

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

AUGUST 11, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Pustorino, Messrs. Swinney, Hoover, Hensell, Kasardo

ABSENT: Mr. Lasser

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:13 pm.

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

Mayor Perry asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of Mr. Frank Kravetz.

For the month of July there were 29, 911 calls and 180 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Attempts to serve PFA
- 3- Suspicious Activities
- 3- Suspicious Vehicles
- 2- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Alarms
- 2- Calls for Mutual Aid
- 2- Suspicious Persons

There were four traffic stops with three warnings and one ticket issued.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Evashavik attended the solicitor's 3RWW meeting. He recommended that council delay signing the consent order agreement. The main issue is the DEP not providing enough time to complete the Statement of Work. They are working to have the timeline increased and the SOW decreased and hope to have the DEP's response in September. The solicitor will review the document Glenn Engineering prepared and will prepare a resolution that will be required.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Ms. Pustorino read Mr. Lasser's report in his absence.

The Community Center has been rented on August 1st for a family reunion. The Chalfant VFC has the building from September 8th -14th for the fair and a resident has reserved for a book reading on September 17th. The park was rented on July 25th for a birthday party.

The engineer is re-evaluating and seeking new bids for the park grant work.

The insurance document from the Chalfant AA has been received.

Mr. Connors has an injury so maintenance work on the Parkway Steps is on hold until he recovers.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Regarding the Forest Hills Police Department, Chief Williams is expecting the body cameras to be in soon. They will be visual cameras only. The police will start a stop sign detail at every stop sign in the borough and plan to do this between the hours of 5 and 7 pm. The person that hit the previous speed trailer and ruined it was arrested. Plans are in place to try and get a new speed trailer. A speed limit reminder will be put in the newsletter. Also, the chief is aware of some drug situations in the borough and the police are staying on top of it.

Mayor Perry asked Mr. Kasardo to divulge more information regarding the drug situations so that citizens could be on alert. Mr. Kasardo stated that there is a spot on the right hand side of North Avenue going down the hill that is being watched as well as an apartment building on the corner of Shadeland and a third location that he is not able to disclose.

There were nine practices and one alarm for the VFC. The number of those attending was read.

The VFC reunion date has been changed to August 22nd, at 6 pm.

The VFC fair date has been changed to September 11th and 12th. There will be a bake sale and the VFC welcomes donations for it. Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Hoover, to sponsor a booth at a cost of \$75.00. Motion carried. Mr. Kasardo thanked Mr. Pat Lanigan for donating festival posters.

The IRS certification is ongoing and the CPA has all requested information to date.

Mr. Kasardo spoke with Duquesne Light about the LED lights. One of the lights he previously identified for replacement is not in the borough so this will be switched to additional one on North Avenue. Mr. Kasardo noted that Forest Hills is also in the program and they are doing lights on the Greensburg Pike so he will see if the one not in Chalfant can be included in their share.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

The work on North Avenue has been completed.

Some storm drains in the borough are in need of repair. Bids are being received.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Swinney spoke with the engineer regarding the condition of the roads in the borough. Mr. Swinney made the decision to not pave any roads this year due to costs. He will implement a grading system to determine priorities. He also has a list of street signs to be ordered.

Mr. Swinney thanked the DPW for their work in preparation of the car cruise.

Speed bumps have been discussed in the past due to drivers speeding. The engineer would need to evaluate safety issues related to speed bumps on various streets. Ms. Williams asked the solicitor if the borough would be liable if someone lost control due to a speed bump. The solicitor responded no, if the engineer authorized it and he stated that a sign alerting drivers to a speed bump would not be required.

Mr. Kasardo stated that the DPW will be asked to paint a wider white line to denote lanes at the corner of West and North.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Four occupancy inspections were completed. Enforcement of property maintenance issues is ongoing.

Two building permits were issued. One was for a deck on Brighton and the other for the Ventrice property on West Street.

There are five properties that BIU is addressing for violations. The time to respond is almost up. As of today, no owners have responded. The next step will be to post as condemned.

Mr. Hoover spoke to the engineer about the bid package for the park. This is going out soon as is the request for storm drain bids. Regarding CDBG funds, Mr. Hoover stated that the roof at the Community Center is a possibility but may be dependent on income limitations. The engineer thought it may be better to apply to use it for street paving instead and then use in conjunction with Highway Aid funds next year.

Mr. Hoover asked the solicitor about the Waste Management bagsters which some people are leaving in place for several months. The solicitor suggested that they could be considered a nuisance. Also, council could amend the ordinance to include these.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The website has been updated to include the minutes and the permits as pdf files will be added.

CAA and VFC audits will be scheduled for October 2015.

Ms. Pustorino represented the borough at the Woodland Hills School District meeting. They discussed proactive ways to assist the school district with issues. A school board member will be invited to a future public meeting. Also noted was the fact that the graduating class received 3 million in academic scholarships.

Ms. Pustorino reminded everyone that the deadline to RSVP for the banquet is next week and the centennial meeting is next Wednesday.

An adult softball game is scheduled for August 29th from 3-7 pm.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$19,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The borough was asked by the county Live Well campaign to consider passing a resolution working towards the shared goal of improved health. Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Swinney, to pass Resolution 533, which will be the Live Well Chalfant Borough resolution. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Swinney, to refund BCR Holding LLC \$389.50 for tax year 2014 and 2015 and to refund George and Nancy Burgess (124 Parkway) \$243.44 for tax year 2014 and 2015 and to refund Pro Realty in the amount of \$140.83. Motion carried.

Ms. Williams stated that the Verizon franchise agreement is due to expire. The borough has been given a proposal by the Cohen Law Group to represent the borough in negotiations. After discussion with the solicitor it was decided that council may not want to take that approach. It will be discussed further.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Hensell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. in memory of Mr. Frank Kravetz. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President