

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**JUNE 11, 2013**

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:31 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 12, 2013**

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Mr. Kasardo

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

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

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

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

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

**MAYOR**

Ms. Simek read the Mayor's report in his absence.

For the month of May there were 44, 911 calls and 171 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

5-Suspicious Activities

5-Parking Complaints

3-Ordinance Violations

3-Suspicious Persons

3-Searches for Wanted Person. The wanted person was eventually arrested in North Braddock on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

2-Domestics

2-DOA's. There was no indication of criminal involvement.

**SOLICITOR**

No report

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

There are no rentals of the Community Center at this time.

The newsletter has been sent out. Ms. Simek has requested extra copies from the editor.

Ms. Simek and Ms. Williams completed the VFC financial review on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The written report will be provided to the appropriate parties.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

The annual occupancy report for owners and landlords has been copied and distributed. Mr. Lasser asked if the report could be put online but it was discussed that the report contains some personal information so this will not be done.

Over \$800 was collected for occupancy permits.

Some complaints were received last month about grass issues. Some were rectified and some are ongoing.

The shrubbery at the Community Center has been trimmed. Some new plants, rock and mulch will be put in.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$17,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Swinney and Mr. Theilacker drove the borough and noted areas that need attention. Alleyways will be maintained with millings and some hot patch will be put down on Shadeland. There is some overgrowth and low hanging branches that need to be trimmed.

Work on the West Street sidewalk is ongoing. A manhole needs to be lowered to meet the grade of the sidewalk.

Duquesne Light was contacted about the street light at the corner of West and North and this should be repaired by June 11<sup>th</sup>.

The repairs of the Chalfant sign on West Street is in progress and should be done in July. The cost is unknown at this time.

The newsletter was nicely done as was the tribute to Mr. Sperduto.

Mr. Swinney attended an informal, informative meeting with the members of the school board.

Handles and doorknobs need to be installed on the inside doors at the Community Center.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Bids will be obtained in July for the storm drain work. This will be done prior to paving.

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The engineer attended the meeting last night. The borough is in good shape in regards to the consent decree. Mr. Hoover thanked the engineer for his work.

There are skunks in the borough. At this time it's a private property manner.

There has been a lot of activity with E-cycle, however, the borough was notified that the company will begin charging moving forward. It will be \$250 per load. Council anticipates that there will be one pickup per year so the borough will cover this cost. Mr. Hoover plans to explore other options as well.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek, to extend delaying the inspection of laterals mandated by the consent decree to June 2014. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover thanked Pat Clevenger for helping to build the wall.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Lasser read Mr. Kasardo's report in his absence.

There was one practice with three members attending for the VFC.

The VFC has two new members.

The fire engine will be going out for inspection.

New, stronger lights will be installed on the engine. These will be purchased with a state grant and the labor will be paid for from the VFC budget.

The signed VFC lease agreement will be returned to the borough secretary.

The speed trailer is up and in service. Council discussed possible locations for the trailer.

No problems were reported on the outdoor concert at Tugboats.

The Crime Watch group will man a table at the Forest Hills Community Day celebration.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Hooper Roofing repaired the leak on the Rossmore Street garage. The roof is under warranty.

Groundbreakers will complete the french drain work at the park which has been delayed due to weather. The engineer will inspect the work prior to the final payment being released.

Mr. Connors submitted an invoice for maintenance work done at the Parkway Step location.

Susan Scampone, Chad Hoover and Patrick Clevenger worked on the memorials and Chalfant sign area at the corner of Chalfant Street and the Greensburg Pike.

Barry Cassidy, a Planning and Development Consultant, discussed incorporating the Chalfant as a 501 C-3 for the purpose of fighting blight and other things.

Mr. Kasardo and Mr. Lasser attended the Forest Hills Memorial Day service. They discussed the possibility of including Chalfant in the event with Mayor O'Malley.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Guy Petry, Greenfield Avenue, noted that hedges at the corner of Chalfant Street and the Greensburg Pike are overgrown. Mr. Sperduto will take a look at the area. Mr. Petry also noted that solicitors were in the area as were scrap hunters.

Bob Hensell, Elizabeth Avenue, asked why residents of Chalfant cannot use the Forest Hills pool. Ms. Williams suggested that Mr. Lasser could inquire. Mr. Lasser stated that the Blackridge Swim Club is accepting applications. Mr. Lasser also stated that the Centennial Committee may want to consider renting the pool for an event.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

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

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Council President