

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Swinney

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:10 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**

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

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

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

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

**MAYOR**

For the month of August there were 36, 911 calls and 180 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 5- Suspicious Activities
- 3- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Disabled Vehicles
- 2- Calls for Information
- 2- Parking Complaints
- 2- Requests for Extra Patrols

There were two traffic stops with citations issued.

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Evashavik emailed to council a draft of an ordinance requiring that distant landlords have local agents. Additionally his office is researching cell tower issues. Solicitor Evashavik also confirmed that the borough is not required to do the FEMA Floodplain ordinance.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Beam Heating fixed the air conditioner leak in the kitchen ceiling of the VFC.

The carpet was installed at the Community Center by Casey's Carpet. Hoover Painting painted the walls.

The VFC has requested to use the Community Center on October 13-19<sup>th</sup> for their cabbage dinner. These dates include set up and clean up. The dinner will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The park pavilion was rented on August 30<sup>th</sup> for a birthday party.

The Porta John will be removed next month.

The water at the park will be turned off after the backflow testing is done.

Leaf clean-up will be scheduled. It will be advertised thru signage, Swift Reach and the website.

Mr. Lasser thanked Mr. and Mrs. Olen for picking up trash while they walked.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. He spoke with the police chief about stop sign details and the next day the chief sent an unmarked car over to North Avenue. The officer pulled over cars continuously for a 45 minute stretch. Mr. Kasardo will ask that this be done at other stop signs. Citations, not warnings, are being given out.

Mr. Kasardo will have the speed trailer put back on the streets next week.

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Hoover, to accept the police contract which goes thru 2017. The rates are 2015-\$49,796, 2016-\$51,688 and 2017-\$53,652. This represents 3.5% increases. The current rate is \$47,973. Motion carried.

There was one alarm and four practices of the VFC. The number of members attending each was read.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

There are five storm drains that need to be replaced. They are located at 230 Fairview, Brighton and Parkway, 104 Fairview, 204 Rossmore and 220 Elizabeth.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Kasardo, to accept the bid from JL Urban for the replacement of these drains in the amount of \$19,050.00. Motion carried.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

The DPW is placing new signs in the borough and painting the crosswalks and yellow curbs. The brush hog is still not in service. Several potholes will be addressed this month and Mr. Swinney will discuss crack sealing with Mr. Theilacker.

The cost of salt has increased. It could reach \$100 per ton but Mr. Theilacker will let Mr. Swinney know. Supply could also be an issue. Ms. Williams asked if an article should be placed in the newsletter. Mayor Perry stated he did not see any reason to alarm citizens.

Mr. Swinney has taken pictures of the Elizabeth Avenue area in regards to the work Peoples Gas is doing. Mayor Perry asked if there was a timeframe and stated that he is surprised more residents have not voiced issues. Mr. Hoover reported on what he has discussed with the engineer.

### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There were three occupancy permit inspections done last month.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell, to transfer \$44.77 from the Centennial Fund to the General Fund Money Market. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover stated that a resident wants to build a garage on a lot that is not adjacent to his property and which has no primary building on it. He asked if this could be done. Solicitor Evashavik stated that the resident would have to apply for a variance. He does not believe that this would qualify for a variance but stated that the zoning hearing board may approve. A hearing would need to take place and a written decision would need to be made. The resident would be responsible for the advertising and court reporter costs.

The borough is coming up on the 2 year option portion of the contract with Waste Management. It's a four percent increase per year. Ms. Williams suggested he meet with his committee.

Solicitor Evashavik will prepare a draft ordinance to increase permitted tonnage of vehicles on borough streets from  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton to 3 ton.

TCVCOG attended last night's meeting to discuss the creation of a land bank. Mr. Hoover stated that he thinks it would be a good program but research would need to be done to determine if liens placed for HUD funds used to demo would be dismissed.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The newsletter will be going out soon. Information will be included about two VFC fundraisers. One is the hoagie sale on September 27<sup>th</sup> and the other the cabbage dinner on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

The website is being updated.

The pre-sale for Centennial shirts is beginning. The Centennial kick off is December 14, 2014 at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. A luminary sale is planned.

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

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hensell, to issue a real estate tax refund of \$14.20 for 2013 and \$14.20 for 2014 to David Doyle for the property at 126 Brighton Street. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Harry Nagel, Allison Park, noticed that the traffic lights came out except for the one in Chalfant and inquired if it was for sale. Council responded that it does not belong to the borough, it belongs to North Braddock.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Hoover, to accept the shared public works contract which goes thru 2017. The rates are 2015-\$56,501, 2016-\$58,478 and 2017-\$60,525. This represents 3.5% increases. There is also an increase of \$1.00 per hour in the overtime rate. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Hoover inquired with the solicitor about anonymous complaints. Solicitor Evashavik stated if they make the statement at a public meeting then they must state their name and address. Alternatively, they could send a letter or make a telephone call. They can sign their name to the letter but request that it not be shared and council would not be obligated to share the information even if someone asks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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Council President