

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 13, 2015

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

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:40 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

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PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Dr. Pustorino, Messrs. Hoover, Hensell, Kasardo, Swinney, Lasser, Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of September there were 27, 911 calls and 179 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Parking Complaints
- 3- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Juvenile Complaints
- 2- Med Unit Assists
- 2- Service of PFA's
- 2- Suspicious Activities

There were five traffic stops with three citations and two warnings issued.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Evashivik started a draft of an ordinance regarding refuse bags/pods/dumpsters at Mr. Hoover's direction. He will email this prior to next month's meeting. Regarding the discussion on large vehicles that obstruct motorists, he suggested that rather than setting measurements that it be left to the discretion of the police or citing officer. He will get started on this ordinance as well. Solicitor Evashavik attended the 3RWW consent agreement meeting and believes the final agreement will need to be signed by December 2015. He said that it can be done as a resolution that his office will provide.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The school tour and banquet will be featured in the "In Woodland Hills" magazine.

The newsletter will go to press and be delivered next week. It will contain info on the yearbook and time capsule item submissions.

T-shirts (\$17) and wineglasses (\$5) are still available.

Dr. Pustorino met with the engineer regarding the park grant and received the CD42 pre-app from him.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There were two occupancy inspections last month.

Citations have been issued for five properties with ordinance violations. These will be going to the magistrate soon.

The codification of the ordinances should be done by the end of the month. Mr. Hoover asked council to bring their books to next month's meeting.

The county and other fire departments have asked if the Hazmat trailer can be stored in Chalfant's garage. Council asked the solicitor about liability issues and Solicitor Evashavik noted that if the building was to burn down, the borough would be responsible for the building contents. Council asked if there should be a written agreement and Solicitor Evashavik commented that common law principles would apply so it's not necessary. For instance if someone damaged the vehicle, that person would be responsible.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Some street signs have been installed. Some are larger in size than previous ones.

Mr. Swinney is disappointed in the work done on the Greensburg Pike.

Mr. Swinney plans to attend the WHSD meeting at the end of the month. He also attended the emergency management meeting and has some paperwork that he needs to complete.

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Hoover, to pass Resolution 534 to formally request a grant from the DCED for North Avenue (Rossmore to Electric Avenue) paving in the amount of \$38,350. Motion carried.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Storm drain work on Rossmore and Lynnwood is planned.

There will be another e-cycle pick up soon. The location will be changing. A notice about this will be put in the newsletter along with a reminder that this is for borough residents only.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting at Forest Hills. He discussed with Chief Williams the way the officers are handling calls. The chief showed Mr. Kasardo where the ordinance book is kept and will discuss with his officers. The hayride is scheduled for October 17th. Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Lasser, to donate \$100 to the hayride event. Motion carried. Mr. Kasardo will ask that a Swift Reach message go out. Volunteers are also needed.

Forest Hills reviewed their snow routes and Mr. Swinney will review Chalfant's.

The next Crimewatch meeting is October 27th at 7pm in Forest Hills.

There were three practices and two alarms for the VFC. The number of members attending each was read.

The VFC noted that their fair profit was not very good due to the weather. They will provide numbers at next month's meeting. They thanked those that helped out at the event. The VFC will be out on Halloween.

Mr. Hoover will put together directions on how to access the ordinances on the website when using a mobile device. The officers can bring the ordinances up in the cars.

Mr. Kasardo will get an update from the VFC on the IRS filing status for next month's meeting.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Back flow testing is being done at the park, community center and public safety building.

The voting machines will be delivered for the upcoming election.

Council discussed eliminating some of the items on the bid for the park grant to reduce costs. Removing tree removal and batting cage work will reduce the cost to \$58,610. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hensell, to accept the low bid from Sports and Recreation. Motion carried.

The porta potty has been removed from the park and the water meter has been pulled for winter.

Mr. Lasser attended the Chalfant Elementary School tour. He also attended a PA One Call safety fair in Monroeville.

Mr. Lasser spoke last night about a company that scammed some residents. Since there was a police report filed he asked the solicitor if he could provide specifics on the name of the individual/company. Solicitor Evashavik advised that not be done until the party is found guilty.

Ms. Williams asked if the borough should put signs up noting that the park is under surveillance once the cameras are installed. Solicitor Evashavik stated that it is not required but may act as a deterrent. He said that there should be no expectation of privacy when out in public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, stated that behind the firehouse is a light that is sometime on, sometimes off. Mr. Hoover said it might just need to be checked.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Lasser, to transfer \$23,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover noted that coordination of street sweeping and leaf collection needs to be done.

Mr. Kasardo is attending the PSAB meeting in Seven Springs this weekend. He has been talking with State Representative Paul Costa. Local bars have poker machines that generate revenue that stays in the community. Rep. Costa has put together a bill to legalize them that would generate about 450 million. He also noted that the gaming commission wants the ability to serve alcohol 24 hours a day at the casino and also to put access to the casino on the internet so that folks can gamble from home.

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Pustorino, to issue a real estate tax refund for the property at 814 Greensburg Pike in the amount of \$2.72 for tax year 2014. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President