

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

JUNE 7, 2011

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:50 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams

Mr. Swinney 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 Sperduto, seconded by Simek, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Lasser, 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. Swinney read the mayor's report who was absent due to his work schedule.

For the month of May, there were 34, 911 calls and 183 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 6- Ordinance Violations
- 5 - Med Unit Assists
- 3- Traffic Stops
- 2- Alarm Calls
- 2- Animal Problems

SOLICITOR

No report.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mike Connors is putting together a proposal to spend 40 hours this summer maintaining the Parkway Step area at an hourly cost of \$15.

Mr. Kasardo will report on his work with Paul Suvak and Bob Henkel on the burned out light at the park and removal of the tree branches blocking the light.

Mr. Lasser thanked all for their work at the park and at the memorials. The mayor donated a flag for the park which was installed by Mr. Kasardo and Mr. Suvak. The mayor also donated \$25.00 for memorial upkeep. The memorials will be tended to by Mike and Laurie in June.

Bids are being reviewed for the door replacements. The low bid was from EZ Garage Door and Home Exteriors in the amount for \$5,592. This will be paid from the grant

The borough had an energy audit completed. Replacing lights will begin. A Department of Energy grant is paying for the majority of the cost. The borough's share will be \$2,500. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Kasardo, that the borough enter into a contract with the county's vendor to complete this work. Motion carried.

Mr. Kasardo will be asked to remove the tires at the PSB that were collected on Redd-Up Day.

The low bid for the wall at the PSB is from Tri State Development at \$4,130. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Sperduto to accept this bid. Motion carried. This will be paid from the grant. Also, the drain will be replaced at the PSB. The bid from Tri State is \$1,900. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Sperduto to accept this bid. Motion carried. This too will be paid from the grant.

Mr. Kasardo received a call from Mr. Henkel about a light fixture at the park. This project may qualify for a Duquesne Light grant and needs to be investigated.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Forest Hills is moving forward with hiring two part time police officers.

Mr. Kasardo requested a police foot patrol through the park each night. The police will also be checking the park for those parked illegally. The police will be watching stop signs in the borough. They plan to begin with North Avenue and work their way through the borough. They will also be watching for those going the wrong way on one way streets.

The VFC has three alarms and held two practices last month. The number of those attending each was read.

The VFC engine is going to Keystone for some repairs on June 25th. It will be out of service for three days.

A hoagie sale will be held in July.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Hoover is expecting a response on the codification of the ordinances in a week or two.

Waste Management has placed a recycle bin at the PSB and asks that residents be aware of the signage which indicated items allowable in the bin. Mr. Hoover has been discussing extending the borough's contract with Waste Management.

The engineer has forwarded a punch list for the Rocky Road project. All looks to be in order and the contractor will take care of this as soon as possible. The borough is waiting for bids for the work at Chalfant and Elizabeth and the borough will be repairing a drain on Chalfant between Highland and Greenfield.

Mr. Hoover attended the meeting with surrounding municipalities. The next meeting will be held on July 14th at the Chalfant Community Center.

HIGHWAYS

Patching work is still needed on some streets.

Some trees are overhanging and need to be cut back.

The chain link fence covering the catch basin at North Avenue needs to be replaced. Mr. Swinney is working with Allegheny Fence on this.

The guiderail installation is pending. The work will take one or two days to complete and residents will be notified in advance of the work dates.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

The landlord/tenant and homeowner lists for 2011 have been taken to PAMS.

Six occupancy permit inspections were completed in May. Two building permits were issued. One was for a property on Shadeland and the other for 238 Lynnwood.

Bids are being received for the work that will be supported by the grant funds.

Mr. Sperduto will be attending a hearing regarding 203 Greenfield at the magistrate's office on June 20th.

Mr. Dodge has written other citations that will require hearings.

The owner of 314 Lynnwood has not been maintaining the lot since the property burned in August and the telephone number on file is no longer in service. Mr. Sperduto is attempting to locate the owner.

Another complaint has been received regarding the property at 246 Highland. Mr. Sperduto spoke with the realty company that insisted the home was occupied. Solicitor Evashavik confirmed that only the owner can be cited, not the mortgage company.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Lasser, to transfer \$18,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The VFC audit was done on May 21st. The records were accurate and organized. Many of the suggestions from last year have been implemented. A complete report will be prepared and filed. Council recognizes Ms. Eileen Wroblewski's hard work and dedication to the best interests of the borough and the VFC.

The community center has been rented for June 18th and July 9th.

The minutes have been restored on the website.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Steve Orosz, Highland Avenue, requested clarification on the work being performed by Allegheny Fence. He also asked for clarification on the letters going out to residents as noted in Mr. Hoover's report from last month. Mr. Hoover also noted that the pickup date for trash will be changing to Mondays. This may start in late June or early July. Mr. Orosz also asked what hours the part time police officers will work to which Mr. Kasardo responded that they will work almost 40 hours per week and that they will have civil service protection but will not get benefits. Mr. Orosz stated that parking in handicapped spots at the park has been an ongoing problem and suggested warning players, coaches and families at the beginning of the baseball season. Mr. Orosz asked about how the amount due to the Crime Watch (~\$500-\$600) was calculated and Mr. Kasardo noted it was based on population. Mr. Orosz responded that he thinks it should be based on the number of calls. Mr. Orosz questioned what benefit the borough gets from recycling since the borough is not required to do this. Mr. Hoover noted that the cost to the borough will be zero dollars and it will provide a central place for residents who do want to recycle to bring their items.

Rose Tucker, Highland Avenue, asked if there was an ordinance regarding motorcycles and council noted that a motorcycle must be in compliance with the law.

Robert Baburich, Brighton Street, reported that a neighbor cut the grass around the memorial again and that Forest Hills came to cut it but did not trim around the sides.

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, reported that the water company painted the fire hydrants.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to pass Resolution 517 appointing Kratzenberg and Associates Inc d/b/a Keystone Collections Group as the local services tax collector effective January 1, 2012. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President