

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 10, 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 9:36 pm.

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ABSENT: Mr. Swinney

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

Mayor Perry asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Michael Connor, a lifelong resident who recently passed away. Mr. Connor was instrumental in the borough getting a plaque for the Parkway Steps.

For the month of October there were 23, 911 calls and 178 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 2- Service of PFA's
- 2-Animal Control
- 2- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Suspicious Activities
- 2- Med Unit Assists

There was one traffic stop with a warning issued.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Evashivik recommended that council pass the resolution regarding the 3RWW consent agreement. It's a two year plan. Solicitor Evashavik reviewed some of the highlights of the agreement.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Back flow testing was completed for the public safety building, park and Community Center.

Ms. Wroblewski is preparing a year end summary of the Community Center and park rentals. Additionally, she reported that all went well on Election Day.

Forest Hills made arrangements with WPJWA to pull the water meter at the park. This saves the borough from getting a recurring non-use water charge.

Mr. Richie Lubanovic approached Mr. Lasser about taking over Mr. Connor's maintenance duties at the Parkway Steps. Mr. Lasser advised him to attend a council meeting and make his request to council.

Mr. Lasser attended the Woodland Hills School District Community Affairs meeting on October 27th. Ms. Williams and Mr. Swinney also attended.

Mr. Lasser noted that council is working on the budget and that he is trying to cut costs from the property and recreation budgets.

Mr. Lasser stated that due to an increase in his work commitments, he submitted his resignation letter to Ms. Williams.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting at Forest Hills. Chief Williams stated that he ordered a new police car and that the body cameras should be in soon. He also noted that cars have been broken into. The police have a suspect that they will be picking up soon. The majority of the meeting focused on the new borough building.

On October 27th, the Crime Watch Committee met at Forest Hills. Mr. Dan Miller, Ms. Cathie Suley and Mr. Kasardo attended the meeting. The committee discussed the workings of the group with Mr. Miller and Ms. Suley who are Chalfant residents. Chalfant will have its own crime watch program at some point next year. It was also discussed that when the police department fingerprints children at events, the police give the prints to the parents, they do not keep anything on file.

There were no alarms and five practices last month. The number of members attending each was read.

There will be a stuffed cabbage/sausage dinner at the Community Center on November 21st from 3-7 pm.

The final profit from the fair was \$583.79.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Four storm drains were completed on Rossmore and Lynnwood.

Four pallets of televisions and computers were e-cycled.

Leaf pickup is scheduled for next week.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Hoover, to pay JL Urban for drain work in the amount of \$19,100. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell, to award Insight Pipe Contracting LP for CCTV and sewer line cleaning in the amount of \$31,060. Motion carried.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Dr. Pustorino read Mr. Swinney's report in his absence.

The DPW work is ongoing. Mr. Swinney requested them to look at two areas in the borough. The first is a section of roadway at Shadeland and Greenfield. There is a 3" hole located approximately four feet from manhole cover. They will have to camera the area to see what is happening. The second issue is at 338 Elizabeth Avenue. There is a water and erosion concern at this site. A landscaper noticed the issue while digging. The engineer has been notified.

Mr. Hoover added that the borough was contacted about sidewalks that were repaired by the gas company that are now cracking. The engineer has sent a letter to the gas company demanding that they take action.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There were no occupancy inspections last month and no permits issued.

Mr. Hoover is waiting on hearings at the magistrate for the properties with maintenance violations. One owner did contact Mr. Hoover but this was after he received his summons from the magistrate.

The residents at 325 Highland Avenue have not moved the bagster that they were requested to move. They will be cited.

The needs for the pole and amp service at the park is being further investigated by the engineer.

The fire extinguishers have all been inspected. The ansul system at the refreshment stand will need to be addressed and a K class extinguisher is needed.

A resident that is hoarding has been notified that if there is a fire, the VFC will not enter the property. Mr. Hoover asked the Solicitor if this should be put in writing and he responded that it could not hurt to do so. Mr. Hoover will put a letter together.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to pass Resolution 535, a resolution to sign the consent order agreement. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover located an article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette regarding Mr. Connors which Dr. Pustorino read aloud.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The newsletter was delivered to all residents of the borough.

An article on the centennial was included in the "In Woodland Hills" magazine.

Pages for the Centennial Yearbook are being requested.

Council plans to utilize the website to disseminate information more as it is more cost effective.

There will be a celebration for the closing of the time capsule and a Christmas party on December 12th from noon to 4pm. An announcement will be sent out on Swift Reach. There is no cost to attend but RSVP's are requested. Contributions for the time capsule are requested by December 1st.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hensell, to advertise that the budget will be available starting on November 25th and that council plans to vote on the 2016 budget at the December meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hoover, to advertise the 2016 meeting dates. A re-organization meeting will be held on January 4th and there will be a modification to the usual meetings in November due to Election Day. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, said the men working on Lynnwood and Rossmore were very professional and assisted her with navigating her car around the work trucks. She stated it would be nice if they could post a sign noting a work area is ahead and council responded that they typically do.

Judith Fox, Highland Avenue, asked about the location of a sinkhole and council responded that it is at Shadeland and Greenfield. She also inquired about the property on Highland Avenue with the rock garden that is across from the old school. Council responded that it is going up for sheriff sale.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hoover asked Ms. Williams how long she has been on council and she responded "17 years".

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hoover was notified by Waste Management that starting January 6th, garbage pickup day in Chalfant will be moved to Wednesday. Waste Management will place door hangers on the residences and council will send out a SwiftReach message.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Lasser, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President