

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**DECEMBER 8, 2015**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Swinney

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:26 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 9, 2015**

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

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

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

**MAYOR**

Mayor Perry presented the 2015 Good Neighbor Award to Ms. Laurie Williams. This evening is her last council meeting and Mayor Perry gave a summary of her contributions.

For the month of November there were 31, 911 calls and 180 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 5- Suspicious Activities
- 3- Ordinance Violations
- 3- Suspicious Persons
- 2- Alarms
- 2- Med Unit Assists
- 2- Theft Reports

There was one traffic stop with a citation issued.

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Evashavik forwarded a draft ordinance for refuse containers for councils review. He also started another one regarding parking but then noticed that the City of Pittsburgh was passing some legislation so he wants to review that first.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

New officers will be named for the CAA. Council reps will conduct an audit with the CAA and the VFC in the early part of 2016.

Saturday is the time capsule closing and Christmas Party from noon to 2pm.

Last call was made for Centennial Yearbook contributions. Some wineglasses and t-shirts are still available.

Dr. Pustorino would like newsletter items by next week.

Trash pickup will move to Wednesday in 2016. The first pickup will be January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$32,500 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

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

The bagster on Highland Avenue has been removed. Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell to advertise an ordinance providing for a permit application with a fee for any dumpster placed on private property or a public right of way. The fee is \$30 for 30 days. Motion carried.

The CAA was notified that St. Maurice was getting new grandstands and selling their old ones. They are four seats high and fifteen feet long. The CAA is interested in obtaining two. Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell, to give authorization for the CAA to purchase 2 at a price not to exceed \$200 each. It was noted that the DPW would need to pick them up and move them to the park and the rate for this is \$68-\$78/hour. Mr. Kasardo stated he may be able to find someone to do this at no cost. Motion carried.

A new flag was placed at the park.

Mr. Hoover requested correspondence for the time capsule regarding what times were like. The capsule will stay sealed for the next 25 years.

Mr. Hoover asked everyone to bring their ordinance books to the next meeting.

Mr. Hoover thanked Ms. Williams for her support and leadership.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

The borough is in line with the DPW budget based upon figures thus far.

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Mr. Swinney attended the COG meeting. Approval of officers and the annual banquet will be held in January with Sean Logan speaking.

The CD application was rejected for the paving of North Avenue. Mr. Swinney will see if Liquid Fuel funds can be used.

Mr. Swinney will attend the event on Saturday.

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$12,763.26 from the Highway Aid Fund to the General Fund Money Market for 2015 street light expenses. Motion carried.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

E-cycle has moved to the Lynnwood Avenue garage. Residents can call to schedule a drop off.

Trash pickup has moved to Wednesdays in 2016.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Hoover, transfer \$80,759 from the Sewer Line Fund to the General Fund Money Market for 2015 sewer expenses. Motion carried

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the public safety meeting at Forest Hills. The chief has ordered protective vests for the officers which are custom fitted for the officer. The speed trailer has been repaired and put in the garage for winter. Mr. Kasardo will contact Rep. Paul Costa about getting an updated one.

There were no alarms and four practices last month. The number of members attending each was read. Ms. Williams stated that she has been impressed with the number of members attending practices.

Mr. Kasardo will attend the Allegheny County Boroughs Association meeting along with Mayor Perry. He thanked Ms. Williams for donating two bottles of wine and Dr. Pustorino for providing wine glasses from the centennial.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Lasser will find a replacement for Ken Bichsel to clean the gutters and drains.

Ms. Libell contacted Mr. Lasser about her needs for the holiday party on Saturday.

Some changes are being made to the scope of work for the park grant. Forest Hills drained the water lines and pulled the meter at the park. This saves the borough \$120 per year.

Council will need to find someone to take over the maintenance of the Parkway Steps. Mr. Connor's helper, Richie Lubanovic has expressed interest.

Mr. Lasser suggested a thank you card be sent to Tom's friend who cuts the grass at the North Avenue memorial.

Planet Fitness has opened a location in North Versailles. A fee of \$10 per month is being offered.

Mr. Hoover asked if Mr. Bichsel's son might be interested in taking over the work that his father was doing. Mr. Lasser will check.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell, for Sports and Recreation Ass. to install the new pole, add conduit wire and hook-up for a total of \$3,780. Motion carried.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Baburich, Brighton Street, stated that the person cutting the grass at the memorial has been doing it for a while and does a nice job. He suggested that he be given a gift card. Mr. Kasardo will get a \$25 card. Ms. Williams suggested he be asked about grass cutting so that council can compare costs with the current price they are paying. Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Lasser, to purchase a \$25 gift card for cutting the grass over the past year. Motion carried.

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, wished Ms. Williams well. She asked Mr. Hoover if the CAA will contribute towards the light cost in the park and he responded no as this will be used by the park as a whole. Ms. Libell asked if Waste Management was going to put notices up about the change in trash day and council responded yes. She also asked if someone would contact the owner of the property across the street because nobody has been putting away the empty garbage cans. Mr. Hoover will ask Mr. Dodge to contact them. Finally she asked Mr. Kasardo what the VFC made on the cabbage dinner but no report has been received yet.

Judith Fox, Highland Avenue, stated that Mount Lebanon has speed trailers provided by Allstate Insurance. Mr. Kasardo said that he will look into this and contact his insurance agent as he has Allstate. Mayor Perry noted that State Farm provides signage for the turnpike.

Ed Olen, Lynnwood Avenue, feels \$30 to put a bagster on your own private property is a punishment to the property owner. Mr. Hoover stated that Chalfant is one of the last boroughs to do this.

Cindy Roche, Fairview Avenue, asked if the CAA is aware that they are to clean the park after every game and Mr. Kasardo responded yes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hoover to pass the 2016 budget. All in favor except Mr. Lasser who questioned if there were thoughts on how to increase revenue without raising taxes. Mr. Hoover noted that the borough has not had a tax increase in 12 years with the exception of a one time, temporary increase. Motion carried

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Swinney to set the 2016 millage at 7.4 mills. All in favor except Mr. Lasser. Motion carried.

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Mr. Kasardo received a phone call from Basil Damico who owns property at the entrance to Pin Oak Court that he would like to donate to the borough. Council will look into this.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hensell, to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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Council President