

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 07, 2011

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

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 10:51 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 09, 2011

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

ABSENT: Mr. Swinney

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of October, there were 44, 911 calls and 150 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

7- Med Unit Assists

4- Info Requests

4- Suspicious Activities

3- Domestic

2 each- Accident Reports, Parking Complaints and requests for mutual aid from East Pittsburgh Police Department

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Evashavik reviewed the police contract and stated that it looks fine. He also stated that he can send a letter to Highland Manor to confirm what they have.

Mr. Sperduto and Solicitor Evashavik discussed what to bring to the upcoming hearing for the property where numerous citations have been issued. Mayor Perry stated that he wants to go on

record stating the he wants to do everything he can to make certain that the judge understands what is happening at this property including reports by parents that their children became addicted to heroin because of this property.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The website is current.

The community center has been rented for November 19th.

The planning commission will meet on December 1st.

Motion by Simek, seconded by Kasardo, to advertise that the proposed budget will be available for inspection and that council plans to adopt the budget at the December 10th council meeting. Motion carried.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

An inspection was completed by BIU at 107 West Street. The block foundation is acceptable. Another inspection will be done when the second phase of the project is completed.

Two occupancy permits have been issued.

Mr. Sperduto was notified that the property at 212 Wilkins Avenue is possibly a rental. Mr. Sperduto discussed with the owner who claimed that he did not know an occupancy permit was required. An inspection of the property was done.

The property owner and manager in charge of 222 North Avenue have not completed the necessary repairs on the sidewalk and steps. Citations will begin.

Mr. Sperduto is currently working on a new ordinance for landlords/tenants. Hopefully, once complete, this will eliminate some of the problem tenants the borough has been dealing with.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$5,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Sperduto provided Mr. Swinney's report in his absence.

Leaf collection will take place on Monday, November 14th and street cleaning on Tuesday, November 15th. If it rains on November 14th, both leaf collection and street cleaning will occur on November 15th.

Chalfant is currently negotiating the public works contract with Forest Hills. Ms. Williams asked if anyone was able to get any prices for Mr. Swinney for comparison. Mr. Kasardo stated that he was expecting prices by Friday, Mr. Lasser stated he was waiting for two return calls and Mayor Perry noted that he passed along information regarding the contractor Churchill uses.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Storm drain work has been completed.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to pass ordinance 409, an ordinance amending the earned income tax ordinance number 328 to reflect the changes of Act 32 effective January 1, 2012. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover will determine if the ordinance for the planning commission is in place.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Forest Hills has hired a part time person to help with the police and Crime watch.

The proposed police contract has been reviewed by the solicitor. Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Sperduto, to enter into a contract with Forest Hills Borough for police services for January 2012 through December 31, 2014. Four years, one nay (Lasser). Motion carried. Mayor Perry questioned if the borough can seek to see if there is any interest in others assuming the work given the borough entering into this agreement and the solicitor responded that the borough can always actively pursue this.

Mr. Kasardo contacted the humane society regarding a residence where individuals moved and left the cats in the house.

A Crime watch meeting was held on October 27th. Per the treasure's report, there is \$10,114.00 in the account. The program costs are \$5,400 per year so there are funds to run the program for two years. Chalfant is to pay \$50.00 per month for the program. A balance from previous periods of \$994 is due and Mr. Kasardo is setting up a meeting to discuss. Mr. Kasardo confirmed that Chalfant will not get charged per message and Mayor Perry asked if criminal acts in Forest Hills could also be relayed to Chalfant and vice versa. The next Crime watch meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2012.

Mr. Kasardo read the VFC report. There was one alarm and three practices. The number of members attending each was read. Also, the VFC has submitted a grant to the state and the profit from the cabbage dinner was \$425.27.

Mr. Sperduto inquired about the small games of chance license and Mr. Hoover confirmed that the application has been submitted.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

The backflow tests have been completed.

The wall at the Community Center was repaired and the holes have been backfilled.

A final inspection of the lights funded thru the Allegheny County Energy Program for Municipalities (ACEPM) program was conducted by Mr. Lasser on November 4th. The final cost to the borough will be \$678.00.

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Mr. Daniel Bridge installed two exterior entrance lights and rewired the light switch in the ladies room at the public safety building.

Mr. Lasser and his daughter volunteered at the Forest Hills hayride on October 15th.

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Kasardo, to donate a \$50.00 gift card for the Toys for Tots program at the Allegheny County Boroughs Association meeting. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, asked the Mayor what address he was referring to earlier in the meeting. The property address is 203 Greenfield. Ms. Libell reported that there is a new tenant in the apartment building across from her and that they moved in on November 17th. Ms. Libell reported that the VFC did a wonderful job on Election Day and cleaned up very well. She suggested that next year a sign be put up alerting voters that they are selling food. Ms. Libell also thanked Mr. Hoover for helping her on Election Day.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to appoint five members to the planning commission for a four year term. The members are Richard Romanko, Eileen Wroblewski, Andree Ruth, Gary Milko and Paul Ohodnicki. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President