

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

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

ABSENT: Messrs. Sperduto

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:36 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

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PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Simek, Messrs., Swinney, Hoover, Kasardo, Solicitor Evashavik, Lasser (arrived late)

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

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Simek, 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

Mayor Perry asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the September 11th events occurring 12 years ago.

For the month of August there were 31, 911 calls and 186 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 6- Suspicious Activities
- 4- Juvenile Complaints
- 4- Animal Complaints
- 3- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Home Alarms

In addition, there were eight special traffic details and two citations were issued.

Mr. Kasardo stated that the road crew working on the ramp was asked to provide advanced notice in the event of future ramp closings so proper signage can be put up.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Evashavik provided a draft of the open burning ordinance for council's review. He will make revisions in response to their comments and return to the borough.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to advertise the open burning ordinance once it is completed so that it can be adopted at the October council meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

There are no rentals of the park or community center for this month.

The website has been updated to include an announcement for the September 21st POW/MIA ceremony.

The fall newsletter is being worked on. An ad for Doris Libell's position will be included. Ms. Williams described the duties and noted that Ms. Libell has graciously stated that she will continue until the weather gets bad.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Ms. Simek noted that Mr. Sperduto sends his regards and appreciates the well wishes and support that he has received.

Ms. Simek read Mr. Sperduto's report in his absence.

The borough has been reimbursed for the following:

- 1) 222 North Avenue, tree incident, \$225.00
- 2) 134 Parkway, grass cutting, \$125.00

Mr. Sperduto contacted the owner of 220 Fairview Avenue regarding the high grass and weeds. The situation was rectified.

Occupancy permit inspections were completed at 201 Elizabeth, 225 North Avenue Apt 4, and 300 North Avenue. Mr. Hoover noted that 201 Elizabeth failed the dye test and repairs are being done by the homeowner. There is no cost to the borough.

Bill McChesney of Building Inspection Underwriters has relocated his office to Pitcairn. The telephone number is unchanged.

A building permit is pending for 206 Elizabeth Avenue.

Motion by Simek, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$3,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

The "Welcome to Chalfant" sign has been repaired. The DPW will put it up. The cost was \$460.00.

Brighton Street paving will take place towards the end of the month.

Spraying was done to the foliage on the North Avenue hillside. It is believed that Duquesne Light did the spraying. The borough wants the area re-hydro seeded. The engineer is investigating.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

There was a break in front of the property at 232 Fairview Avenue. It is the borough's responsibility and estimates are pending.

There are several trees that need attention. Residents will be notified in writing.

There was a garbage issue on Fairview. Tenants left early and left trash out. The landlord was notified and had some cleaning done. Mr. Hoover did a final cleanup.

Mr. Hoover would like to purchase a small wireless PA system for the borough that could be used at the POW/MIA event as well as during future events. The cost estimate is \$260.00. Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek to purchase a system once the research on the best price is done. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo will discuss vandalism and drug trafficking issues with the chief of police. He did speak to the chief about the police helping with the POW/MIA event on September 21st.

The speed trailer was on North Avenue. The batteries have been recharged and it is now on West Street.

The stop sign detail is ongoing.

There were no alarms for the VFC last month. There were four practices. The number of members attending each was read.

Mr. Kasardo stated that regarding the car fire that occurred last month, it was incorrectly reported that Forest Hills was the first responder. Chalfant VFC was the first to respond.

The VFC will be holding a hoagie sale. September 27th is the deadline to order and delivery will take place on September 28th. The telephone number to order is 412-829-7415.

The VFC will be holding a stuffed cabbage dinner. The date is still to be determined.

Ms. Williams asked Chief Wroblewski to work with Ms. Simek to get the VFC fundraiser information on the borough website.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

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

A POW/MIA ceremony is being scheduled for September 21st at noon. It will take place at the North Avenue Memorial and follow with a reception at the Community Center. Local dignitaries will be invited.

Mr. Kasardo interviewed a company to brush coat the track, the Chalfant Street entrance to the park and to replace the handicapped parking insignias for a total of \$1,000.00.

Repairs will be made to the park pavilion roof that was vandalized.

The issue at Alley Rate with the heavy storm water has evidently been repaired.

The Porta Potty will be removed from the park.

Backflow testing will be completed and the water meter will be pulled from the park for the winter. The power to the pavilion at the park was also shut off for winter.

Gutters will be cleaned in November.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, stated that the corner of the road on Fairview is starting to crumble. Mr. Swinney responded that he is aware of the situation.

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, stated that the grass at 210 Fairview has not been cut in two months. There are different folks entering the property but nobody is supposedly living in the house. She has noticed the windows open as well. A neighbor contacted the police. Mr. Kasardo stated that this will be addressed tomorrow.

Helen Wroblewski, Rossmore Avenue, stated cars are flying down Rossmore and that she is concerned there will be an accident. Mr. Kasardo stated that the speed trailer can be put in this area and that the police will be notified.

Ann Kravetz, Elizabeth Avenue, thanked Michael Connors for taking care of a peach tree. She stated that he also had his friend, Brian O'Neill of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette do an interview with her husband regarding POW day.

Michael Connors, Parkway Avenue, stated that the street light at the Parkway Avenue steps is out. Mr. Connors also asked if an application for reclamation was submitted. Ms. Williams responded that a citizen's group needs to do this. Mayor Perry provided details on the developments concerning the Westinghouse property. Mr. Lasser stated that the owner was originally looking at one developer to do the entire project but now an additional developer is involved. He also noted that things are progressing slower than anticipated.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek, to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President