

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**JULY 9, 2014**

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

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 10:17 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

**MAYOR**

For the month of June there were 45, 911 calls and 178 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 9- Suspicious Activities
- 5- Med Unit Assists
- 4- Suspicious Persons
- 2- Domestic
- 2- Suspicious Vehicles
- 2-Thefts

There were two traffic stops with citations issued.

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Evashavik drafted a generic hold harmless agreement and provided to Mr. Hoover. Mr. Hoover asked if it needs to be passed this evening. The solicitor responded that it should be approved by the insurance carrier first but council could make a motion tonight to enter into the agreement conditional upon approval by the insurance company.

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Solicitor Evashavik had a discussion with Ms. Williams about a zoning conversion and asked if the borough has a planning commission which it does.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Hooper Roofing looked at the public safety building roof.

Cleaning was done at the public safety building and the community center.

An application was received for Ms. Libell's prior position and the applicant will be interviewed.

The carpet will be installed at the community center between July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Some trees were removed at the park by Mike Connors. A spider lift was rented. The total cost was \$1,900.

The engineer is submitting a state recreation grant for the borough. A wish list has been put together and sent to the engineer.

Duquesne Light contacted the borough about some trees they want to cut at the Parkway Steps area.

The wreath has been hung on the memorial.

P&L Investments will hold two presentations on Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Hills recreation center to discuss the remediation plan. One is at 10 am and one at 7 pm.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills Public Safety meeting on July 1st. Forest Hills has hired a new PT police officer. Mr. Kasardo spoke with the chief about beginning evening stop sign details.

The speed trailer has been moved to North Avenue.

A large truck had been parking on Rossmore Street but it was not parking correctly. Mr. Kasardo contacted the leasing company who contacted the owner. Mr. Kasardo would like the truck ticketed each day.

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

The engine is going out in August so that a new cord reel can be installed. The service truck will also go out for generator work.

Chief Wroblewski will be recovering from foot surgery for the next three months. A request was made to Mr. Hoover to be available as a driver during these months.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

An e-cycle pickup occurred on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Numerous storm drains need to be repaired. These are located at 218 Elizabeth, 204 Rossmore, 104 Fairview, 122 Brighton, 230 Fairview and 322 Highland.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Swinney is unsure if the brush hog is fixed yet but it is needed to clean debris.

Mayor Perry asked if spraying could be done as it has been done in the past.

There have been issues with bad conduct at the park. Council has decided to remove the basketball hoops temporarily and put up signage as to why. Mayor Perry noted that the borough cannot restrict who uses the park as state and federal funds have been received for the park. Mr. Hoover asked Mayor Perry if the hoops go back up and the profane language continues, if the police can cite the violators as it's against borough ordinance. Solicitor Evashavik also stated that the police could cite them for disorderly conduct. Ms. Pustorino would like no smoking signs hung in the park.

Mr. Swinney reported that council has been discussing problems with the alleyways for quite some time. The plan is to now do them systematically starting with the Elizabeth Avenue alley since a lot of the complaints have centered on that location. The borough plans to put down 500 feet of asphalt. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Hoover, to accept the quotation from McKee Asphalt at a total cost of \$10,755.00. Mr. Lasser said that he would like to see the alleyway plan and asked if each would be paved. Ms. Williams stated that each may not be paved but may be improved through other means. Mayor Perry asked if the borough will get a performance bond on the work. A discussion ensued and the motion was tabled pending an investigation of the performance bond issue.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

Three occupancy permit inspections were done last month.

Mr. Hoover has several grass / weed issues on his radar. The borough will need to start maintaining 242 Highland as the resident is no longer there. At 210 Fairview the owner has been cited and will continue to be cited if he is non responsive. Mr. Hoover is not in favor of the borough cutting the grass in this location but Mayor Perry stated that the high grass is a problem for the neighbors. Ms. Williams suggested that the borough cut the grass and then bill the owner for the cost and then cite him again if it grows back.

Hooper Roofing reported that there is a problem with the roof at the public safety building. Water is trapped between the existing two roofs. The roof will need to be replaced in the next two or three years. A cantilever should be installed when the roof is replaced.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Pustorino, to enter into a hold harmless agreement with P&L Investments, contingent on the insurance company's approval, for the property at the end of North Avenue so that the property can be used during the car cruise. Motion carried.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

A meeting will be held next Wednesday to walk through the car cruise event. Many prizes have been donated.

Ms. Pustorino has been actively working with the webmaster to update the website. The minutes from May are now up.

The summer newsletter will go out on Friday.

Motion Pustorino, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$12,500 from the general fund money market to the general fund checking. Motion carried.

Motion Pustorino, seconded by Hoover, to issue a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$51.39 to David Mandak for the property at 301 Shadeland for 2014 real estate taxes. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Michael Sperduto, Elizabeth Avenue, asked about the trees that were previously earmarked to be cut down but which have not yet been cut. Ms. Williams stated that a forester came and made the final decision on which trees to cut and also added that funds to cut down additional trees is a part of the recreation grant.

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, asked if the baseball association goes out and solicits businesses. Mr. Kasardo responded that they do this at the end of the season when they have a picnic.

Ed Olen, Lynnwood Avenue, asked what criteria is being used to determine what will be done with the alleys and asked if council is planning to open alleys that are partially closed. Council responded no to the latter question and a discussion ensued on alley work. Mr. Olen also stated that 204 Lynnwood has been vacant for over 10 years. The porch roof has dropped and the foundation has cracked and crumbled. Mr. Hoover said that he plans to address this in the fall.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Kasardo asked where council would like to move the speed trailer to.

There is a parking problem on Parkway Avenue. Solicitor Evashavik said that since a variance is not requested the planning commission would need to convene a public hearing regarding rezoning. The overlay map would be done as the first step. After the hearing the commission would make recommendations to council but council is not bound by their recommendations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hensell, to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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Council President