

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**JULY 12, 2011**

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:57 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**JULY 13, 2011**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Swinney

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

Ms. Williams deferred from the regular order of business to permit Mayor Perry to present the 2011 Good Neighbor Award to Frank and Ann Kravetz.

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

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

**MAYOR**

For the month of May, there were 34, 911 calls and 178 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

5 - Med Unit Assists

4- Domestic

3- Suspicious Activities

3- Parking Complaints

In addition there were five park checks. There were also three traffic details resulting in three stop sign violations.

**SOLICITOR**

No report.

### **BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Tom Kasardo and Paul Suvak replaced the burned out light at the park.

The Port-a-John was knocked over by someone on July 4<sup>th</sup>. FH DPW up-righted it. Mr. Lasser is having rebar stakes put around the base to keep this from happening again.

Mr. Lasser is getting a quote for wood chips for the playground area.

The memorials were fixed up for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hoover and Mr. Swinney are going to work on the landscaping around the Chalfant sign on Chalfant Street.

Doors at the community center and public safety building have been replaced by EZ Garage Doors and Home Exteriors. These doors will be paid for from the grant funds. Mr. Lasser is getting a bid to replace the VFD door that leads to the second floor.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting at Forest Hills. The police have started the stop sign detail and some citations have been handed out. The speed sensor will be placed on Rossmore Street. The police have been patrolling the handicapped spaces at the park and gave out some citations.

There will be no crime watch meeting in July.

The VFC had three alarms and five practices. The number of members responding to each was read.

The VFC is having a hoagie sale. The pickup date is July 30<sup>th</sup>. The VFC is also considering selling a lottery ticket where the prize is a gas card. The VFC will be selling food at the Turtle Creek Community days this weekend.

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to extend lateral inspection requirement dates from May 31, 2011 to July 31, 2012. The borough does not want to put this requirement onto homeowners until mandated to. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to approve two bids from JL Urban. The first is for the french drain tie in to the basin on Greenfield Avenue in the amount of \$2,625 and the second is to remove and replace the catch basin at the corner of Elizabeth and Chalfant Streets in the amount of \$2,900. Motion carried.

The codification of the ordinances has been advertised and council plans to pass at the August meeting.

Waste Management approached the borough about extending the contract in place. This must be put out for bid thus an advertisement for bids has been placed. Council plans to open the bids at the August meeting.

Keystone will be the earned income tax collector effective January 1, 2012 however PAMS will continue to collect delinquent earned income from 2011 and back. There will be no cost to the

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borough for this and the school board is going with PAMS so council is considering going with PAMS as well.

The new garbage pickup day is Mondays.

**HIGHWAYS**

Mr. Sperduto read Mr. Swinney's report in his absence.

Mr. Swinney will notify residents when Allegheny Fence will be installing the guide rail.

A letter for residents to alert the borough of special needs in the event of an emergency is being distributed.

Forest Hills DPW has been completing grass cutting, tree trimming and patchwork on roads.

Mr. Swinney gave a list of 15 signs to Mr. Theilacker to order.

A resident requested that the borough inspect a tree on the community center lot that is overhanging her property. Some trimming has been completed. Larger branches may need to be addressed by a professional tree service.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

The retaining wall and drain inside the public safety building have been completed. The borough may get the pavement redone next year.

A permit for a fence was issued for 145 Wilkins Avenue.

Mr. Dunstan has requested an extension until the end of October for the property at 107 West Street. This will be the final extension.

Mr. Sperduto hopes to have the bank complete cleanup work at the property at 246 Highland Avenue by the end of the week. If not, he will need to have a private contractor complete.

Mr. Sperduto and Mr. Dodge went to the magistrate's office on June 20<sup>th</sup> for a hearing on 203 Greenfield Avenue. The hearing was cancelled and rescheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup>. The magistrate ordered the owner to pay \$1,000. The tenant at this property was also issued another citation for living in the property without an occupancy permit.

An occupancy permit was issued for 306 Lynnwood Avenue.

Mr. Sperduto has received several calls regarding the condition of the property at 268 Brighton Avenue. The landlord was advised and some progress has been made.

Mr. Sperduto received two phone calls on high grass at 281 Brighton Avenue. The grass has been cut and will be monitored.

Building permits were issued for 238 and 240 Wilkins Avenue.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Simek, to transfer \$28,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Simek is waiting to hear from Mr. Scigliano regarding updating the borough website with the newsletter and current activity information for the borough.

The VFC financial review is completed and a copy of the report will be provided to all parties.

The community center was rented on June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>. It is also reserved on July 14<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Tax collection at the borough office has begun. The tax collector will be available there on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7-8 pm. This will continue through August.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, questioned why it took the borough one month to let her know of the incident that occurred during a community center rental. There was discussion as to the purpose of the security deposit and when it can be withheld. She stated she believed that the VFC should come up with their own rider that she will pass out to renters. She also reported that door supplies were dropped off unbeknownst to her and where they were left impeded the decorating by those that rented the center. Ms. Simek stated all need to pay better attention to communicating on activities at the building.

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, spoke about council's decision to have residents pay \$50 for a wake and provided a history of a time when it was free and neighbors helped each other. She also questioned why the VFC needs to pay \$50 to have a 25 year recognition party. Council noted that the \$50 is a donation and is not mandatory and that Mr. Bichsel is being invited to a council meeting for a presentation. Mr. Hoover has offered to pay the \$50.00.

Robert Baburich, Brighton Street, stated that a person was stoned and fell at the memorial. He called 911 and nobody picked up. By the time 911 called back this person had gotten into his car and driven away. Mr. Baburich asked if police can check properties without utilities for inhabitants. Rich Fitzgerald is holding an event on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm at South Park Fairgrounds.

Steve Orosz, Highland Avenue, stated that the rules of the rentals should be put in writing. Mr. Orosz also questioned Mr. Hoover as to when the laterals will need to be inspected. As of now, it will be when a property changes hands. The inspection will check for cracks and/or breaks. Mr. Orosz complimented Waste Management's placement of the hang tags on doors.

Jeffrey Mitchell, Parkway Avenue, stated that it was great to have a celebration for Mr. Bichsel. He also stated that the parking situation is very bad on his street and that someone just hit his wife's car. He reminded council that he had brought a parking suggestion diagram to a previous meeting. Ms. Williams stated that she will ask the road committee to discuss.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Hoover will attend the fall ALOM conference.

Ms. Williams thanked Mr. Baburich for his years of letting workers into the community center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

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

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Council President