

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:57 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Simek, Messrs. Lasser, Sperduto, Hoover, Kasardo, Swinney, 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 Simek, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

Motion by Kasardo, 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 36, 911 calls and 186 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

4 – Suspicious Persons

4 – Animal Problems

2- Med Unit Assists

1 - Burglary

There was one traffic detail with two traffic stops.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The website is now updated and the minutes through July are on the site. The wording for the trash and recycling collection link will need to be changed.

The park pavilion was rented on September 4th and 10th.

The borough secretary updated the permit for community center rentals.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Five occupancy permit inspections were completed last month.

Mr. Sperduto contacted Mayor Perry regarding two vehicles that were not licensed/inspected. One was removed and one still has a tow tag on it which has been present for two weeks. Mr. Sperduto is waiting to hear why the vehicle is still there.

Mr. Sperduto attended a hearing on 203 Greenfield on August 31st. The residence is now up to code. The occupant received eight citations and was fined a total of \$2,400. The owner received 30 citations, and was fined an additional \$1,000 (the owner was previously fined \$1,000).

There are a few issues with some properties that need to be maintained.

Mr. Kasardo asked if a hearing date has been set for the resident with the pit bull. Per Mr. Sperduto three citations have been issued but no hearing date has been scheduled.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Forest Hills has almost completed the line painting.

Most of the street signs have been posted. Mr. Swinney is planning to order 20 speed limit signs with poles at an approximate cost of \$1,000. Mr. Hoover added that the engineer is also looking into how many the borough needs.

A resident tore up a part of the street while paving their driveway and will need to correct this.

Mr. Swinney has been delivering the emergency management forms to residences in the borough in an effort to update who may need assistance in the event of an emergency. He has a few streets remaining.

Mr. Swinney will discuss the posts at the corner of Rocky Road with Mr. Theilacker. Mr. Hoover spoke with the engineer who suggested an inexpensive method to deal with it.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek, to pass Resolution 520, a resolution to notify Keystone Collections that the borough has made provisions for the collection of delinquent income taxes for 2011 and prior years. Motion carried

Mr. Hoover is waiting to hear when the storm drain work at two locations will begin.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting at Forest Hills. Negotiations regarding police and shared public works services are ongoing.

Mr. Kasardo read the VFC report. There was one alarm and three practices last month. The number of members attending each was read.

The fire extinguishers have been inspected and returned to service.

WFCCBH (Wilkins, Forest Hills, Churchill, Chalfant and Braddock Hills) will be holding a meeting hosted by the Chalfant VFC on September 21st.

The annual Alcosan Open House is September 17th from 9am to 4 pm.

Mr. Lasser asked if the VFC does anything for residents in regards to home fire extinguishers. Mr. Hoover stated that those types are not rechargeable. They should be thrown away when they expire.

Mr. Sperduto asked if the VFC was moving forward with the gas ticket fundraiser. Ms. Wroblewski stated that she needs to renew their small games of chance license.

Mr. Sperduto noted that the VFC may want to explore placing ads in the Valley Mirror to notify the public about their fundraisers.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

An invoice was received today from Mike Connors for landscape maintenance work.

The porta-potty will be removed from the park on September 30th.

The doors at the Community Center have been painted.

EZ Garage Door has provided a proposal in the amount of \$1,880 to replace the Rossmore Street door and jamb at the public safety building. This should occur during the next six weeks. The new door will be keyed the same as the other doors.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, asked how often they collect the recyclables. Mr. Hoover noted that it is every other week but that he will try and get a larger bin since the current size is filling up quickly.

Eileen Wroblewski, Fairview Avenue, requested a copy of the emergency management updates Mr. Swinney is compiling once complete.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Perry questioned the status of the Litman issue that he had previously asked about. It was discussed that the amount we charge them may be slightly less than they'd pay via a surcharge but that our current contract also covers any damage to the lines. If the borough re-opens the contract then all terms are subject to negotiation. Mayor Perry asked if there was any recourse with Wilkins Township. The solicitor will review the contract again but doesn't believe there is.

Ms. Williams reported that the engineer has determined that adding additional parking on Parkway would not be feasible. The option would be to look at zoning. Two individuals have agreed to be on the planning commission. Three more volunteers will be recruited and then the commission can study the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed that requiring landlords who live more than 50 miles away from the borough to have a local property manager would require a change via ordinance. Mr. Sperduto will review the sample ordinance provided by the solicitor.

Another incident occurred with the pit bull on North Avenue. Mr. Perry will ask the police chief for a full report and get back to Ms. Wroblewski. Mr. Hoover will also contact the dog officer.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Swinney, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President