

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

JUNE 9, 2015

PRESENT: Ms. Williams, Ms. Pustorino, Messrs. Hoover, Lasser, Swinney, Kasardo

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Mr. Hensell

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

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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 Pustorino, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

MAYOR

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

For the month of May there were 36, 911 calls and 184 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Domestic
- 3- Return Calls for Information
- 3- Thefts
- 2- Alarms
- 2- Med Unit Assists
- 2- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Burglary Reports

There were two traffic stops with a warnings issued.

SOLICITOR

No Report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The newsletter is in progress.

Website updates were made. Order forms for the Centennial flags, Centennial T-shirts, and the meeting minutes will be added.

There are limited tickets still available for the Pirate Game on June 28th. The car cruise will be discussed at the next Wednesday evening meeting.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Lasser, to transfer \$5,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

The Centennial Facebook page may turn into the Borough Facebook page once the Centennial is over. There are control issues however with pages that are not personal pages.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There were three occupancy inspections last month.

There are five buildings currently being inspected by BIU and three may need to be condemned.

Mr. Hoover gave an update on Mr. Dodge's activities which are extensive. He works hard to keep issues at bay. He drove over 120 miles in the borough during the past month. Most residents comply with his requests.

Chickens and farm animals of any type are prohibited in the borough unless there is over 2 acres of property.

The borough's open burning ordinance is stricter than the county ordinance. Residents must burn only seasoned wood, no trash or other materials, there cannot be excessive smoke and the cut off time is 10pm.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Swinney requested that Forest Hills DPW clear the debris from behind the jersey barriers on North Avenue. He also expects hot patching of streets to be done soon. The overgrown weeds were cut at the park and along sections of guide rail. Mr. Swinney also ordered No Dumping and No Parking replacement signs. Mr. Hensell noted that the Chalfant street sign at the corner of the Greensburg Pike and Chalfant Street is worn out.

The sealing issues with Elizabeth Avenue have been resolved. The alleys off Chalfant Street and by the VFC need attention. Mr. Lasser said that before the alleys are treated, council should look at streets that need work.

Chalfant will be included in COG's land bank analysis.

Mr. Swinney called the county again about the Greensburg Pike.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Street sweeping was done in May.

Several storm drains in the borough need to be repaired.

Curbside recycling will be investigated.

Mr. Baburich stated that there is a gap between the roadway and the handicap ramp outside of the Community Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting in Forest Hills on June 2nd. The police chief discussed the recent break-ins. The suspects were caught for the one that occurred on Fairview and this was because a resident called 911. The police chief continues to urge residents to be vigilant and call 911 whenever necessary.

The police were asked to check on some cars that have expired stickers. They will have seven days to move the cars or they will be towed.

The batteries on the stop signs were replaced.

Mr. Kasardo met with a representative from Duquesne Light on June 5th to complete the issues with the LED Program. A new pole will be put in at the park and twelve new LED lights will be installed starting at the top of West and continuing left onto North. They will stop at the corner of North and Rossmore.

There were two alarms and three practices for the VFC. The number of members attending each was read.

The pumper is scheduled for inspection.

Eileen Wroblewski from the VFC discussed the 501c4 issue with council on Tuesday, June 6th.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Ms. Pustorino read Mr. Lasser's report in his absence (he arrived late to the meeting).

The Pennsylvania primary was on Tuesday May 19th.

Bids are being received for the park grant work.

The skylight in the storage garage at the park is coming loose and Ken Bischel will provide an estimate to repair.

Scott Pasko Plumbing replaced the 19 gallon hot water tank at the park.

Mr. Kasardo is getting a copy of the Chalfant AA insurance certificate and the ball schedule for the park. Ms. Pustorino will add the ballgame dates to the newsletter. The last regular game is on June 18th and then the playoff's follow.

Mike Connors prepared a maintenance budget for the Parkway Steps and projected a maximum of 40 hours work.

A small group of volunteers met on May 23rd for Redd Up Day.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ed Olen, Lynnwood Avenue, stated that someone dumped several bags of construction trash behind the firehouse. Mr. Lasser stated that a resident had bagged the trash and left it there. The resident was trying to be helpful.

Joanne Baburich, Brighton Street, asked if a stop sign could be put on North Avenue before the bend. Solicitor Evashavik stated that you can't have a stop sign unless there is an intersection. Mr. Hoover suggested that cutting back the trees and bushes may be helpful in the area. Someone would need to determine whose property this is. Ms. Baburich said that the Memorial Service turned out nice.

Dan Miller, Highland Avenue, asked if council considered banning smoking in the park. Council noted that it's not technically prohibited but it would be difficult to enforce if it was. Either the code officer or the police could cite offenders. Mr. Hoover asked if a no smoking on borough property could be done to cover the park, Community Center and Public Safety Building. The answer was yes via a new ordinance. Mr. Miller also asked if Memorial Day weekend typically worked for Redd-Up Day and Mr. Lasser said it's usually held in April. Mr. Lasser also noted that the engineer is getting bids for the park work and that the swing sets will come down as they are too high.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lasser passed out information on storm water management for homeowners.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council Vice President