

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION
MAY 10, 2011

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Mr. Kasardo

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:20 pm.

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ABSENT: Mayor Perry

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

Ms. Williams deviated from the regular order of business to permit Judge Caulfield an opportunity to speak. He thanked everyone for their interest in the race.

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

Ms. Williams read the mayor's report in his absence.

For the month of April, there were 44, 911 calls and 178 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 9 - Med Unit Assists
- 5- Parking Complaints
- 5- Animal Problems
- 3- Criminal Mischief Complaints
- 4- Information Reports
- 3- Suspicious Activities
- 2 –Domestics

The total number of 911 calls is almost 50% more than our monthly average. No issues appear to be ongoing problems.

SOLICITOR

No report.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lasser will have the engineer look at the stone wall overlooking North Avenue because part of it buckled in. It was temporarily repaired by Michael Connors.

The knotweed by the Parkway steps needs to be attended to.

Robert Henkel has finished the electrical work at the park. The damage was caused by vandalism. Duquesne light will come out and make the connection. Mr. Henkel also replaced the heater coil in the water heater in the refreshment stand.

A large tree fell at the park and landed on the fence in center field. Mr. Connors removed it at a cost of \$500.00.

The memorials will be maintained by council as no residents have volunteered. Mr. Lasser has made a call to get a replacement flag for the park.

Dennis Hooper of Hooper Roofing will be applying the aluminum waterproof coating on the Community Center and Public Safety Building roofs when the weather improves.

Bids are being obtained for the double doors and the basement door at the Community Center and the office and garage door at the Public Safety Building. These doors will be paid from the grant.

Mr. Lasser attended the Chalfant/Forest Hills police and public works meeting along with Mr. Swinney, Mr. Kasardo and Ms. Simek.

Mr. Kasardo noted that a light is out at the park. Paul Suvak is going to come out with his bucket truck to replace the light. He will also replace the flag.

Mr. Kasardo reported that the police will do a walk-through of the park each night.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting at Forest Hills. There are 11 qualified individuals applying for the two police officer positions.

Forest Hills would like to revisit the police and DPW contract. One meeting took place and another is scheduled.

The Crime Watch just got some new funding from Senator Costa. Calls had not been going out previously due to a lack of funding. Mr. Kasardo will be hosting a "Night at the Races" in June. The Crime Watch will be moving forward with a flat rate for the service. Chalfant's cost will be \$500-\$600 per year. Mr. Kasardo reported on a recent scam in which the perpetrator was caught due to the Crime Watch system. To be added to the system, call 412-351-2279.

The VFC had one alarm and two practices last month. The number of members attending was read.

Work is being done on the pump. The cost is uncertain at this time as the problem needs to be diagnosed. The generator on the truck is also being repaired.

Residents cannot burn in the borough. They are allowed chimineas but if someone complains they will be asked to put it out.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

The county is still reviewing the codification changes.

Mr. Hoover met with Waste Management about a recycling program for the borough. The borough will get free dumpster recycling (not curbside) but Waste Management wants to renegotiate the contract for the next three years. The price will stay the same for the first year and will stay as close to current as possible for the remaining two years. Waste Management will empty the bin one time per month initially and will monitor it to see if it needs to be increased. If it gets to the point that it needs to be emptied weekly, then the borough would need to go to curbside recycling.

Storm drain work is being done in several locations in the borough.

There is a spring on Chalfant Street (between Highland and Greenfield) that is causing water to collect along the road.

A letter will go out to residents about garbage collection procedures, schedules and consequences for non-compliance. This will be sent to problem residences and the second instance will get a citation.

The earned income tax board has signed a contract with Keystone who will start collections on January 1, 2012. They will collect LST and EIT delinquencies as well.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Swinney will forward a list of signs that need to be ordered to Mr. Theilacker.

Millings will be placed in alleys. Elizabeth Avenue alley has been done.

Mr. Swinney is meeting with the representative from Allegheny Fence on May 19th. Residents will be notified of the dates when the guardrail will be installed.

A handicap space was painted for the resident at 143 North Avenue.

The recent meeting with Forest Hills included discussion of the DPW too.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

The landlord/tenant directory has been completed. The resident occupancy directory has been submitted to TCVCOG.

Four occupancy permits were completed last month.

Mr. Sperduto and Mr. Lasser have been working on getting proposals for projects covered by the grant funds which have been deposited.

Two proposals for building renovations have been submitted to BIU.

The van at 120 West Street (facing Shadeland) has been removed.

Mr. Sperduto asked the solicitor if the code enforcement officer can issue a citation for dog complaints that are repeatedly noted in police reports. The solicitor stated that the officer can issue a citation for a borough violation. If no witness comes to a hearing, then the report would be hearsay and he is unsure how the magistrate would respond. The solicitor added that there is a state law that covers dangerous dogs. Hoffman Kennels can also take a dog owner to court if dogs are not licensed and do not have rabies shots.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover to transfer \$35,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund checking. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The minutes have disappeared from the borough website but will be reposted.

The community center was rented out on May 1st. Arrangements for Election Day are in place.

A review of the VFC records is scheduled for May 21st.

Ms. Simek attended a meeting with Forest Hills last month.

Mr. Lasser asked Ms. Simek what sort of comments she has received on the borough website to date to which Ms. Simek that she really had received none.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Joanne Baburich, 168 Brighton Street, stated that she has some folks that would like to work together for the 100th Anniversary Jubilee. They will report their progress to council but want to do it their way. Ms. Williams noted that the website can be utilized as needed.

Robert Baburich, 168 Brighton Street, noted that the memorial was trimmed by a resident, Mrs. Joan Lukinich, of the 232 North Avenue. A thank you letter will be sent.

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, reported that there is a full house of tenants in the property across from her and that the owner has placed gravel in the backyard.

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Jeff Mitchell, 114 Parkway Avenue, has some questions about installing posts and stones on a property and about areas where openings need to exist. Mr. Sperduto noted that residents will be notified when work is to occur. Mr. Mitchell also reported that Mr. Payne sold the house by him but Mr. Sperduto noted that he does not think this is correct.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kasardo asked about the parcel Ms. Hillen in purchasing. It is a small parcel (25*100).

The borough tour is scheduled for Saturday from 10-noon.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Sperduto, to approve a real estate tax refund for the property at 1013 Pin Oak court in the amount of \$121.81. Motion carried.

Ms. Williams attended an intergovernmental meeting on April 14th to discuss interest in sharing resources and activities. Another meeting is scheduled for June 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President