

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

AUGUST 13, 2013

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

ABSENT: Messrs. Sperduto, Lasser

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:56 pm.

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ABSENT: Mr. Sperduto

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of July there were 29, 911 calls and 182 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Suspicious Activities
- 2- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Complaints of Fireworks
- 2- Parking Complaints

SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

There are no rentals of the park or community center.

September 11th is the deadline for items for the fall newsletter.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

In Mr. Sperduto's absence, Ms. Williams noted that it has been a quiet month and there is no report for this committee.

Mayor Perry stated that 201 Elizabeth has been listed as being vacant for years on the occupancy list but that it has been occupied and that a current resident is complaining about storm water getting into his sewer line. Mayor Perry asked council to determine if a dye test was done on the property and stated that he does not understand why the borough engineer has been involved with the complaint. Mr. Hoover noted that the resident has been advised that it is his responsibility to repair.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

The DPW is planning to cut some overhanging trees in the borough. They are behind schedule and the brush hog is still not working.

Another tree branch fell in the borough and damaged a resident's fence. Some damage was done and the resident has to contact his insurance company.

The "Welcome to Chalfant" sign should be completed next week.

The street light at North and West is still not working properly and Duquesne Light has been contacted.

The Greenfield street sign still needs to be repaired.

There are some concrete pieces remaining at the park which Mr. Swinney will ask the DPW to remove.

Five bids were received on the Brighton Street paving project. All bids were read with the lowest bid coming from Victor Paving. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Hoover, to accept the bid from Victor Paving in the amount of \$75,643.50. Motion carried. Both CDBG and liquid fuel funds will be used. Mr. Baburich noted that the road has been raised over the years and asked that it not go any higher. Mr. Hoover responded that it is to be cut down.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

The storm drain work on Brighton Street has been completed. Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek, to approve payment in the amount of \$18,100 to JL Urban for this work. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$18,100 from the Sewer Line Fund to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover noted that the borough is seeing more instances of residents burning and situations of excessive smoke. Council is considering an open burning ordinance to define what can be burned, hours permitted, restrictions for ozone action days etc. The solicitor will draft an ordinance for council to review.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Forest Hills police chief will start a stop sign duty to try and control drivers from running stop signs in the borough. Mr. Kasardo will provide a report on the outcome at next month's meeting.

The police will stop and walk into the park during their routine patrols. Vandals have been doing damage at the park to the point where cameras are going to be needed.

The speed trailer has been moved to North Avenue and will be moved to another location in a week or so.

There was one alarm and three practices for the VFC last month. The number of members attending each was read. Forest Hills was the first responder for the alarm.

The VFC participated in the Pitcairn parade and won a trophy for best medium duty pumper.

Mr. Lasser noted that the home next to the Community Center has a pit bull. Mr. Bichsel saw the dog knock a female pedestrian down. The dog's owner was in the audience and he apologized for the situation and noted that a neighbor's dog is frequently off a leash. Mr. Hoover stated that he will call Hoffman and ask them to increase patrols. A notice will also be placed in the newsletter about keeping pets on leashes.

Mayor Perry stated that he and Mr. Kasardo are going to meet with the police chief about drug trafficking in the borough. There are three areas of concern that are being watched.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

A large branch from an oak tree by the entrance to the Community Center fell down and damaged the borough's fence. Mr. Connor's removed the branch at a cost of \$250 and Safeguard Fence repaired the fence damage at a cost of \$225.

A storm also knocked down a branch in a tree by the concrete block building by the entrance to the park. Mr. Connors removed the tree and the borough is waiting for the invoice.

Vandals upset the portable toilet at the park and removed the "U" shaped rebar. Vandals also damaged the shingle roof on the pavilion by Chalfant Street. Approximately 45 shingles were torn out. One estimate from Bichsel Roofing for repair of the roof has been received and another is being sought. Mr. Lasser read the estimate which is \$400 to replace the shingles on the pavilion. Additional amounts were read for work on the refreshment stand and the garage ridge vent.

Mr. Greg Dinardo, the owner of Alley Rate Garage, contacted the borough regarding water runoff that was coming onto his property from the P&L Investment property. Engineer Randy Zischkau investigated the situation and found that a 12 inch storm drain was broken and filled with concrete. Mr. Gary Silversmith, the owner of the property was notified to correct the situation.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, asked if anyone has come forward to take her position to which council responded that a replacement has not been located yet. Ms. Libell also relayed a situation of a two year old child found walking down Rossmore Street alone. The police were notified and the parents were located at a home on Fairview. Ms. Libell also stated that the resident at 222 North Avenue cleaned his front yard nicely.

Alia Pustorino-Clevenger, Wilkins Avenue, asked if the police report noted her call to them to report the vandals at the park. Mayor Perry responded that he did not have the August report but that all calls are included on the report. Ms. Pustorino-Clevenger asked if the police arrested the vandals or if they were identified in the report. Mayor Perry noted that he would check the following day. Ms. Pustorino-Clevenger reported that a resident of North Braddock complained about the band playing at Tugboats.

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, stated that the two year old walking alone was the drug dealer's baby. Ms. Roche also stated the ramp is closing on August 26th and that it may be a good idea to keep the speed trailer on North for those that will be cutting through that way.

Robert Lasser, Lynnwood Avenue, reported that Michael Connors would like to plan a POW/MIA ceremony. He can be reached at 412-824-8730.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President