

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

JULY 10, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Simek, Messrs. Sperduto, Swinney, Hoover, Kasardo

ABSENT: Ms. Williams, Mr. Lasser

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:01 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

JULY 11, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Simek, Messrs. Sperduto, Swinney, Hoover, Kasardo, Lasser, Solicitor Nick Evashavik

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of June there were 47, 911 calls and 175 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 6-Med Unit Assists
- 5-Suspicious Activities
- 3-Alarm Calls
- 3-Animal Complaints
- 3-Suspicious Persons
- 2-Ordinance Violations
- 2-Soliciting Complaints

There were also four park walk-thrus and three traffic stops with three citations issued.

Mayor Perry presented Mrs. Rose Tucker with the 2012 Good Neighbor Award. Mr. Perry read through a list of Mrs. Tucker's contributions to the borough and Mrs. Tucker stated that she hoped everyone could come together to make the upcoming 100th Anniversary celebration a wonderful one.

SOLICITOR

No report

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Work at the park backstop was completed. Also a cover was made for a sewer drain on North Avenue and a hole was repaired in the fence at the Community Center.

Mr. Lasser is waiting for bids on work at the ladies room at the Community Center. He is also getting bids for carpet replacement in this building.

Ms. Joanne Baburich has resigned from the anniversary committee. Mr. Lasser thanked Ms. Baburich for her time.

The Group on Blight is working on a database. There is some funding to help keep the project running.

The picnic tables have been painted at the park.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting in Forest Hills. The stop sign detail is ongoing. The speed trailer is on Elizabeth and will be moved in a few areas on this street and then onto the Greensburg Pike. Mr. Kasardo plans to put lights on other stops signs in the borough since the light is working well on the stop sign on North Avenue.

There were three alarms and three practices for the VFC. The details and the number of members attending were provided.

The computer went out on the pumper and was replaced. Also the pump was certified and the seals were replaced.

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Lasser, that the borough donate \$100 to the VFC to help defray the cost of a booth at the Turtle Creek Community Days. Motion carried.

Mr. Kasardo spoke with Mr. Belmont at a meeting and there is a state program to install sidewalks for safety in communities. Mr. Kasardo will get more details about the program.

Mr. Hoover thanked Mr. Kasardo for everything he did for the VFC recently.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto to move the lateral inspection requirement from June 2012 to July 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek, to pass resolution #526, a resolution to set the billing process for the sewer surcharge for Highland Manor properties. Motion carried.

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Mayor Perry thanked Mr. Hoover for pursuing this and stated that substantial income should be generated by this. Ms. Williams noted that Mayor Perry originated the idea.

Three basins will be repaired. One is on Lynnwood and two are on Greenfield.

The steps on Rocky Road were removed, the area was re-graded and grass was planted. A railing will be installed once the grass takes root.

The borough has problem with skunks, raccoons and ground hogs. Mr. Hoover received some prices from critter control companies. Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to hire Pittsburgh Animal Control to set traps in the borough and remove critters for an amount not to exceed \$1,000. Motion carried.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

A new grate cover was installed on Greenfield.

Trimming and brush hog work has been done and will continue.

Road patching will commence during the next two weeks. The areas that need to be done will be conveyed to Forest Hills.

Steve Orosz asked whose responsibility it is to put up the knocked down signs on the Greensburg Pike. Mr. Swinney will look into it.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Four occupancy permits were completed.

Mr. Sperduto has contacted HABC bank regarding work needing to be done on a property. HABC is in the process of getting legal clearance to perform the work.

The owner of the property at 314 Elizabeth wants to install an in-ground pool. Building Inspector Underwriters will handle this permit. The property must also have a current survey. There is a sewer line that runs through this property.

Mr. Sperduto received a call from Greg DiNardo regarding doing renovations on the street that connects to his new building. The engineer is looking into this request.

A letter signed by "Concerned Citizens of Elizabeth Avenue" was received. Mr. Sperduto and Mr. Dodge will look at the hedges referred to in the letter. Mayor Perry noted that he does not like to give credence to anonymous letters but that the borough should explore why the height of hedges are not covered by the ordinance but the height of fences are.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Simek, to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

There was one rental of the park pavilion in June and three rentals are scheduled; two in August and one in September.

The minutes and the newsletter are on the website.

Ms. Simek and Mrs. Schwoegl worked with Citizen's Bank to get most of the borough accounts changed to interest bearing ones.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, asked Mr. Kasardo to explain the \$100 donation to the VFC. Per Mr. Kasardo it is to help offset the cost of a booth at the Turtle Creek Community Days. This will be a fundraiser for the VFC.

Steve Orosz, Highland Avenue, gave a brief history on the 1933 Chalfant ladies mush ball team.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Perry reported that Mr. Peticca is planning to hold a festival at Tugboats on three different days, one on July 15th, one in August and one in September. He has discussed with the police and has checked that he will be in compliance with all rules. The event will start at 2pm and end at 10pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President