

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

JUNE 10, 2014

PRESENT: Ms. Pustorino, Messrs., Hensell, Kasardo, Hoover, Swinney

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Mr. Lasser

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:58 pm.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

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 Lasser, seconded by Hensell, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

MAYOR

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

For the month of May there were 34, 911 calls and 180 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 7- Domestic
- 3- Med Unit Assists
- 3- Animal Complaints
- 2- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Suspicious Persons
- 2- Return calls for Information

There were three traffic stops with two citations issued.

SOLICITOR

No Report

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Kasardo and Mr. Lasser took the tires collected on Redd Up Day to Tykes Service Station for disposal. The disposal cost was \$30.00.

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.

Tammy Donaldson will be interviewed for Doris Libell's vacated position on June 11th.

The Community Center was used for Election Day on May 20th and rented on June 8th.

A halide flood light was installed on the corner of the Community Center at a cost of \$250.00. The corner light and light over the double doors were burned out. These were replaced at a cost of \$150.00. The work was done by Daniel Bridge.

The toilet in the ladies room at the park was repaired.

The tree situation at the park was reviewed again. Mr. Connors suggested that eight trees be removed. A lift will be needed and the cost for that is \$600.00. Mr. Connors would remove the vines at a cost of \$100.00 and cut and haul everything away at a cost of \$1,400.00.

Mr. Connors submitted an invoice in the amount of \$165.00 for work done at the Parkway Steps area.

Ms. Pustorino, Mr. Hoover and Mr. Lasser spruced up the memorials and entrance to the borough.

A large tree at the end of the 300 block of Lynnwood was hit by lightning. Mr. Connors removed the tree at a cost of \$150.00. Mr. Lasser will determine if the tree was on borough or school property. If on school property, they would be responsible per the solicitor.

The VFC broke a key in the VFC door. The cost to fix is \$86.00.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell, to amend the motion made in December 2013 to take down 14 trees at the park to now include eight trees, removal of vines and rental of a lift for a total cost of \$2,100. Motion carried. Ms. Pustorino inquired as to when the work would be done and Mr. Lasser responded that it depended on when the equipment was available.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills Public Safety meeting on June 3rd. Recent gas station robberies were discussed. Three suspects have been arrested.

The police will be doing stop sign details.

Mr. Theilacker changed the batteries in the stop signs.

Mr. Kasardo spoke with Mr. Martoni about the Greensburg Pike issues of the trailer being parked there and the road's condition. Mr. Martoni said letters regarding the condition of the

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road can be sent straight to him, and he along with the district magistrate confirmed that the local police can issue citations on a county road that is within a borough's jurisdiction.

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

The engine is out for inspection. Once back, the second truck will go out.

The financial report on the hoagie sale is pending.

The five inch hose needs to be inspected. The name of a company that does this has been provided to the fire chief. The cost is \$25.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Hensell met with the forester regarding the trees at the park.

Street sweeping has been done.

Storm drains that need to be repaired have been marked with white paint.

An e-cycle pick up will be scheduled.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Grass cutting is ongoing. The brush hog should be back in service in about one week.

Painting of curbs and cross walks will be done.

Mr. Swinney met with the engineer to discuss the alleyways. Work on alleys will start with the one on Elizabeth. Paving of approximately 500 feet is planned due to ponding and erosion.

Street signs will be ordered. Mr. Swinney learned there is no requirement for school crossing signs, just whatever the council feels is necessary.

Mr. Swinney attended the COG meeting. The discussion focused on blighted properties, especially in North Braddock. North Braddock will not permit natural gas drilling at the Grandview Golf Course area. Mr. Hensell asked if a company could laterally frack in Chalfant. The solicitor responded that an agreement to do this would be required.

Mr. Swinney attended an informational meeting with other council members and members of the school board. The school millage is tentatively planned to remain the same for the upcoming year. Ms. Williams added that the school district is holding a Community Day in August and the borough can have a table at the event.

