

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

AUGUST 7, 2012

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Simek, Mr. Lasser

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:30 pm.

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AUGUST 8, 2012

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

ABSENT: Ms. Simek

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

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Sperduto, 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 July there were 47, 911 calls and 174 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

7-Med Unit Assists
5-Alarm Calls
3-Suspicious Persons
2-Animal Complaints
2-Ordinance Violations
2-Parking Complaints
2-Suspicious Activities
2-Suspicious Vehicles
2-Calls for trees down after a storm

There were also four traffic stops with three citations issued. The police have also been patrolling the park on a regular basis. Mr. Kasardo added that the borough has purchased two small cameras that will be installed at the park.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Hoover sent Solicitor Evashavik a sample street opening ordinance. Solicitor Evashavik reworked it and noted that a drawing from the engineer will need to be added. He also added an exception for residents.

Solicitor Evashavik stated that Highland Manor will not send back the resolution signed. Billing should just start.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Estimates are being solicited for the sealing work at the park.

Contractors will be repairing the floor in the ladies room at the Community Center.

Mr. Lasser attended the "Working Group on Blight" meeting on July 24th.

Mr. Lasser met with WPJWA. The water meters were updated.

The buyers of the Westinghouse property met with Forest Hills and they will be letting the borough know what their plans are. Mayor Perry suggested that Mr. Lasser contact Forest Hills to discuss but Mr. Lasser indicated it was premature to do so at this point.

Mr. Lasser and Mr. Ricco Diaz cut up a tree that fell down.

Mr. Lasser is investigating moving the gas meter at the Community Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting in Forest Hills. The stop sign detail is ongoing. The speed trailer will be moved to another area on Elizabeth. Flashing lights on three stop signs were installed and the number of drivers stopping at the stop sign on North Avenue has increased according to Mr. Kasardo's observations. A white line has also been painted on the corner of West and North.

There were five alarms and two practices for the VFC. The number of members attending was provided. Mr. Kasardo noted that if a tree falls in the borough the VFC should be contacted. They will get the tree moved to the side and the public works crew will remove it.

Mr. Sperduto stated that he would like to see the flashing lights installed on all the stop signs in the borough. He will provide Mr. Kasardo with a count of the number that would be needed.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Work for three storm drain sites is being put out for bid. For next year, the focus will be on Brighton Street with the replacement of six storm drains, the repair of three and the raising of one by four to six inches.

The removal of critters from the borough is ongoing. The trapper had some issues but will be back this week. So far, four critters have been removed.

As noted by the solicitor, Mr. Hoover is working with the engineer on a revision to the borough's street opening ordinance.

A home on North Avenue was hit by a vehicle. Council will look into the feasibility and cost of installing a guard rail by the property to prevent future incidents.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

The asphalt work throughout the borough has been done.

Two sections of the borough need attention due to overgrowth and debris build up. Mr. Swinney will speak to Mr. Theilacker.

There are several tree branches at the entrance to the park on Elizabeth that could pose a problem. A tree service may be needed.

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Hoover, to ratify the resolution to have the engineer submit a CD39 application for the paving of Brighton Street. Motion carried.

Ms. Williams stated that she received a letter today from Forest Hills stating that they would like to extend the current agreement. Mr. Swinney's committee will decide on how to proceed.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

The hedges and weeds were cut at the Elizabeth Avenue location referenced in an anonymous letter received in July.

Mr. Sperduto has been notified that all property maintenance issues will be addressed at 222 North Avenue within the next ten days.

The bushes and hedges were cut in the alleyway at 827 Greensburg Pike.

The property owner of 123 West Street has been notified of high weeds, rodents and a boat on the property that need to be addressed. The owner promised to resolve in the next two weeks.

A property maintenance letter will be sent via certified mail to 136 Greenfield. Mr. Sperduto has not been able to reach anyone by phone despite numerous attempts.

Two occupancy permit inspections were completed last month.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Hoover gave Ms. Simek's report in her absence.

The park is rented for August 11th, August 18th and September 8th.

There were some issues with the Comcast service at the public safety building but this has been corrected.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Robert Baburich, Brighton Street, asked if the hole in the sidewalk at the Community Center could be patched.

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, stated that Forest Hills did an excellent job on the grass cutting in the alley behind her property.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hoover asked all to arm the alarm system when they leave the office.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kasardo provided brochures from Alcosan that explained the consent decree and he put the schedule for the public meetings on the bulletin board. He explained that the EPA's plan was priced at 3.6 billion but legal counsel for Alcosan stated that the plan was not financially responsible. The EPA agreed and is willing to re-negotiate the plan.

The Open House for Alcosan is scheduled for September 15, 2012 from 9am to 4 pm.

Mr. Kasardo contacted Duquesne Light about Act 129. They'd like to come to the next council meeting and give a presentation. The message will be put out through Crime Watch.

Ms. Williams stated that items for the next newsletter should be to the editor by the next caucus meeting.

Mayor Perry reported that Tugboat's is having a day-long event on August 18th. No complaints were received after the first event. Mr. Hoover added that Mr. Peticca approached the VFC about helping to hang signs and will compensate the VFC for their help. Ms. Williams stated that she had reservations about using the truck the borough owns for this but the VFC could use the service truck which they own.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President