the tenant at 268 Brighton Street. Work needs to be completed and citations will be issued if work is not completed.

A hearing scheduled for a resident on Parkway has been postponed until June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Simek, to transfer \$5,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

### **ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Forest Hills DPW will move and install some handicapped parking signs on Fairview. Three areas need blue paint applied.

Mr. Swinney spoke with the engineer regarding the use of CD39 funds for paving Brighton Street. Highway Aid funds may also be available. The estimate for the entire street to be repaved is \$68,000.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Emergency Operation Plan are being updated. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Kasardo, to adopt Resolution #521 to implement NIMS. Motion carried.

Mr. Swinney called the police regarding a dog situation.

The catch basin on Elizabeth was repaired.

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Mr. Hoover re-iterated the issue regarding Highland Manor and the paying of the sewer surcharge. Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to adopt Resolution #522 to accept the Alcosan charges and payments in relation to the highland manor properties located at 200, 201 and 300 Dorothy Street that discharge into the sewage lines of Chalfant Borough. This means that we collect the surcharge to service the sewer lines. Motion carried.

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Mr. Hoover will attend the elected officials basin meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Hoover asked the solicitor about a missing street in the parking ordinance and asked him how it could be added. Solicitor Evashavik responded that since the law is not changing it can be added via a resolution.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. Stop sign details have begun and will be held throughout the borough. The speed limit ordinance was provided to the chief, the speed limit signs are up and ready for enforcement and the speed trailers will be coming back to the borough. The chief noted that residents are calling about cars parked on yellow lines.

There were no alarms and five practices of the VFC last month. The numbers of members attending each practice was read.

Engine 120 is going out for inspection in late May.

A hoagie sale is being held and pick up will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Sperduto asked about the status of the small games of chance license. Ms. Wroblewski is working on this.

Mr. Swinney is going to discuss the use of speed bumps with Mr. Theilacker.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Connors quoted the same price as last year to maintain the Parkway steps which is \$15 per hour. He estimates 40 hours will be needed. Last year he spent 24 hours (\$360) maintaining the area.

Mr. Lasser received two estimates to repair the backstop at the park. Jason Marciano estimated \$2,385 to remove and replace the old chain link and Allegheny Fence estimated \$1,840 to repair the existing backstop plus an additional \$820 in options. Mr. Kasardo is going to speak with another vendor.

Mr. Lasser is waiting for an estimate to reseal the track, pavilion and courts. This was last done in 2010.

Mulch was spread at the tot lot. Forest Hills will be providing an estimate for pebbles/pea gravel for the park.

Mr. Hoover purchased a new refrigerator for the Community Center and this has been installed.

There was a water leak in the ladies room at the Community Center. The water curled the vinyl flooring and damaged the subfloor.

A clear window was installed in the office door.

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Mr. Lasser attended the Working Group on Blight meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There have been two meetings thus far.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, asked if the borough would pay to have a gas meter installed and council responded yes.

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, asked who is responsible for cutting the grass in the alley behind her house. Mr. Swinney will check with Forest Hills.

Ray Wroblewski, Fairview Avenue, stated that the sewers should be raised before Brighton Street is repaired and Mr. Sperduto indicated that this would be done.

Eileen Wroblewski, Fairview Avenue, stated that cars are speeding down the alley behind the senior center and then down North Avenue. Mr. Swinney will discuss with Mr. Theilacker possibly placing a stop sign in the area.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The owner of 107 West Street was given until May 15<sup>th</sup> to make corrections to the property. Many improvements have already been done.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

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

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Council President