

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**DECEMBER 9, 2014**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Lasser

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:41 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

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

ABSENT: Ms. Williams

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

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Lasser, 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**

For the month of November there were 33, 911 calls and 178 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 6- Ordinance Violations
- 3- Criminal Mischief
- 3- Complaints for Loud Music
- 3- Parking Complaints
- 3- Med Unit Assists

There were three traffic stops.

Mayor Perry noted the time capsule was removed from park and the contents will be on display December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

**SOLICITOR**

Mr. Hoover asked the Solicitor if he heard anything more about the land bank. He responded that he has heard nothing new in regards to the borough's ordinance. The school board is supposed to vote on it this evening.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

EZ Garage Door has been contacted about the side entrance door of the Community Center which is hard to open.

There has been vandalism at the park. The trash was tossed about and a handrail was broken. Mr. Lasser cleaned up the mess and someone will be out to repair the handrail. Mayor Perry asked if the police were notified, and upon learning that they were not, said that he will alert them.

Mr. Lasser stated that the property committee will meet to discuss the park grant fund usage. Mr. Hoover noted that he spoke with the engineer and there are very specific instructions regarding this so the committee should coordinate with him.

Trash is starting to accumulate on the streets. Mr. Lasser stated that folks walking may want to carry a bag and pick up trash as they walk.

The demolishing of buildings at the Westinghouse site is in progress. There has not been much interest in the atom smasher. This will be the last structure to be demolished and that is not yet scheduled. Mr. Hoover noted that he contacted the news a few times to do a story but they were not interested.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. The police are getting a new patrol car and investigation of body cameras is ongoing. The speed trailer is on West and will be stored for the winter.

Mr. Kasardo stated that funds in the park grant were allocated to installing cameras at the park. He said that Chief Williams showed him how the police officers can access all Forest Hills' cameras from their cars.

Mr. Kasardo noted that Duquesne Light has a program to install LED lights and Chalfant would qualify for it. Installation would begin in March and it has to be a uniform installation. The plan would be to start on West Street and continue left onto North. Duquesne Light said that they could install lights at the park while they were doing this work. The park grant has funds allocated for lighting.

The VFC had four practices and four alarms. The number of members attending was read.

The generator battery has been changed.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Camera work on the sewers will occur in January.

There are two dates that will change for garbage pick-up in 2015 due to holidays. Trash will be picked up on May 26<sup>th</sup> instead of May 25<sup>th</sup> and on September 8<sup>th</sup> instead of September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Hensell, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$20,079.33 from the Sewer Line Fund to the General Fund to reimburse for 2014 expenses paid from the general fund. Motion carried.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

The DPW fixed the "Watch Children" sign on Elizabeth.

Mr. Swinney is working on a letter to the county regarding the Greensburg Pike.

Mr. Swinney did some observations of the alleys and laid out preliminary plans for work on these.

Mr. Swinney attended the Emergency Management Coordinators update at the 911 Center. There was a discussion on the use of sign language regarding the American Disabilities Act. Also residents can call 211. Individuals answering these calls can provide direction on a number of services for issues including but not limited to foreclosures, eviction, and hoarding. There may be one or two instances of hoarding in the borough and this will be investigated.

The street sweeper is broken and they are trying to repair. The plan is to finish leaf collection this week.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

Mr. Hoover thanked Ray Wroblewski for helping extract the time capsule and others for coming to watch.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Kasardo to pass Ordinance 415, an ordinance amending the Borough Code of Ordinances, Housing, Chapter 11, Part 1, by replacing sections 101 and 102, 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 Chalfant Borough to appoint an agent. Tenant reports must be filed biannually; agent reports must be filed annually. Mr. Lasser asked how this is different than the state's landlord/tenant act. Solicitor Evashavik responded that there is not language in that act that provides a way for a borough to enforce ordinances and that act largely protects tenants. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Hensell, to table until next month the land bank ordinance that was also advertised. Motion carried.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The borough website will continue to be updated.

The next newsletter deadline for items is next council meeting. The newsletter will go out at the end of January.

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Ms. Pustorino thanked residents for purchasing luminaries and noted that these are to be lit at dusk on Sunday.

Founders Day is Sunday at 1pm. Ms. Libell has made arrangements for refreshments. Ms. Pustorino is investigating how the visual/audio media can be restored. The remainder of the centennial events will be published in January.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Kasardo, to transfer \$26,500 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Evelyn Fullwood, Elizabeth Avenue, asked if the speed trailer can be put anywhere. She would like it to go in the 100 block of Elizabeth and volunteered her yard for a future location. She also asked when the new ordinance goes into effect and Mr. Hoover responded immediately.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Hoover stated that everyone is welcome to the Centennial meetings and that they are held the third Wednesday of every month. Founders Day is Sunday at 1pm and Mr. Lasser may speak on the history of Chalfant.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hoover to adopt the 2015 budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Lasser to pass Ordinance 416, the tax ordinance keeping the millage at 6.9 mills for 2015. Motion carried.

Mr. Swinney wished all happy holidays.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Pustorino, to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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Council Vice President