

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 8, 2013

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

ABSENT: Messrs. Hoover, Lasser

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:01 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2013

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

Mayor Perry deferred from his regular report to present his 2013 Good Neighbor Awards to Ms. Joanne Baburich and Mr. Robert Baburich.

For the month of September there were 34, 911 calls and 180 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 6- Ordinance Violations
- 4- Theft Reports
- 2- Domestic
- 2- Suspicious Activities
- 2- Suspicious Vehicles

There were three traffic details with four stops made.

The current detour signs in the borough were discussed.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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

November 16th is the VFC stuffed cabbage dinner.

Voting machines will be delivered on October 31st for the election to be held on November 5th.

The borough has heard from a few interested individuals concerning Doris Libell's position. A notice will be included in the newsletter which will be going out soon. Interviews will be scheduled following that.

Ms. Simek stated that the POW/MIA event was fabulous and thanked all who contributed.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

All grass cutting issues have been taken care of.

There are four or five empty houses in the borough. Three are being rehabbed as rental properties including one at 300 North Avenue. There was over \$3,000 owed to the borough on this property and this has been received. Mr. Sperduto stated that he has received inquiries from contractors about vacant properties. He also noted that the current rehabbing that is occurring is not work that requires a permit.

Six occupancy permit inspections were completed.

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

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Work is still needed throughout the borough on grass cutting, weed and tree trimming and milling placement. Hopefully some crack sealing will also be done.

Brighton Street is scheduled for paving, perhaps as early as next week.

The engineer is still looking into the issue of the hillside spraying.

The Chalfant sign is back up at the corner of West Street and the Greensburg Pike and the sign looks nice.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

There was a break on Fairview Avenue. Emergency repairs were costly due to some sidewalk and reconstruction costs. Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to make payment to JL Urban in the amount of \$6,030 for this work from the sewer fund. Motion carried.

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Mr. Hoover has asked the engineer to camera and re-inspect sewer lines in select areas of the borough.

Mr. Hoover will attend the PSAB conference on Saturday October 19th.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Lasser, to ratify the motion from last month's meeting for the purchase of a PA system. The final cost was \$228.24. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover to approve Ordinance 413, an ordinance regulating open burning in the borough. Ms. Libell asked if violators would be fined, shut down etc. Mr. Hoover responded that it would be at the discretion of the fire department. Mr. Hoover read select sections of the proposed ordinance. Motion to pass the ordinance was tabled pending further revision by the solicitor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting and reported that Forest Hills is getting a new police car. The meeting with Mr. Kasardo, Mayor Perry and Chief Williams is being rescheduled.

Mr. Kasardo reported that the individual repairing the roof at the park could tell that vandals had been up on the roof on more than one occasion. There was also evidence that attempts to ignite the roof had occurred. This information was relayed to Chief Williams.

The batteries on the speed trailer have been re-charged and the trailer is currently on West Street. It will later be moved to Rossmore and then Brighton.

Mr. Kasardo was given a resident's name and telephone number to add to the Crime Alert list.

The annual hayride is scheduled for October 19th. Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Sperduto, to donate \$100.00 to the event. Motion carried.

The VFC reported 4 practices and one alarm for last month. The number of members attending each was read.

The VFC hoagie sale has been rescheduled for this Saturday. Orders can be placed by calling 412-829-7415. The stuffed cabbage dinner will be held on November 16th. The cost will be \$7.00 per dinner.

The engine will be going out to have the lights installed next Wednesday. The borough is paying for the installation and the VFC is paying for the lights.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Back flow tests are being scheduled for the public safety building, community center and park.

A POW/MIA ceremony was held on September 21st. Approximately 110 residents, guests and dignitaries attended including Congressman Doyle, PA Senator Jay Costa, Allegheny County President Chuck Martoni and former Chalfant Mayor Steve Orosz. Mayor Perry did a good job officiating the event as did Ms. Doris Libell and Ms. Joanne Baburich with the food and decorations.

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A roofer repaired the roof at the park. The job took approximately five hours. The CAA donated the materials.

Dana Sneed was the low bidder for the work done on the track and park entrance area. The cost was \$1,275.00.

The Memorial was prepped by Mr. Hoover and Mr. Lasser for the POW/MIA event.

Ms. Williams asked Mr. Lasser to move forward with replacement of the carpet at the community center. Ms. Williams asked Mr. Hoover to begin pricing replacement of chairs and tables for the center as well.

Mr. Swinney asked Mr. Lasser if he could look into getting the sidewalk raised at the community center to prevent pooling of water when it rains.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, presented a plaque to council and the mayor thanking them for their help with the POW/MIA event. Ms. Libell also stated that no borough funds were used for the event. Ms. Williams responded that it was correct that no borough funds were used but should they have been it would have been appropriate given that it was a borough event.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Sperduto, to issue real estate tax refunds in the amount of \$19.60 and \$197.45 to Shawnber LLC. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover received a price of \$3,400 for cameras at the park. He suggested that council may want to do the installation themselves given that the bulk of the cost is the installation. Mr. Kasardo stated that he is discussing this with other individuals and is getting additional quotes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Simek, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President