

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 11, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:27 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Hoover, 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

Mayor Perry presented the 2014 Good Neighbor Award to Charles and Carlene Ray.

For the month of October there were 56, 911 calls and 184 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 7- Ordinance Violations
- 5- Disturbance Calls
- 4- Alarm Calls
- 4- Animal Problems
- 4- Calls for Follow-up Info
- 3- Call Back to Residents
- 3- Med Unit Assists

Per Mayor Perry 56 is a large number of 911 calls and this reflect that residents are making calls when necessary. There are no real glaring situations. There was one stabbing but that involved individuals who knew each other. There were six traffic stops.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Hoover thanked the Solicitor for preparing documents over the past month.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Backflow testing has been completed thanks to Mr. Hensell.

Eileen Wroblewski coordinated with Ms. Libell preparation of the Community Center for Election Day.

Daniel Bridge updated the duplex outlets in the council chamber and he corrected the short in the external wall outlet near the sidewalk.

The Porta John has been removed from the park and will return in the spring.

Mr. Kasardo reset the lighting timer in the refreshment stand at the park. It will be revised to come on from 5pm to 6am.

The bicentennial oak was trimmed by Mr. Connors.

The borough received a \$50,000 grant for the park. Another light, security cameras, tree cutting and improvements to the tot lot are planned.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. The police chief is checking on purchasing personal cameras for the officers that will record audio and video. The stop sign detail is ongoing and the speed trailer will continue to be used, weather permitting.

Mr. Kasardo contacted the chief about putting out some Swift Reach messages. For November 19th they will do a pickup of leaves between 10am and 3pm. On November 20th the street sweeper will come around. This schedule may need to be adjusted depending on the weather.

The VFC had five practices. The number of members attending was read.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Five storm drains have been replaced.

The backflow testing was completed at the firehouse, Community Center and Park.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Kasardo, to accept the bid from Roto Rooter to camera sanitary sewer lines in specific areas of the borough in the amount of \$19,400.00. They were the low bidder. Motion carried.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Hoover, to accept the Waste Management option year at a cost of \$64,848. Motion carried.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Work on the alleyway off Chalfant Street is complete as is the work on Elizabeth Avenue.

Mr. Swinney will continue to monitor the alleys.

A letter was sent to surrounding municipalities regarding the Greensburg Pike and a letter will be sent to the county about repaving this road.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There were four occupancy permit inspections done last month.

Three citations have been issued.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo, to pass Resolution 532 – a resolution to change the weight limit of vehicles on borough streets. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Pustorino, to advertise Ordinance 414, an ordinance amending the Borough Code of Ordinances, Housing, relating to the duty of landlords to file reports identifying all tenants. The proposed ordinance also imposes a duty on landlords who do not reside or maintain a place of business within 50 miles of the borough to appoint an agent. Tenant reports must be filed biannually; agent reports must be filed annually. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover also authorized the secretary to advertise a second ordinance approving and authorizing the Borough to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with other participating municipalities and taxing jurisdictions of Allegheny County for the purpose of forming, establishing, and joining a land bank to be known as the Tri-COG Land Bank.

There is a tree on private property which is in imminent danger of falling. The bid to remove the tree is \$450 from Mr. Connors. A second bid was not able to be obtained as others felt they would not be able to underbid Mr. Connors. The tree is being removed at the request of the adjoining neighbors. Mr. Hoover will request that they each pick up \$150 of the cost and if they agree, the work will be done.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Pustorino thanked Joann Baburich for helping to distribute the t-shirts on Election Day and Doris Libell for spreading the word on the Centennial meeting dates.

The next newsletter will contain the 2015 council meeting dates, information on the new ordinances and Centennial events.

Founders Day is on December 14th at 1pm. The time capsule contents will be on display. Luminaries will be put out that evening. The cost to purchase will be \$1.00 per luminary.

Four members of council attended a meeting with the school board.

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Ms. Pustorino authorized the secretary to advertise the 2015 council meeting dates and that the budget will be available for inspection on November 20th. Council plans to vote on the budget at the December meeting. No increases in taxes or the sewer surcharge is planned.

Ms. Williams noted that the WHSD Superintendent is willing to come to council meetings upon invitation.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, asked what was happening with the house next door as the yard is an embarrassment. Mr. Hoover responded that a company owns it and that they have been notified.

Chuck Ray, Greensburg Pike, asked if kids can skateboard on sidewalks. Council responded that there is no ordinance prohibiting it and if there is a problem it would be a civil matter.

Ray Wroblewski, Fairview Avenue, stated that the recycling bin is no longer a fundraiser for the VFC and that the VFC would like to thank all for helping with the 2014 fundraisers.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A complaint was received by Crawford Consulting about dumping on their property. She requested support from council and council will respond to her on this.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Lasser, to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President