

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

AUGUST 9, 2011

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

ABSENT: Ms. Simek

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:55 pm.

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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 Mr. Kasardo to present a proclamation to Mr. Ken Bichsel Jr. for 25 years of service to the VFC.

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

Ms. Williams reported in the mayor's absence that July was a typical month in terms of the number of patrols and police calls.

SOLICITOR

No report.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Connors performed ongoing landscape maintenance. He has billed the borough for \$490.00 for work done at the Parkway steps and at the public safety building.

The park and community center rules and regulations have been updated.

Maintenance of the memorials is ongoing. Mr. Lasser is always looking for volunteers.

Mr. Hoover has volunteered to paint the new doors at the community center and public safety building.

The roof at the community center has been coated with aluminum paint to maintain the warranty.

EZ Garage Door has provided a proposal in the amount of \$1880 to replace the Rossmore Street door and jamb at the public safety building.

Mr. Lasser forwarded to Ms. Joanne Baburich information on a seminar scheduled for September 14th entitled "Planning Successful Community Events".

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo reported on a police meeting that discussed:

- 1) An ongoing stop sign detail. There have been a number of stops and some tickets were issued.
- 2) Forest Hills has hired two part time police officers which should help offset overtime. The officers hired were at the top of their class.
- 3) Two residents will be added to the Crime Watch list.

The VFC reported that there were three alarms in July and three practices. The number of members responding to each was read.

The VFC made an estimated profit of \$225 at the Turtle Creek Community Days.

The newsletter items will be needed by September 13th. The VFC can include information on any planned fundraisers.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Sealed bids were requested for refuse collection. One bid was received. It was from Waste Management. The bid was

- a) Year 01 (2012) \$58,752
- b) Year 02, \$60,528
- c) Year 03, \$62,352
- d) Year 04, \$64,848
- e) Year 05, \$67,440

The current contract had the borough paying over \$61,000 in 2012 so this represents a savings to the borough. In addition, Waste Management will be providing a recycling bin at no charge. Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to accept the Waste Management bid. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo to pass Ordinance #408 to adopt a codification, compilation and revision of the ordinances of Chalfant Borough. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto to pass Resolution #518, a resolution establishing the fees for filing of applications, permits and licenses. Motion carried.

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Motion by Hoover, seconded by Lasser to accept the contract from PAMS for collection of delinquent earned income taxes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto to pass Resolution #519 a resolution designating PAMS as the collector for delinquent earned income taxes (2011 tax year and prior) and imposing on delinquent taxpayers the obligation to pay reasonable costs incurred for the collection of these taxes including penalties and interest. Motion carried.

Storm drain contracts were accepted and contractor will notify the borough when they will begin the work.

HIGHWAYS

The guardrail has been installed on Fairview and Lynnwood Avenues. Elaine Hondula complimented the work done.

Line painting will be done hopefully before school starts. There was some discussion as to what the contract with Forest Hills includes. Line painting is an additional charge.

Grass cutting, brush pick up etc is ongoing.

A "Watch Children" sign has been put up at the park. Some other signs have also been ordered.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

A building permit fee was received in the amount of \$176.50 for 118 Parkway Avenue.

A regular and certified letter was sent to the owner of 204 Lynnwood Avenue. The regular one came back as undeliverable.

An inspection of 283 Brighton was completed.

A hearing is scheduled for August 31st for 203 Greenfield. The owner has already paid \$1,000 towards fines.

There are problems with properties on North and Highland Avenues where the property needs to be cleaned and maintained but the banks are not responding.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$8,500 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Sperduto read Ms. Simek's report in her absence. Ms. Simek is still waiting to hear from Kris Scigliano regarding updates to the website. Ms. Libell reports that the park pavilion is rented for August 6th and September 10th. Ms. Libell is handling Election Day activities as well.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, questioned what "meeting" refers to on the community center rules. Council noted that it is a business meeting not a party. Ms. Libell asked if she was responsible for checking to see if the meeting lasts more than two hours to which council said yes, if possible, because additional time has additional charges. Ms. Libell asked if the park

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charge had changed too but council indicated it has not.

Steve Orosz, Highland Avenue, asked if the Chalfant Serviceman's Club would have to pay if they wanted to have a meeting. Council noted that this, CrimeWatch, the Jubilee Committee etc would be government meetings.

Jeffrey Mitchell, Parkway Avenue, reported that a bumper is missing on a section of the guardrail. Mr. Mitchell also presented a drawing of a proposed parking solution for Parkway Avenue. Ms. Williams responded that the engineer will do an assessment of the parking situation.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Fall newsletter items are due by the council meeting in September so that the newsletter can go out by the end of September. Dates for street sweeping, leaf and tree collection and Trick or Treat will be included.

Waste Management will make special arrangements with individuals that are not able to put their trash out curbside. Mrs. Marie Sperduto suggested that this be included in the newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Kasardo, to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President