

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

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

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:24 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

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

ABSENT: Ms. Williams, Solicitor Evashavik

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

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

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

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

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Sperduto, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

**MAYOR**

For the month of October there were 17, 911 calls and 181 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Med Unit Assists
- 3- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Suspicious Activities

There were also two traffic details with six stops made and five citations issued.

**SOLICITOR**

Absent

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

There are no rentals to report this month.

The fall newsletter was sent out. There were a few typos on names that will be corrected in next edition.

There are four applicants for Ms. Libell's position. Interviews will be scheduled.

The budget was worked on at last night's meeting. Motion by Simek, seconded by Kasardo, to advertise that the proposed budget will be available for inspection. Motion carried. Council plans to vote on the budget at the December meeting.

Motion by Simek, seconded by Lasser, to advertise the 2014 meeting dates including the re-organization meeting. Motion carried.

### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

Three homes are being renovated in the borough, 300 North, 308 North and 236 Fairview Avenue. The borough is aware of the renovations and all are currently in compliance.

Mr. Dodge attended a seminar on property maintenance in the South Hills on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Sperduto spoke to the property owner regarding a trailer that is parked on Rossmore Street. The wall the owner is building should be done early next week and then the trailer will be removed.

There is a collapsing storm sewer by 201 Elizabeth Avenue. Mr. Hoover is aware of it and it will be addressed in the spring.

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**

The milling of Brighton Street has been completed and the street will be paved soon.

The Forest Hills DPW is to complete work throughout the borough on trees, brush etc. that need to be cut. Street sweeping and leaf collection will take place early next week. A message will be put out over the telephone alert system. Leaves should be swept to the curb but not put in the street. Mr. Kasardo noted that leaves are similar to ice in that they are very difficult to stop your car on. Mr. Lasser stated that the Parkway steps have a lot of leaves that need to be raked.

When new signs are purchased for the borough, they will have high visibility reflective lettering.

Former Mayor Orosz requested that the DPW stop by his home as he has three sign posts that should be stored in the garage.

Mayor Perry noted that a resident taped "Garage Sale" signs to the Chalfant sign and a stop sign. The tape they used took off some of the reflective tape. A note may be placed in the next newsletter indicating that residents should not do this.

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to pass ordinance 413, an ordinance regulating open burning in the borough. Motion carried.

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Motion by Hoover, seconded by Lasser, to make payment to JL Urban in the amount of \$10,754.80 for emergency storm drain work. Payment will be made from the sewer line fund. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover stated that the alarm at the borough office is not being armed when individuals leave the building and asked everyone to be mindful of this.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo met with Chief Williams and Mayor Perry about the problems at the park, drug activity and parking issues on Highland Avenue. The chief has an officer working on the park issue and hopefully the vandalism will cease. A drug detail will be set up to watch specific locations. Mr. Kasardo noted that it can take time for these situations to be resolved.

The speed trailer is in Swissvale currently and Mr. Kasardo will try to get it back in Chalfant before the end of the season.

Mr. Kasardo is reporting five burned out street lights.

The VFC reported 4 practices for last month. The number of members attending each was read. The VFC also has four new members.

A stuffed cabbage dinner will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 pm. The cost will be \$7.00 per dinner.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

The back flow tests are being re-scheduled for the public safety building and the community center. The test was completed at the park.

Mr. Ken Bischel is cleaning the gutters at the public safety building and the community center.

Mr. Paul Rampolla will reconnect the men's bathroom sink to the wall this Thursday.

Repairs were completed on the park pavilion roof. A payment was issued to Allegheny Restoration in the amount of \$100.

Mr. Michael Connors completed the fall maintenance on the Parkway Steps and has submitted an invoice.

The new sign is in place on West Street and it looks nice and it is well decorated. The borough received a thank you note from the Ray family thanking council for having the sign repaired.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

George Markovic, Highland Avenue, noted that drivers are ignoring stop signs. Mr. Kasardo will bring to the police chief's attention.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Lasser, to issue a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$158.70 to David Ramsey for a property on Lynnwood Avenue. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Sperduto, to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Borough Secretary

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Council Vice President