

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

MAY 10, 2016

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

ABSENT: Mr. Hensell

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:30 pm.

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ABSENT: None

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of April there were 29, 911 calls and 177 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Med Unit Assists
- 3- Suspicious Activities
- 2- Alarm Calls
- 2- Animal Found Calls
- 2- Theft Calls

There were also three traffic stops with three warnings issued.

SOLICITOR

No report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The newsletter will go out shortly. There will be reminders on various ordinances such as open burning and dumpsters.

Dr. Pustorino is looking into new ordinance companies as the owner of the one the borough used previously passed away.

Dr. Pustorino is putting together an ad hoc committee to discuss technology use in the borough. Interested parties should let her know.

The Waste Management contract period is ending soon. Dr. Pustorino is starting to look over these documents and she is assisting the VFC with their 501C3 submission.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There was one building permit for a pool and an electrical permit last month.

The occupancy reports are slowing down.

Mr. Hoover asked if the borough would like to do anything for Mr. Dodge at this time. He has recently suffered through some hard times.

Mr. Kasardo stated a resident submitted an occupancy permit report but hasn't heard anything back on it. He was advised to tell her to contact BIU to schedule an inspection.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Some signs have been replaced in the borough.

A resident who inquired about a wall that she believes is on borough property will be invited to come to a meeting to speak with council. Council believes the wall is on her property. Mr. Kasardo left her a note to contact him.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

An e-cycle pickup was completed. Three pallets of computers, televisions etc. were picked up.

Mr. Hensell met with Comcast about cable into the park.

The engineer has put storm drains out for bid.

Dr. Pustorino noted that there is a grant opportunity that she will look into. It would be for cameras for illegal dumping.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting in Forest Hills. Chief Williams spoke about the 2nd phase of the LED lighting program. Mr. Kasardo is working on an application for Chalfant which will include lighting for Elizabeth and Brighton Street. The lights must be continuous. With these, the perimeter of the borough would be done.

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A pole at the corner of the Greensburg Pike and West Street, owned by Forest Hills, has a new head on it and is pointed toward the intersection but the positioning needs a bit of tweaking.

The speed trailer was on Elizabeth. Turtle Creek has now requested it so it has been moved to that borough. As suggested by a resident, Mr. Kasardo contacted All State and learned that they do have a speed trailer program and they will send him information.

The stop sign details are ongoing.

The Forest Hills police are getting new computers in the police cars. Once they are in, Mr. Kasardo will work on getting them access to the park cameras.

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

Work is being scheduled for Engine 120.

The car cruise will be in July.

The Community Center is rented for three dates in July (two for baby showers and one for the car cruise).

The financial report on the soup and chili sale hasn't been received yet.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Motion by Miller, seconded by Baburich, to advertise the tobacco free ordinance that will cover all borough properties once received from the solicitor. Mr. Hoover outlined the fine amounts but noted that the judge has discretion on assigning an amount. Council wants the ordinance to cover vapor cigarettes as well. There will be signage put up. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller stated that dogs are not permitted in the park and there are signs up stating this.

The security cameras are now operational at the park although they are having trouble with two of them.

The CAA has requested signage be put up stating to keep off the field when it is wet. The signs are approximately \$20 to \$30. The borough may install them if the CAA purchases them.

The element in the water heater in the refreshment stand was replaced.

Mr. Miller has been walking the Parkway Steps periodically and has not seen any evidence of unwanted behavior.

Mr. Miller would like to create a recreation board to plan activities at the park.

Hooper Roofing has submitted a proposal. They will be asked to come and look at the roofs. Council will ask Mr. Bichsel to attend as well.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, spoke of a resident who on Election Day told those in the community center that a rock was thrown through the window of his home on Greenfield Avenue. She inquired why no report was made to the residents on this, either at the meeting or through a Crime Alert. She also questioned how East Pittsburgh was able to send an alert to Chalfant residents. Another person in attendance said that there have been three incidents on this road lately. Mayor Perry stated that he is aware of the incidents and that he typically categorizes calls. He said that the car break-ins were not isolated to Chalfant and that the residents who had the rock thrown through their window did not call the police for ten minutes after the incident occurred. He noted that the Chief uses his discretion on what to put out over the Crime Alert.

Mike Donahue, Greenfield Avenue, said that throwing rocks exceeds car break-ins and that he agrees with Ms. Libell that the filter on these messages is questionable. Mayor Perry further noted that sometime the Chief's reasons are not readily apparent.

Mr. Hoover stated that he believes East Pittsburgh notified residents too early in the lost child process. When early notification occurs, the first responders' attention gets diverted by community involvement.

Carol Donahue, Greenfield Avenue, stated that she has observed people with dogs in the park on numerous occasions. Council advised her to call 911 and reiterated that residents are not bothering the police when they call 911.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to transfer \$53,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Baburich said that a Memorial Day service is being planned for May 29th at the North Avenue Memorial and refreshments will be served following the service at the Community Center.

Mr. Miller suggested that council discuss access to the security cameras at the park and that a protocol should be established.

Mr. Hoover said contractually the park is finished. There is an 18 month performance bond. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hensell, to pay Sports and Recreation Associates in the amount of \$27,650.25 for completion of the park improvements contract. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Kasardo, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____

Borough Secretary

Council President