

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Miller

ABSENT: Mr. Hensell

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:33 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hensell, Hoover, Syska, Miller, Drenning, Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: None

Mr. Hoover called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Perry swore in new councilmember Russell Drenning.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Miller, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Drenning, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

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

Motion by Syska, seconded by Pustorino, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Perry received a telephone call from Constable William Fischer who has been rehabbing following an injury.

For the month of August there were 24, 911 calls and 125 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Ordinance Violations
- 3- Suspicious Activity
- 2- Med Unit Assists
- 2- Criminal Mischief
- 2- Domestic
- 2- Juvenile
- 2- Suspicious Persons

There was one traffic stop with a warning issued.

**SOLICITOR**

The 3RWW solicitors meeting will be held in October and Solicitor Evashavik will report back on it. The consent decree will be discussed.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Hooper Roofing has completed the work on the Community Center roof. The final cost was \$760.00.

Mr. Miller would like to investigate the cost of updating the wall fixtures, ceiling tiles, lighting etc at the Community Center. He may try to budget this for 2017.

Mr. Miller showed the new signs for the park. Some of the existing signs will be taken down.

The Chalfant Athletic Association has been advised of the No Tobacco ordinance and was asked to relay the information within their organization.

Mr. Miller will look for a solar light fixture for the park pavilion.

Mr. Lasser questioned why dogs are prohibited at the park and asked council to reconsider that. Mr. Hoover stated that council plans to leave as is and Mayor Perry stated that the borough doesn't have enough land for an animal park.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The newsletters will be delivered by Monday. Information on the Solarize Allegheny program is included. Dr. Pustorino passed around a flier about a meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> that residents are invited to attend. This will be posted on Facebook and a Swift Reach message will also go out.

The digital version of the occupancy permit is complete. There was discussion if this was going to be released to the community but per Solicitor Evashavik, if it contains phone numbers it cannot be. Mayor Perry noted that hard copies were given to the police in the past and they found it useful.

The VFC will be hosting a cabbage dinner in October (date to be announced) and they will hold a soup and chili sale on Election Day.

Audience member, Robert Lasser, asked what the chance was that the borough would do solar panels on borough property. Mr. Hoover noted that the cost is prohibitive and Mayor Perry stated that the borough would save on utilities over time but the upfront cost would be the same as for a private citizen.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich to transfer \$50,000 from the General Fund Checking to the General Fund Money Market. Motion carried.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There were seven occupancy inspections completed. There was one application for a dumpster/bagster on Fairview and a check for \$30 for a 30 day extension of another one was received.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

There were no practices of the VFC in August. There was one alarm on Wilkins Avenue.

The VFC is getting on a quote for a hydraulic generator. Engine 120 will go in for inspection on Friday.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

The weeds on Lynnwood were cleaned by Forest Hills.

Line painting has been suspended.

A sink hole is developing behind Tugboats and this has been brought to the attention of the engineer.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

The storm drain work is complete.

The E-cycle signs have been taken down. There will be no more collection for the remainder of the year.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Miller, to transfer \$19,299.98 from the Sewer Line Fund to the General Fund Checking for payment to JL Urban Construction for the completed catch basin work. Motion carried.

**WHEMS**

Ms. Libell stated that WHEMS took a vote on an ambulance purchase.

The profit of the car cruise was about \$2,027.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, said that the residents across the street from her have been evicted. There is a computer sitting out front. She also asked about a constable for Election Day and Mr. Drenning stated that he will be acting constable.

Ed Olen, Lynnwood Avenue, thanked council for getting the weeds cleaned up on Lynnwood Avenue. He stated that there are a lot of "For Sale" signs in the borough and has noticed that a lot of homes are looking shabby. He provided some specific addresses and Mr. Hoover stated that some may have already been notified. Finally Mr. Olen noted that 204 Lynnwood is really looking bad and Mr. Hoover responded that it is being worked on.

Robert Baburich, Brighton Street, stated that one of the homes Mr. Olen mentioned is going up for sheriff sale and some of the others are rentals.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Miller stated that he would like council to consider doing a MOU with the CAA so that expectations are understood. Solicitor Evashavik cautioned that doing so would hold the borough accountable and that there is no real need to doing this. He stated that the CAA is essentially working for the borough and using borough property. He said that council can put their expectations for the CAA in writing but no expectations on the part of the borough need to be included. Mr. Hoover stated a meeting can be scheduled.

Mr. Hoover reminded all if you see something, say something and call 911.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Syska, to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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Council President