

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**OCTOBER 7, 2014**

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

ABSENT: Ms. Williams, Mr. Hensell

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:07 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 8, 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 Hensell, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

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

**MAYOR**

For the month of September there were 46, 911 calls and 177 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 6- Domestic
- 4- Suspicious Vehicles
- 3- Welfare Checks
- 2- Alarm Calls
- 2- Med Unit Assists
- 2- Parking Complaints
- 2- Public Intoxication
- 2- Suspicious Persons

There were nine traffic stops with four citations issued.

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Evashavik forwarded an ordinance regarding out of town landlords and a resolution addressing the maximum weight of vehicles. Council ask the solicitor about the land bank

resolution. Solicitor Evashavik noted that he would follow up with the person in his office that was working on this. It has a January 1, 2015 deadline. Resolutions do not need to be advertised.

### **BOROUGH PROPERTY**

The air conditioner leak in the kitchen ceiling of the VFC has been repaired.

Backflow testing is being scheduled this week.

Eileen Wroblewski has accepted the position for building maintenance/leasing agent.

The VFC has requested the use of the Community Center from October 20-24<sup>th</sup> for the set-up of the stuffed cabbage dinner which will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Porta John will be removed from the park and the water will be turned off at the park after the backflow test is done.

Gary Silversmith of P&L Investments contacted Mr. Lasser to let him know that he has a bid to demolish the atom smasher with the existing buildings at the old Westinghouse site. He is putting out a last call for suggestions/sources of funding. Mr. Baburich asked how it could be torn down if it is a historic landmark. It was noted that the lot has the designation of a historic landmark, not the structure itself. A resident asked if there was a radiation risk and Mr. Lasser responded that their plan meets EPA standards. Mr. Hoover suggested that the television news may want to do a public interest story to try and garner interest. Mr. Kasardo will contact Mike Clark and Mr. Hoover will call KDKA.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting on October 2nd. There were four stop sign details and this will continue with the police using the unmarked car.

The annual hayride will take place on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. Volunteers are welcome. Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Hensell, to donate \$100 towards the event. Motion carried. Ms. Williams asked that a telephone message be sent out.

The batteries on the stop signs will be changed.

Kristen Walker, a resident, asked to be added to the phone bank list.

The Forest Hills refreshment stand was vandalized. The grant funds requested by the borough included an allocation for cameras.

There were two alarms and four practices of the VFC. The number of members attending each was read. The VFC will have a final report on the hoagie sale soon.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Three televisions were e-cycled. The next bulk pick up will be around December.

Storm drain work is to start this week.

Crack sealing will be done on Elizabeth tomorrow. There will be no parking on the street after 9am.

Ms. Williams asked Mr. Hensell to get the budget numbers from the engineer by the end of the month.

Mr. Kasardo asked what to do with a small refrigerator. The response was to take it to the scrap yard in Braddock or if the freon is removed, it can be e-cycled.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Swinney drove the borough with Mr. Theilacker last week and evaluated areas for crack sealing. Elizabeth Avenue is supposed to be done this week. Mayor Perry asked if they crack sealed the expansion joints on Elizabeth, would this negate the reason that the joints exist? Mr. Hensell stated no as the purpose of the crack seal is to keep water from getting under and lifting the road up.

There are some concerns on the sealing of the Elizabeth Avenue alley. This was to be done but has not. Motion by Swinney, seconded by Hoover, to pay McKee Asphalt \$10,755.00 for this work once sealing is complete. Motion carried. Mayor Perry noted that the alley should not be salted too soon or corrosion will occur. He stated that he will shovel cinders at the entrance to the alley if the DPW places a cinder box here.

Mr. Swinney will follow up with Turtle Creek about the Greensburg Pike. He plans to get the letter out to the county soon.

Mr. Swinney received an email from a resident about a gap in Brighton Street. He also received a request for a handicap parking area and signage at 147 Wilkins. Mr. Swinney asked the resident to submit the required documentation.

Mr. Swinney attended the conference at Seven Springs. Land banking, homeland security and concerns about the deterioration of the locks and dams were among the topics discussed.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

There were five occupancy permit inspections done last month (one each at West, Wilkins and Lynnwood and two on North) and one building permit issued.

Mr. Hoover asked Solicitor Evashavik a question about a land lease option. The solicitor stated that responsibility for the property lies with whoever the borough shows as the current owner.

Mr. Hoover noted that Mr. Dodge will now address all concerns regarding ordinance enforcement.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The newsletter was sent out.

Information on the Centennial has been added to the website. An initial T-shirt order is going out and these will be available for pickup on Election Day. Ms. Pustorino gave an overview of some of the activities being planned.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the VFC stuffed cabbage dinner. A telephone reminder will be put out for this and for Halloween Trick or Treating which will be 6-8 on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Information on e-cycle will be included in the next newsletter.

Ms. Pustorino attended the land bank meeting with Mr. Hoover and Mr. Swinney.

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, thanked Mr. Hoover for the article in the newsletter. She also inquired about delivery of the voting machines and noted that the room needs to be set up by Monday. She also stated that the VFC sold over 100 hoagies at \$6.00 per piece but was unsure what their expenses were.

Tony Tomassey, Brighton Street, asked if the basketball nets could be put back up now or in the spring. Council noted that they will wait until March since the weather is getting colder.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Pustorino, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Borough Secretary

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Council President