

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**OCTOBER 9, 2012**

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

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:47 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Sperduto

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

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Simek, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

**MAYOR**

For the month of September there were 38, 911 calls and 170 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

5-Med Unit Assists  
3-Alarm Calls  
3-DUI Reports  
3-Theft Reports  
2-Animal Problems  
2-Fire Calls  
2-Follow up Reports

There were also eight traffic stops with citations issued.

Mayor Perry issued a proclamation to Raymond Wroblewski for 35 years of service to the VFC. Mr. Wroblewski's work schedule did not permit him to attend the meeting so his wife and son accepted on his behalf.

### **SOLICITOR**

In response to Mr. Lasser's inquiry, Solicitor Evashivik explained that there are two ways to acquire property that is owned by another party. The first is through sheriff sale. This generally takes a year or longer and the approximate cost is \$5,000. There is no guarantee as to who will acquire the property through this method. The second way is through donation. This is quicker and cheaper however, all taxing bodies must be notified and a clean title cannot be guaranteed if all taxing bodies do not agree to waive liens.

Mayor Perry asked for a deferment of departmental reports in order to introduce Blaine Snyder, a student residing in the borough who is attending the meeting for her civics class. He encouraged her to ask any questions she may have.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

There are no rentals to report.

The newsletter was mailed out. Ms. Simek encouraged residents to patronize those that advertise in the newsletter.

### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

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

Three occupancy permits were completed in September.

### **ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

The public works committee for Chalfant decided to continue the contract with Forest Hills which is viable through December 2014 although Mr. Swinney did ask that the language regarding the use of the borough truck be eliminated from the contract. Mr. Swinney noted that other contractors were investigated but the cost was too high to switch.

Mr. Swinney requested that Forest Hills DPW paint some crosswalks and stop bars.

Mr. Swinney attended the COG meeting on September 25, 2012. Mr. Alan Johnson, Acting Superintendent for the school district, spoke to the group.

Mr. Swinney attended the ALOM meeting. Speakers including County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Chelsea Wagner spoke on current topics.

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Work on the storm drains and installation of the railing is to start next week.

Mr. Hoover would like to move forward with advertising the ordinance for street openings.

Mr. Hoover noted any skunk removal issues should be directed to him. Rat baiting is scheduled to be done through COG.

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Mr. Hoover discussed going to a radio frequency for the alarm at the Public Safety Building due to the problems being experienced. The cost is \$539 to install and an additional \$10 per month charge.

The signs for street sweeping and leaf collection are in bad shape. Mr. Hoover is planning to get signs professionally made and the cost can come from the sewer line fund.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. The speed trailer is on Rossmore and then will be moved to Brighton Street. The stop sign detail is ongoing and five stop signs have flashing lights. A speed check detail is currently in place on the Greensburg Pike.

A young person had a fatal skateboarding accident in the borough. The importance of helmets was noted. A vigil was held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The hayride is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm. Volunteers are needed. Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Hoover, to donate \$100 to Forest Hills Borough for the hayride. Motion carried.

A stop sign had been requested in an alley by the Forest Hills Senior Citizen Center. Forest Hills council opted instead to make the alley one way.

There were two alarms and one practice for the VFC last month. The names of the members attending each was read. The VFC will be holding a stuffed cabbage dinner on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 pm. The cost is \$7.00 per dinner.

Ms. Wroblewski, in the audience, was asked about the status of the VFC gas raffle. Ms. Wroblewski noted that she is waiting on the criminal background check and an agreement from the solicitor.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Backflow meter testing is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>. Gutter cleaning will be scheduled for late November.

The ladies room flooring and painting was completed at the community center. Ceiling fans were also installed. Bids for moving the gas meter inside this building will be in by the weekend. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Swinney, to accept the lowest bid to have the meter moved inside and the line replaced. Motion carried.

The Porta Potty was overturned at the park. It has since been removed.

Bids for the track sealing are being obtained.

Mr. Connors submitted the final bill for 2012 for work on the Parkway steps. The amount was \$120.00 for eight hours.

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Trick or Treating is scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 pm.

Funding for building new housing on vacant / delinquent lots is being sought. This project is a collaborative effort with Allegheny County Economic Development and Action Housing. Senator Costa is also supporting the project.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Joanne Baburich, Brighton Street, reported that the stop sign on North Avenue is being ignored, especially between 5 and 6 pm. Mr. Kasardo will alert the police.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

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

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Council President