

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**JUNE 7, 2016**

PRESENT: Messrs. Hensell, Hoover, Syska, Kasardo, Miller

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich,

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:50 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 8, 2016**

PRESENT: Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Hensell, Kasardo, Miller, Syska, Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino

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

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Hensell, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Syska, seconded by Baburich, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

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

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Syska, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

**MAYOR**

Mr. Miller read Mayor Perry's report in his absence.

For the month of May there were 16, 911 calls and 172 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Med Unit Assists
- 3- Juvenile Complaints
- 2- Domestic

There were two traffic stops with warnings issued.

**SOLICITOR**

A meeting is scheduled for the Wet Weather solicitors group. Issues on the laterals, cameraing and maintenance will be discussed. Solicitor Evashavik will provide an update after the meeting.

Waste Management indicated that the borough could do a contract extension but per the Solicitor if the option years are over, it needs to be bid out.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Baburich read Dr. Pustorino's report.

The summer newsletter has been sent. Information on commonly violated ordinances, upcoming events, the CAA schedule and volunteer requests was included. The fall edition will go to press in September. Material for inclusion should be submitted by August.

Statistics on the amount of trash and recyclables collected in addition to participant numbers were submitted to the state. This enables the borough to be eligible for supplies in 2017.

The Porta John was vandalized. The provider will determine if it needs to be replaced. The borough requested documentation for the magistrate.

The first meeting of the Borough Communication committee was held with a focus on the website. The second meeting will focus on effectiveness of communication as related to the use of Swift Reach, the newsletter and social media.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There were no occupancy inspections.

There was one bagster permit issued.

The borough is still pursuing uncut grass issues.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

No parking signs were added to the alley behind 300 Lynnwood and 240 Wilkins.

The borough engineer is addressing a sink hole at the catch basin at the corner of Elizabeth and Brighton.

WPJWA will address the beginning of a sink hole at Shadeland and North.

Mr. Syska requested repainting of yellow curbs and curbs in front of fire hydrants that are not currently painted. Forest Hills DPW will only repaint where absolutely necessary.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

A request for storm drain bids went out and JL Urban was the lowest bidder. Motion by Hensell, seconded by Miller, to accept the bid from JL Urban in the amount of \$19,300 to repair seven drains. The locations were identified as 146 Highland, 300 block of Chalfant and Lynnwood, behind 308 Greenfield, Shadeland and Greenfield and three on the end of Shadeland Avenue. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Miller read Mr. Kasardo's report as Mr. Kasardo was attending a Duquesne Light meeting and arrived later at the council meeting.

The speed trailer was in Turtle Creek and is now in Rankin. It will come to Chalfant next.

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The chief will attend the July council meeting. He has been receiving more 911 calls from residents related to Crimewatch activity which he said is very helpful. The chief also is okay with residents calling his direct number.

Mr. Hoover read the VFC report. There were three alarms and three practices. A description along with the number of members attending was read.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Two child swings at the park were replaced with two adult swings.

Resurfacing of the tennis and basketball court areas may be investigated in the next few years.

A plumber is needed to check the bathrooms at the park. The CAA is reporting problems. There is also a tree branch on top of the pavilion that needs to be cut.

The CAA has purchased two "Keep off the Field when Wet" signs which will be hung at the park.

Mr. Syska attended the inspection Hooper Roofing completed on the roofs. At the public safety building it was determined that the lower and intermediate roof is in good shape and the upper roof needs minor repairs (estimate \$800). At the Community Center, there is some cracking along the perimeter walls that needs to be repaired (estimate \$760). A full roof resurfacing is estimated at \$1,780. Debris cleanup at both sites is also recommended. Only brooms should be used for the cleanup, no shovels or rakes.

Part of a borough tree damaged the porch and possibly some of the house roof at 322 Highland. Council will discuss the pruning of borough trees that overhang private property. A resident has also expressed concern regarding a tree on Elizabeth by the park that is very low and needs to be trimmed.

The tobacco ordinance will be advertised and council will vote on it at next month's meeting. A resident asked what is considered borough property. The Community Center, public safety building and park are borough property. The resident asked about alleys and Mr. Hoover responded no, the borough does not maintain alleys. The resident said that the alley by his house (923 Greensburg Pike) is a health hazard and that he has seen coyote and other wildlife.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Michael Aducci, 923 Greensburg Pike, would like the borough to clean up the alley. He brought in a survey and the deed which shows the alley is behind his property. He stated that by law he owns one half of the Greensburg Pike but someone maintains this property. He asked for assistance maintaining the alley. He said that there are two trees that overhand his fence. He received two bids (\$564 and \$1,000) to take the trees down completely. Mr. Hoover said that the borough will look into this but has not maintained this area in the past.

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Doris Libell, 127 Lynnwood, thanked council for coming to the Memorial Day service and Mr. Lasser for helping to clean up. Mr. Hoover thanked Ms. Libell and Ms. Baburich for organizing the event. Attendance was much improved over last year.

Judith Fox, 240 Highland, asked about the status of the vacant home across from the school. Mr. Hoover stated it is supposed to go up for sheriff sale.

Michael Aducci, 923 Greensburg Pike, said his property is zoned B1 and was told he cannot park his boat in front of his house. Council responded that the ordinance requires it to be hooked to a vehicle if on the street. It can be parked in his yard or driveway.

Mr. Miller asked Solicitor Evashavik about the trees overhanging the fence. The Solicitor stated that the borough must cut the tree back. The property owner can choose to do it as well.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kasardo stated that the police chief will attend the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. He also reported on the meter exchange program discussed at the Duquesne Light meeting he attended. Letters will be sent to the residents. He also mentioned that Duquesne Light is once again taking refrigerators but that they must be in working order. Additionally they also have energy kits and rebates for energy efficient appliances.

Mr. Miller stated that he saw an individual without a permit walking door to door the other day. He reminded all that they must have a permit and residents can ask to see it.

Mr. Hoover reported that the school district wants to hang banners in the borough. These will be provided by the school district.

Doris Libell has been named as the borough representative to WHEMS.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Hensell, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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Council President