

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

MAY 13, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Pustorino, Messrs., Hensell, Kasardo, Hoover, Swinney

ABSENT: Mr. Lasser

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

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PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Pustorino, Messrs., Hensell, Kasardo, Hoover, Swinney, Lasser, Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of April there were 33, 911 calls and 180 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 6- Juvenile Complaints
- 2- Med Unit Assists
- 2- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Suspicious Activities
- 2- Harassment Complaints
- 2- Return calls for Information

SOLICITOR

No Report

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Hensell helped with the chair lift inspection.

Windows were replaced at the Community Center at a cost of \$350.00.

The Community Center has been rented for June 8th.

On May 17th, prior to the annual tour, Ms. Libell will show council how the Community Center needs to be set up for Election Day which is on May 20th.

Mr. Lasser received a bid of \$250.00 from Daniel Bridge to install a 150 watt metal halide light on the corner of the Community Center above the North Avenue entrance. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hoover, to have Mr. Bridge proceed with this work. Motion carried.

The Chalfant Athletic Association forwarded their insurance policy to Mr. Lasser.

The broken lock on the garage door of the storage shed has been replaced.

The Porta John has been delivered and staked in the ground.

Mr. Lasser met with Mr. Connors to see which trees should be removed at the park. Mr. Connors has made arrangements with the county forester to come to the park on Thursday at 9am to provide input. The vines climbing the trees are also a big problem and should be cut at the roots and treated with an herbicide in the fall to kill the roots. There are a lot of fallen trees on the hillside of Elizabeth Avenue. Council will look at this during the borough tour. Mr. Hoover stated that Mr. Connors was given a contract for \$1,900.00 to do the work at the park and would like to know why this is being reviewed again. He feels that he should perform the work he was previously instructed to do and that council had discussed this for several months. Mr. Lasser responded that it hadn't gone through the committee and he did not believe it needed to be done right away. Solicitor Evashavik said that the previous motion would need to be rescinded and that council should get bids again if they want to change the scope of work / terms of agreement. Mr. Kasardo will also get a copy of the CAA schedule.

Mr. Connors submitted a bid to maintain the Parkway Step area for 40 hours of work at \$15 per hour. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Swinney to have Mr. Connors proceed with this. Motion carried.

Volunteers to help with the memorials can contact Mr. Lasser. Ms. Williams suggested that Chalfant plan a Memorial Day service for the Centennial.

Mr. Hoover asked if the tires would be picked up at the Public Safety Building. Mr. Kasardo will contact someone regarding this.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting on May 1st. The speed trailer has been placed on West Street and then will be moved to North. The lights need to be looked at.

Forest Hills would like to extend the police contract with no changes. Council will request a copy of the contract for review.

The trailer that is often parked on the Greensburg Pike is a hazard. Mr. Kasardo discussed with Charles Martoni and Mr. Martoni will contact the county police to find out who has the authority to issue tickets on this road. Mr. Kasardo also spoke with him regarding the problems with the Greensburg Pike. Mr. Kasardo suggested that a letter be sent and also that the neighboring boroughs of Forest Hills, Churchill, Wilkins, East Pittsburgh and Turtle Creek send a letter. He will find out who the letter should go to and report back.

There were six practices of the VFC. The service engine needs some work and this will be scheduled. Council approved the work approximately one year ago. The VFC hoagie sale will be on Saturday May 31st and orders should be placed by May 21st.

The small games of chance license will be worked on. There are several items that need to be addressed and Mr. Kasardo will work with the VFC on each item, one by one.

Mr. Hoover stated that he is a member of Wilkins #3 and that Chalfant VFC was instructed to improve their operations. He noted that they are doing better and that they have six new members. Mr. Hoover brought three of the new members to Wilkins #3 and they will be included in future drills. Wilkins #3 and Forest Hills are also adding Chalfant to their run card.

The property that caught on fire yesterday has been boarded up.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

The storm drains on Rossmore have been replaced.

The handicap ramp on Brighton Street is complete.

The windows at the Community Center have been repaired.

The switch on the chair lift needs to be fixed.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Hoover, to pay the invoice from JL Urban in the amount of \$9,200 for the storm drain work. Motion carried.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Swinney went to Aristagraphics to look at emergency apparel. He also contacted the county about getting his lanyard redone.

The street light conversion pilot program will be explored. Ms. Williams asked Mr. Swinney to inquire as to how billing would be done if some of the street lights were the old type and some the new. There are 63 street lights in the borough.

Mr. Swinney has a meeting with the engineer on May 27th at 2 pm to discuss the alleyways. Ms. Simek, in the audience, noted that the millings that were recently put down have been washed away and that there are trees overhanging the alley. Mayor Perry stated that area is private property.

Tugboats may be holding an event on May 25th.

Weed killer needs to be put down on North Avenue.

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Kasardo, to pay the invoice from JL Urban in the amount of \$4,200 for the handicap ramp replacement. Motion carried

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Eight occupancy permit inspections were done last month. Mr. Dodge is looking at grass cutting issues.

Mr. Hoover is restructuring the landlord/tenant occupancy list and plans to get some more information from landlords.

Carbon monoxide detectors are a state law so the ordinance previously discussed will not be needed. Anytime a property changes hands or an inspection is done, the property will require a carbon monoxide detector. This can start being enforced in June 2015.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell to pass Resolution 529, a resolution opting to be included in the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant and Home Programs for 2015-2017. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover would like to have a resolution or ordinance put together that requires a property manager within 50 miles of the property. Solicitor Evashavik stated that it would need to be an ordinance.

The flood plain ordinance is being coordinated between the engineer and solicitor.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Community Center was used two times in April.

The next newsletter will go out in early June.

The website is being re-worked.

There has been an excellent response for donations for the Centennial. The plan for the car cruise is progressing.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Swinney to pass Resolution 530, a resolution expressing unwavering support of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and recognizing the program's significant and unparalleled impact upon the communities in this County; and calling upon the United States Senate and House of Representatives to support full funding of the CDBG formula grants at \$3.3 billion as well as full funding for other critically important affordable housing and community and economic development programs. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Hensell noted that street sweeping will be scheduled.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, said that the Community Center should not be shown the way it currently looks if council wants to rent it. It should be set up and ready to go. The bathrooms need to be maintained and stocked. It also needs to be made clear which rooms are included in the rental. Ms. Libell also noted that the air conditioner cover is lying on the ground.

Joanne Baburich, Brighton Street, stated that Tuesday is Election Day and it is very important to get out to vote.

Mr. Baburich, Brighton Street, stated that he received a letter that Duquesne Light will not provide gas to Chalfant any longer. He also asked others in attendance when they last received a water/sewer bill.

Jeff Mitchell, Parkway Avenue, stated parking is still an issue on Parkway. There are three or four vacant houses and parking will be more problematic once these are occupied. Ms. Williams noted that the engineer reviewed Mr. Mitchell's past recommendations and stated that they would not work. Mayor Perry stated that the reason the alleys are being discussed is so that they can be used as parking is an issue all over the borough. Ms. Williams said that council can revisit the recommendations of the zoning commission at the June meeting and can also look at the area during the borough tour.

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, said that she has rented the hall on numerous occasions and can attest that the back room isn't really large enough for a graduation party and if council doesn't want the council chambers used, they should lock the area.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Williams noted that paper will continue to be picked up in the bin by the VFC but the company is stopping payments but may resume payments in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President