

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

AUGUST 12, 2014

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:05 pm.

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

Mayor Perry congratulated Mr. Hoover, Ms. Pustorino, Mr. Markovic and many in the audience for an outstanding car cruise event.

For the month of July there were 41, 911 calls and 183 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Call outs for Car Cruise
- 4- Parking Complaints
- 3- Suspicious Activities
- 3- Return Calls for Information
- 3- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Calls for Abandoned Vehicles
- 2- Home Alert Calls

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Evashavik attended the solicitor's update for 3RWW. Alcosan's initial proposal for approximately five billion was not financially feasible and the proposal is being resubmitted. Glenn Engineering is one of the lead firms in the initiative.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hoover, to pass Resolution 531, a resolution to submit a Greenways Trail grant for the park. Motion carried.

The VFC will be asked to maintain the restrooms at the public safety building.

An application was requested and sent in regards to the open custodian/leasing agent position.

The Community Center was rented on August 3rd for a graduation party.

The carpet will be installed at the Community Center on August 20th-22nd.

The basketball hoops were removed at the park. The park has been a lot quieter.

Mr. Lasser looked at trees on Elizabeth Avenue with Mike and Marie Spurduto. He will get an estimate from Mike Connors but will also wait for word on the park grant as the grant had budgeted funds for this type of work.

Weeds were pulled and mulch was put down at the memorial on North Avenue.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills Public Safety meeting. The police contract was discussed and a new copy of the contract was sent for review.

A large white truck was parking in various locations of the borough. Police had cited it for being overweight and for parking on the sidewalk. Mr. Kasardo contacted the leasing company and the truck has not been seen since the morning.

Some paving will be done on Highland Avenue and a message will be put out over the phone alert.

The VFC had one alarm and five practices. The number of those attending each was read. The VFC has one new member and five prospective members.

The hoagie sale will be on September 28th.

The VFC profit for their food sale and 50/50 during the car cruise was \$453.94. Several residents commented positively on the VFC during the car cruise.

No report has been received yet on the stop sign details.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Bid requests were sent out by Glenn Engineering for repairs on five storm drains and one grate.

The recycle program is going well. Mr. Hensell will contact Waste Management to see if the borough can get a larger dumpster.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

The public works contract was received from Forest Hills and will need to be reviewed.

Mr. Swinney notified the DPW about several concerns on high weeds, low hanging branches and several areas of road that need to be patched.

Mr. Swinney spoke with the engineer in regards to the work being performed by Peoples Gas on Elizabeth. Mr. Swinney is keeping tabs on the work being done, the road condition and the areas that have been excavated on residential property. The ordinance requires the area be returned to the same condition or better. Mayor Perry stated that he thinks the engineer needs to get involved in this as soon as possible. One lateral has been broken. Mayor Perry would also like a contact from the gas company so that he can call them.

Mr. Swinney is waiting for word from a few other boroughs regarding the Greensburg Pike. He has heard from East Pittsburgh, Churchill and Wilkins.

In regards to a prior discussion on paving the alley off Chalfant Street, the performance bond is in the contract. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Hoover, to approve the paving bid from McKee Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$10,755. Motion carried.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

One occupancy permit inspection was done last month. One building permit was issued for a fire escape on Fairview.

Ordinance 15-310 says nothing over $\frac{3}{4}$ ton can be parked on a borough street. Mr. Hoover would like to see this amended by resolution to increase to a three ton limit.

Mr. Hoover is addressing several ordinance issues, one about junk being left out and one about tree issues. Mr. Hoover also learned that the borough has several lots that have never been exempted. Solicitor Evashavik stated that there are a finite number of categories for exemption and that they will need to file a petition to strike back taxes. Mr. Hoover will put a list of the properties together.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Pustorino thanked the committee for all the work done for the car cruise. 43 vehicles, four fire equipment vehicles and two motorcycles participated. She also thanked the Dinardo's for donating the DJ. The actual centennial kickoff is December 2014 and all are invited to attend the meetings.

The newsletter editor has stepped down. The next newsletter will be out around Labor Day.

Items continue to be added to the website. Information on donating to the Centennial will be added.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Gus Petry, Greenfield Avenue, asked if a "No Outlet" or "Dead End" sign could be put on the alley by his house (the 200 block of Greenfield off Chalfant Street).

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, noted that the VFC has a great crew of young people and that all was going well until a certain person showed up and then things went bad at the car cruise. She stated that she hoped this person would not ruin the new recruits and suggested that council keep an eye open regarding this. Ms. Libell added that she really enjoyed herself at the event.

Rose Tucker, Highland Avenue, asked what the police intend to do regarding 205 Highland, especially in regards to backing out of the one way street and the back yard fires. She also noted that the police are not doing a good job of watching the stop sign by her house.

Angie Barnett, Highland Avenue, said that the VFC was called to 205 Highland in regard to a fire pit. The police showed up too. After they left the fire was still going. She has seen the police park at the old school but it tends to be at times when there is not a lot of activity. She did note that the folks that gather at the house have been quieter. Mr. Hoover explained the rules on fire pits and Mayor Perry stated that the police are well aware of the activity at the residence and that the district attorney has been contacted. The suggestion has been to put pressure on the home owner.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Williams and Solicitor Evashavik had a discussion the necessary steps to rezone streets from R2 to R1.

NEW BUSINESS

The joint fall conference at Seven Springs will be held in September.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____

Borough Secretary

Council President