Mr. Swinney got reflective emergency management apparel at a cost of \$65.00.

Mr. Lasser called Mr. Theilacker regarding the center rentals on June 22nd and June 29th.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Four occupancy permit inspections were done last month. Grass cutting issues are being addressed. Three properties are being looked at. There is another property on Fairview where the legal owner is deceased that the borough will need to cut the grass at. There are a lot of back taxes owed and Mr. Hoover will discuss the property with the school district.

Mr. Hoover discussed a request by a resident to do cooking in her home with the solicitor. Solicitor Evashavik said this will be okay as she will not have employees or customers coming to the home.

To do items were compiled during the borough tour. Mr. Hoover suggested a park cleanup day and Ms. Williams noted that the CAA should be contacted to help. A date will be included in the summer newsletter.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Pustorino attended the meeting with the forester in the park as well. He suggested that the borough develop a multi-year plan for the park.

A letter to local dignitaries and members of the community has been sent regarding the car cruise. Some donations have been received.

Ms. Pustorino would like to create a contract with the webmaster for website maintenance.

A letter has been drafted that will be sent to neighboring communities concerning the condition of the Greensburg Pike.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Lasser to issue real estate tax refunds in the amount of \$170.40 for 2013 and \$170.40 for 2014 to Brandy Capital Corp for Lot and Blk 0374-G-00273. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

The annual VFC audit will be scheduled sometime over the next three weeks.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Annette Simek, Elizabeth Avenue, asked if the minutes are up to date on the website. Ms. Pustorino responded that they are not and that she is working with the webmaster to update these. She noted that there seems to be a technical glitch as the March minutes had been on the site but now the minutes showing are only through January. Ms. Simek thanked Mr. Swinney for looking into the alley and asked about the trees that are overhanging her property. She has asked about this several times. She also asked how the street sweeping was communicated. Council responded that there was signage but no phone outreach message.

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, asked who decided to move the hoagie sale from the building to the corner. Apparently it wasn't advertised but the fire truck was used to do "drive around" announcements.

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Joanne Baburich, Brighton Street, asked about the wreath that was to go on the memorial. Council responded that it is in the back room and will be put up.

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, stated that a person was working in the house by hers but it was not determined if he was the owner or hired help. The grass is getting high and council noted the owner will be cited if not resolved soon. She also noted that the park field is ponding. Mr. Kasardo will contact the company that did the work.

Jeff Mitchell, Parkway Avenue, noted that the porch at 124 Brighton looks like a hoarding situation. Mr. Hoover responded that this was seen during the borough tour. Mr. Mitchell also stated that he does not want the weeds beside his property sprayed. He asked if he could purchase the right of way but council responded that the borough does not own the right of way. Mr. Hoover will speak with the engineer.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Kasardo said that Forest Hills has asked about the contracts for the upcoming years. He stated that he feels the police contract is okay and Mr. Swinney needs to review the public works one.

Mr. Swinney stated, that in regard to parking on Parkway, he went to the location on a prior Friday evening and counted the vehicles, the number of garages and measured the area. The engineer has been consulted two times on this issue and concluded that a change to parking would not be feasible. Mr. Swinney recommended that residents use their garages to park. Ms. Williams added that during the borough tour it was noted that parking seems to be available on Fairview, however, someone has painted curbs yellow on some areas and this should be removed. It was also discussed that a zoning change could be done to keep future properties sold from becoming multi units.

Mr. Lasser spoke with Casey Carpet regarding carpet for the Community Center. The price has increased to approximately \$2,300 for council's chamber and \$2,900 for the back room. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Swinney, to move forward with purchase of carpet at a cost of \$2,311.88 for the council chamber area and \$2,872.65 for the back room. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Pustorino inquired if anyone was noticing issues with their mail service. Many have noticed this.

A letter will be drafted that can be given to the ACCESS driver that per the solicitor ACCESS can use the borough right of way to pick up passengers. A copy will be provided to give to the neighbor as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President