

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

JULY 9, 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 8:20 pm.

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PRESENT: Ms. Williams, Ms. Simek, Messrs., Swinney, Lasser, Sperduto, Hoover, Kasardo, 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 Sperduto, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

Motion by Swinney, 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 June there were 41, 911 calls and 179 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3-Alarm Calls
- 3-Parking Violations
- 3-Disturbing the Peace Calls
- 2-Animal Complaints
- 2-Follow up Calls for Information
- 2-Suspicious Activities
- 2-Loud Music Complaints

There were two traffic stops which resulted in citations.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Evashivik discussed the Three Rivers Wet Weather meeting that he attended. He noted that contribution rates will be calculated by the end of the year. Ms. Williams added that based on the figures provided by the engineer, no increase in the surcharge should be necessary.

Mr. Swinney noted that the borough doesn't have a burning ordinance and there has been issues with fire pits and open burning and council would like Solicitor Evashavik to advise. The solicitor stated that the idea is to provide for the health and safety of residents and advised council to look where homes are the most dense when deciding what the footage limit should be. There can be exceptions for outdoor grilling and restrictions based on the calendar month, time of day, what can be burned etc. Council will provide the solicitor with some guidelines and he will draft an ordinance.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

There are two rentals of the Community Center, one on July 14th and one on August 10th.

Susan Scampane would like council to keep her updated on information regarding the centennial that they would like published. She has also been receiving recipes which she will begin to compile.

The VFC financial review report has been written and provided to the appropriate parties.

The tax collector will be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings through August.

Ms. Libell is retiring. Council thanked her for all of her years of service. The opening will be advertised in the newsletter.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

It has been a busy time with grass cutting issues. The borough is spending approximately \$300 to \$400 per month cutting lots. Mr. Sperduto attempts to contact the property owners but they are not always responsive.

On June 26th a large tree at 222 North Avenue fell on the home at 221 Fairview Avenue. Michael Connors removed the tree at a cost of \$225. A bill was submitted to First Fidelity for reimbursement.

Mr. Sperduto received a telephone call from the owner of 201 Elizabeth Avenue regarding storm water flowing into a sanitary drain and they discussed what needed to be done. The engineer and BIU were also consulted.

Six occupancy permit inspections were completed last month.

A building permit has been requested for a new deck on 283 Brighton Street.

Landscaping was done at the Community Center. Yearly maintenance will be required to keep the area in good condition.

The hedges on the corner of Chalfant Street and the Greensburg Pike have been cut in response to a complaint received.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Concrete needs to be poured on the West Street sidewalk. Asphalt has been applied to various sections of Shadeland Avenue. Rock and shale has been removed from behind the jersey barrier on North Avenue.

A tree issue in the alley off of Brighton Street was taken care of by a resident.

There was a good turnout for the entertainment at Tugboats. There was a complaint about public urination which Tugboats will address for future events.

Mr. Sperduto noted that the "No Littering" sign on Elizabeth Avenue is covered and cannot be read. The brush hog is not working currently but weed whacking, which could be done, is not being done.

Mr. Hoover asked if the Greenfield sign with most of its letters missing could be replaced.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Hoover looked into recycling and determined that the borough's current arrangement is the best deal at this time.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to approve the bid from JL Urban in the amount of \$18,100 for repair of storm drains on Brighton (there are eight projects included). This work will be done prior to the street being paved. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Forest Hills is still using the speed trailer as the chief wanted it for the July 4th holiday. Mr. Kasardo will make arrangements for it to be brought to the borough and it will be put on Elizabeth.

The VFC had one alarm and four practices last month. The number of members attending was read.

Engine 120 passed inspection. New SCBA brackets were installed.

The lease between the VFC and the borough has been signed so the VFC can move forward with the small games of chance license.

The equipment list for the insurance company was sent. A copy will be provided to the borough secretary.

The Sams Club account has been paid in full.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Sperduto had new plants and mulch put down at the Community Center.

Groundbreakers completed the french drain work at the park. The final payment was released.

Council thanked Ryan Person who has been voluntarily cutting the grass at the North/Fairview memorial.

Barry Cassidy, Planning and Development Consultant, met with council on June 11th to discuss incorporating the borough as a 501C-3. Council will consider this for the future.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, stated that the stop sign on Greenfield at Chalfant is almost covered by bushes. Ms. Libell also asked about the specifics of the VFC gas ticket lottery fundraiser. Council responded that it will be based off of the Pennsylvania lottery number and that the VFC will handle the funds.

Ed Olen, Lynnwood Avenue, thanked Mr. Sperduto for all of his hard work over the years. He noted that he also likes the newsletter and thinks that it is very professional. Mr. Olen also thanked Mr. Hoover for his work on recycling. Mr. Olen noted that weeds are growing down Lynnwood Avenue and suggested that the DPW spray the weeds and put tar down. Mr. Olen also stated that the home by his on Lynnwood is continuing to deteriorate and should be torn down.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to issue a real estate tax refund to Martin Media in the amount of \$53.15. Motion carried.

A resident had his property surveyed and would like Mr. Sperduto to look at it as he is planning to put up a fence. There is an issue with the neighbor's wall.

The Centennial Committee will open a checking account to manage the funds for the celebration.

Mr. Lasser will contact Mr. Connors regarding a part of a tree that fell down at the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President