

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Sperduto

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

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

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

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

**MAYOR**

For the month of October there were 35, 911 calls and 177 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

4-Med Unit Assists  
4-Vehicle Accident Reports  
3-Juvenile Complaints  
2-Alarm Calls  
2-Parking Complaints  
2-Traffic Stops

Mr. Sperduto mentioned that there is a car on North Avenue that is legal but has not been moved since June and has four flat tires. He is concerned about safety especially during snow and stated that the ordinance may permit the police to consider it a hazard. Mayor Perry will have the police check it but there may be some push back since it is legally parked. A discussion then ensued regarding an occupancy permit needed for a property on West Street.

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Evashivik will send a lease needed by the VFC to get a small games of chance license to Mr. Hoover via email.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

There are no rentals to report.

The newsletter will be added to the website. Ms. Simek will ask if a few extra copies can be sent each quarter for distribution.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

The occupancy permit will be handled in house this year. The website manager will help with setting this up and the borough will then have the ability to make changes and print paper copies.

The owner of the property at 221 Fairview will take care of the wooden steps in the back of the house.

Funding for the vacant house project was discontinued. Mr. Sperduto noted that Congressman Doyle may be able to help and Mr. Lasser has been in touch with the Costas.

An occupancy permit form for 923 Greensburg Pike was received.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$45,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

Ms. Williams asked if someone is living in the home on Greenfield. There is a dog inside barking incessantly. Mr. Sperduto will look into it.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Swinney was absent from the meeting and Mr. Hoover noted that Mr. Swinney will provide any updates next month.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

The storm drain work has been completed and Mr. Hoover is waiting for the engineer to sign off.

The railing at the top of Rocky Road was completed.

The street opening ordinance will be voted on next month.

A child's pack for the AED is being ordered.

The alarm system for the PSB will be moved to a radio frequency.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. The speed trailer will be put away for the winter. The stop sign detail is ongoing. A flashing light on the stop sign on North Avenue was defective and was replaced. The alley behind the Forest Hills Senior Center being made one way was put in the form of an ordinance and will be voted on at the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The next Crime Watch meeting is scheduled for February 2013. The cost is \$5400.00 per year for the crime watch messaging system and Chalfant pays \$600 of this. Funds remain for one more year. Since the time the program started additional companies have gotten involved in the business so it may be possible to find a cost reduction for the next period.

There were three alarms and one practice for the VFC. The names of those attending each was read.

Over 77 dinners were sold at the VFC stuffed cabbage fundraiser.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Backflow testing at all three sites was completed on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bischel cleaned the downspouts at the PSB on October 29<sup>th</sup> and will do the Community Center once the water dries up.

The gas meter was moved outside of the Community Center and a meter reading was taken. A portion of the sidewalk here will be patched later this month.

Mr. Connors will thin out the bicentennial pin oak tree at a cost of \$400.00. A previous bid received was about \$1000.00.

The track was sealed on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, stated that the VFC did an excellent job cleaning up after their fundraiser. She noted that the date change for Trick or Treating went well. She reported that there were some issues at the Community Center around Election Day. First the VFC stated that they could not bring food into the building unless an election official was present. Mr. Hoover noted that this was a misunderstanding. Second, an individual was installing the gas meter on the day prior to Election Day. There was some concern regarding a possible shut off of the gas during Election Day that was later resolved. Ms. Simek reiterated that it was important for Ms. Libell to be notified when work was scheduled at the building.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kasardo reported that he would like to attend the ALOM Legislative Reception.

The budget will be finalized by November 29<sup>th</sup> and council will plan to pass it at the December meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Borough Secretary

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Council President