

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hensell, Hoover, Syska, Drenning, Miller

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:22 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hensell, Hoover, Syska, Drenning, Miller, Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: None

Mr. Hoover called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hensell, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Miller, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

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

Motion by Syska, seconded by Drenning, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

MAYOR

Mayor Perry deferred from the regular order of business to permit former Mayor Steve Orosz present to council a full size flag and certificate that it was flown at the Flight 93 final resting site. He requested that it be flown at one of the memorials.

For the month of October there were 29, 911 calls and 174 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 7- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Med Unit Assists
- 2- Suspicious Activity
- 2- Suspicious Vehicles
- 2- Calls for Information

There were seven vehicles tagged for registration and inspection violations. This brings the total to 20 vehicles tagged in the last two months. Also two vehicles were found to be abandoned and towed away.

Mayor Perry thanked Ms. Libell and the election staff for their work on Election Day. There were over 420 residents that voted from the 535 registered.

SOLICITOR

No Report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino reviewed budget numbers for the 2017 budget.

A communication survey was designed and passed out on Election Day. 280 completed surveys were received.

Dr. Pustorino attended the Crime Watch meeting.

December 15th is the deadline for the winter newsletter.

Mr. Olen asked about the actual costs of printing the newsletter. Dr. Pustorino responded that it's approximately \$400-\$425 per quarter. There are 387 physical properties in the borough but landlords also are mailed the newsletter. She stated that the preliminary results of the survey showed that 80% preferred print media.

Mayor Perry thanked Councilman Drenning for serving as constable on Election Day and with his help in getting residents to complete the survey.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Miller met with the Chafant Athletic Association. A date will be set to go through the equipment and discard what is no longer needed. The storage building is in need of repair. The association was advised that they would be financially responsible for needs that do not benefit the public at large.

Mr. Miller would like to seek a grant for the basketball and former tennis court area.

The park signage installation has been postponed until early spring.

Back flow testing has been scheduled. The furnaces at the public safety building and community center will be inspected in January. A stable service to maintain the Parkway step area is needed.

Crime alert magnets were distributed on Election Day.

The Crime Watch committee discussed having a Community Day. The tentative date is the May 13th weekend and the location is to be determined. Additionally, they would like to hold targeted information sessions on topics such as drugs in the community and scam recognition.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There were three occupancy inspections and one request for a bagster in October.

PUBLIC SAFETY

There was one alarm and two practices for the VFC last month. The number of members attending each was read.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Forest Hills completed crack sealing on Rossmore and the 300 block of Elizabeth. They also built up an asphalt curb on the west side of the alley behind 250 Elizabeth. Runoff water had created a hazardous gully in this area.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Bids for the refuse contract were received and council will review.

WHEMS

Ms. Libell reported that WHEMS acquired a well-equipped 2015 ambulance for \$82,000. They are doing better financially. Ms. Libell will ask them if they can attend the planned Community Day.

Ms. Libell on behalf of herself and the ladies on the Election Board thanked Mr. Drenning for being present on Election Day. There was one incident in particular that he handled very well. She also reported that she is retiring from the Board of Elections but is willing to serve as a substitute if necessary.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ed Olen, Lynnwood Avenue, stated that the wall and porch on the neighboring property is moving at least ¼ inch per month. Mr. Hoover stated that condemnation stickers will be put on the property soon.

OLD BUSINESS

The Comcast contract is up at the end of 2016. The contract is to provide service in the borough. The borough gets a percentage back of what they sell via a franchise agreement. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hensell, to enter into a ten year agreement with Comcast at a rate of 5% to the borough of services provided. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hoover reported that he has proposed two budgets for 2017. One contains no tax increase and the other contains a 1 mill increase. The one with no increase will provide for everything currently provided plus some new services. The one with the millage increase will provide for support for road and building improvements. He identified specific roads that are failing and noted that the roof at the public safety building and the Community Center need to be replaced.

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Robert Lasser, Lynnwood Avenue, in the audience, stated that he can understand the reason for the tax increase but asked what avenues council had taken to bring new funds into the borough. Mr. Hoover noted that has been explored and Mr. Miller stated that improvements to the Community Center may increase rental revenue. Mr. Lasser suggested that government representatives be contacted on a regular basis to identify opportunities.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to advertise that the budgets will be available for inspection. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Syska, to enter into a contract with the Turtle Creek Valley COG for code enforcement services for a one year period at the cost of \$5,460. Motion carried.

Mayor Perry asked about the status of the Leeper property. Mr. Hoover noted that it has been identified as a property for the land bank. The taxing bodies have agreed to waive back taxes.

Mr. Hoover closed the meeting with "See Something, Say Something"

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Miller, seconded by Pustorino, to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President