

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

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

ABSENT: Mr. Lasser

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

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of August there were 33, 911 calls and 169 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 5-Parking Complaints
- 4-Med Unit Assists
- 3-Landlord Tenant Disputes
- 3-Information Reports
- 2-Suspicious Activities

There were also 13 traffic stops with citations issued. The number of traffic stops is large as police were assigned to stop sign patrol over a period of several days.

SOLICITOR

No report

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lasser is waiting on bids for sealing the track at the park.

The Chalfant sign was installed at Chalfant and the Greensburg Pike and Mr. Lasser thanked Mayor Perry for planting flowers.

The floor in the ladies room at the Community Center is done and work was also done on the toilets. The Community Center was painted and bids for replacing the carpet and moving the gas line indoors are being obtained.

Mr. Lasser attended the Working Group on Blight. A database has been put together.

Mr. Lasser met with a representative from Allegheny County Economic Development to discuss the vacant lot program. The program was discontinued due to lack of funding but more funding is being sought and hopefully the program will be restored.

A Chalfant resident, Mr. Michael Connors, was mentioned in the Post Gazette in an article about renaming the 16th Street Bridge after David McCullough.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Williams sent out a few messages over the Crimewatch network to remind residents to call 911 if they see unlawful activity and to inform residents that representatives from Duquesne Light were attending tonight's meeting.

The speed trailer is on Elizabeth and will be moved to the borough building and then to Brighton. Mr. Kasardo will find out about retrieving information from its computer.

More flashing lights will be installed on borough stop signs.

There were two alarms and four practices last month. The numbers of members attending each was read.

Ken Bischel has been named Assistant Chief due to the resignation of Mr. Harris.

Chief Ray Wroblewski has entered into his 35th year of fire service.

A thank you note from the VFC for the \$100.00 donation for the Turtle Creek festival was read.

Mr. Lasser asked if the borough wanted to consider periodically moving the flashing lights on the stop signs so residents don't become accustomed to them. Mr. Kasardo responded that the plan was to leave them in place.

Mr. Lasser asked about the status of the stop sign that was requested by the school bus stop. Mr. Kasardo stated that he wasn't sure if it was discussed in Forest Hills but that it could be brought up at the next meeting.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo to accept the bid by JL Urban for the storm drain replacements on Greenfield Avenue and Lynnwood Avenue. The amount of the bid is \$9,500. Motion carried.

The street opening ordinance is temporarily on hold pending further discussion.

The critter trapper has been asked to remove his traps and send a final bill. If a resident collects a critter, the trapper will pick up the animal at a charge of \$75.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Work by Forest Hills is ongoing at this time.

Mr. Swinney will attend the ALOM conference at the end of the month.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Work has been completed at 222 North Avenue. A new sidewalk, repaired steps and debris cleanup has been done.

There was an issue with overgrown foliage at 123 West Street. The owner has taken care of it.

Two occupancy permits were issued in August.

There is an ongoing situation with the property at 136 Greenfield. A register letter was sent but was not picked up. Two citations have been issued.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

There were no rentals to report.

Articles for the next edition of the newsletter are due on 9/15/12.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ms. Williams delayed citizen's participation to introduce representatives from Duquesne Light. They presented information on the Watt Choice Program. The web link is www.wattchoices.com. PApowerchoice.com is another good site for reviewing information on various suppliers.

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, thanked Mr. Hoover's painting group for the nice job done at the Community Center and for including her in choosing the paint color. Also, she received some instructions on how to clean the walls and floors.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President