

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**JULY 12, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Miller

ABSENT: Mr. Hensell

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:40 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

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ABSENT: None

Prior to the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Hoover asked everyone to keep the recent tragedies occurring, the passing of Mr. Dodge and the passing of Mr. Kasardo in their thoughts.

Mr. Hoover called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Hensell, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Syska, seconded by Pustorino, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

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

Motion by Syska, seconded by Miller, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Perry asked for a moment of silence for Council Vice President, Tom Kasardo. Mayor Perry spoke of Mr. Kasardo's contributions including the recent LED lighting project. He also spoke of his untiring energy and how proud he was of his family. Dr. Pustorino read his obituary.

For the month of June there were 40, 911 calls and 170 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 6- Suspicious Activity
- 4- Parking Complaints
- 4- Calls for Information
- 2- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Disabled Vehicles
- 2- Reports of Theft from Vehicles

Mayor Perry also noted that on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 4am a resident in the 300 block of Elizabeth noticed suspicious individuals going car to car and called police. The police apprehended the individuals, one was carrying a firearm. Both were from East McKeesport. Mayor Perry reminded all to keep their vehicles locked and to call police if they see something suspicious.

### **SOLICITOR**

No Report

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

No Report. Mr. Hoover noted that Dr. Pustorino recently had a baby.

### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There were two occupancy inspections (one on North and one on West)

A couple of grass complaints were resolved.

### **ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

The sinkhole at North and Shadeland opened more and was temporarily patched by WPJWA.

Forest Hills will begin painting crosswalks.

The crack sealing estimate for Rossmore is \$2,200. The cost for Elizabeth will be investigated.

Mr. Orosz, Highland Avenue, suggested that folks that speak at the meeting stand and state their name. He stated that Mr. Syska is the 118<sup>th</sup> person to join council.

The repair of the catch basin at Chalfant and Lynnwood began today.

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

The work on the storm drain at Elizabeth and Brighton was completed. Work on others will begin soon.

Mr. Robert Lasser, Lynnwood Avenue, stated that the grate in the 300 block of Lynnwood is completely covered. Mr. Syska will take care of it.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Hoover read the VFC report. There were three practices and one alarm. The number of members attending each was read. The VFC needs volunteers for the car cruise.

Mr. Hoover stated that moving forward, Mayor Perry will report on police and Mr. Syska will report on fire. He also stated that council is considering going to five members. Solicitor Evashavik explained what process would need to be followed. Mr. Orosz stated that he has been suggesting this for some time.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

“Keep off the Field when Wet” signs were ordered by the CAA.

A tree branch lying on the pavilion roof was removed by Mr. Hoover. A resident asked that a branch on Elizabeth overhanging a sign be cut. This was cut by a resident.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Baburich, to approve the roof repair estimate by Hooper Roofing in the amount of \$760.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, to pass Ordinance 421, an ordinance to prohibit tobacco and tobacco products on borough property effective today. Mr. Hoover opened the meeting for a public hearing. Ms. Roche asked where people could smoke and Ms. Bouvier asked how it would be enforced. Mr. Hoover stated that someone would need to contact the police. Mr. Hoover closed the public hearing. Dr. Pustorino seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Crime Watch meeting was canceled this past month but moving forward Mr. Miller will not cancel meetings. Future meetings will be put on the Facebook page. Ms. Bouvier asked if the committee has been formed. Mr. Miller said that some participants have been identified.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Orosz, Highland Avenue, stated that the current council is the youngest (in terms of years of service) since 1960. He noted that Mayor Perry has the most years of service in the borough (the tax collector excluded). Mr. Orosz also noted the the park is the “Servicemen” not “Serviceman” park.

Luanne Bouvier, Highland Avenue, asked if it would be cheaper to hand deliver the newsletters. Dr. Pustorino responded that if there was a dedicated group of individuals that would do this, it could be done which lead to several individuals in attendance volunteering for specific streets.

Robert Baburich, Brighton Street, asked when the yearbooks were coming out. Dr. Pustorino responded around the first of August and that 42 were ordered.

Ms. Tavallali, North Avenue, stated that several trees across from her are dead and branches are falling. She also inquired as to the Parkway Steps. Mr. Hoover responded that the steps were being taken care of by Mr. Connors who has since passed away and that she will need to file with the magistrate regarding the trees.

Robin Faulkner, Lynnwood Avenue, said that she has had the police called on her and her family on numerous occasions and would like to know what she needs to do to prove herself. She stated that some folks have approached the family in what she feels is a threatening way.

Robert Lasser, Lynnwood Avenue, stood to rebuke some of what Ms. Faulkner stated in terms of approaching her in a threatening way.

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, stated that she attended the WHEMS meeting but abstained from voting as she was not familiar with the issues. She will provide a monthly report.

Robert Lasser, Lynnwood Avenue, reported on a man name Jim Stringer who is operating under the name of Seventy by Six Real Estate Service. Mr. Lasser stated that he is aware that he has defrauded three people and spoke of his discussion with the police.

Luanne Bouvier, Highland Avenue, said that the June minutes stated that residents could call the police chief's direct line and inquired what that number was. Council responded that residents can call 412-351-7330. Ms. Bouvier asked if Forest Hills could do the Parkway Steps and Mr. Hoover said that it would be at a cost but that the borough will look into this.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

The car cruise is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> from 11-4. Volunteers are needed.

A proposal was received from Solarize Allegheny. Chalfant would partner with Churchill and Wilkins to bring in the company who would put out information on how to get solar panels. Motion by Baburich, seconded by Hensell, to get involved with the RFP process for solarized energy. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Pustorino, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. in the memory of Mr. Kasardo. Motion carried.

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

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Council President