

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Hensell, Mr. Lasser

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:52 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Hensell, Mr. Lasser

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

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

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

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Pustorino, 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**

For the month of August there were 25, 911 calls and 174 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Parking Complaints
- 3- Home Alarm Calls
- 3- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Suspicious Activities

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Evashavik reported that the 3RWW consent order counterproposal is being reviewed. The deadline is now November 30, 2015.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. The recent stop sign detail had multiple stops and three tickets were issued to Chalfant residents. The next stop sign detail will be on Highland Avenue. Also, a Forest Hills police officer will be at the VFC fair Friday evening at 6pm to fingerprint children under the Crimewatch Program.

Twelve new LED streetlights were installed from West to North Avenue. It will take the borough two years to recoup the costs but after that there should be savings. The light at the top of West Street is in Forest Hills and was done under their allotment. It will be positioned to cover the intersection of the Greensburg Pike and West Street.

There were three alarms and three practices for the VFC and the number of members responding was read.

The VFC is preparing for the fair and bake sale items are needed.

The squad truck is out of service.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

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

The Chalfant VFC has the hall from September 8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> for the fair which will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

A book reading will be held by a resident at the Community Center on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Some shrubs at the center were damaged by a fire and will be replaced in early October.

A reception was held after touring the old Chalfant Elementary School. Thanks were extended to Ms. Libell, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Roche for their help.

Council has received new bids for the park grant. The committee will meet to discuss. The bids are still a bit higher than expected.

Mr. Connors was injured. Maintenance work on the Parkway Steps will not be done until he recovers.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Mr. Hoover read Mr. Hensell's report in his absence.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to pay JL Urban \$5,900 for the emergency replacement of the storm drain on the 100 block of North Avenue. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Swinney, to accept the bid from JL Urban for the replacement of the storm drains specified by the engineer in the amount of \$19,100. The drains are located at or near the intersection of Rossmore and Lynnwood. This will conclude the work for 2015. Motion carried.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Swinney spoke with the engineer and he is against any speed bumps in the borough as the borough could be held liable should there be an accident (which is contrary to what the solicitor advised).

Forest Hills DPW cut back the weeds at the Community Center and sprayed for poison ivy. The ballfield was also sprayed prior to the softball event.

Several street signs (including two for autistic children) will be installed.

Mr. Swinney will attend the emergency management meeting next Tuesday and will report on it at next month's meeting.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There was one occupancy inspection last month.

Nobody responded to the BIU notices regarding violations so citations will be issued.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to proceed with updating the code of ordinances at a cost of \$412.50. Motion carried.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Items for the fall newsletter are due October 10<sup>th</sup>.

The webmaster will be asked to look at the ordinance link on the website. If someone tries to access using a smart device it doesn't work as the document is too large.

The CAA and VFC audits will be done next month.

The VFC held a nice reunion in August.

There were 25 players at the softball game, 60 individuals attended the picnic and 122 attended the banquet.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$35,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Steve Orosz, Highland Avenue, noted that some reports were difficult to hear and asked people to speak louder when giving their reports. Mr. Orosz asked for information on the park grant and council responded that \$50,000 was received and will be used for removal of the current swing sets, new fall zones, additional lighting, security cameras, a new gate and possibly new batting cages and additional outlets. The borough has a 15% share commitment. Mr. Orosz inquired why the swings are still up if they are out of compliance and council responded that the engineer noted it was not necessary to remove them as the concern is the joints and these are being watched.

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Anthony Trasoline, North Avenue, stated that trees and brush are covering some stop signs, specifically one on Fairview and also one on West Street. Dr. Trasoline noted that he has a 16ft enclosed trailer and has heard there are some complaints about it but that he believes he is in compliance and should not have to move it. Council responded that the trailer blocks the stop sign and if he gets cited he can take the issue to the magistrate. He also noted that there is a garbage bagster by his father's house which has been there for months. Council stated that it is being addressed as a nuisance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Hoover, to issue a real estate tax refund to Mr. Paul Suvak for the property at 306 North Avenue in the amount of \$297.53 and \$102.78. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Borough Secretary

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Council President