

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**APRIL 12, 2011**

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:10 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

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PRESENT: Ms. Simek, Messrs. Swinney, Lasser, Sperduto, Hoover, Kasardo, Solicitor Nick Evashavik

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams

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

Mr. Swinney deviated from the regular order of business to permit Ms. Marilyn Messina, running for re-election to the school board, to speak.

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

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

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

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

**MAYOR**

Mr. Swinney read the mayor's report in his absence. Mayor Perry's absence is due to his work schedule.

For the month of March, there were 29, 911 calls and 183 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 8 - Med Unit Assists
- 4- Ordinance Violations
- 4 –Domestics
- 2- Found Animals
- 2 – Stolen Vehicles (resolved, internal family issue)
- 2- Parking Complaints

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor Evashavik filed a real estate appeal against the blk and lot 374-K-40-01. The notice will be sent in approximately six months.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Part of the stone wall overlooking North Avenue is beginning to buckle. Michael Connors has stabilized it. Motion by Lasser, second by Sperduto to pay Mr. Connors the amount of \$200.00 for the work. Motion carried. Mr. Sperduto encouraged all to look at this area as it is in need of additional repairs.

Robert Henkel had Forest Hills dig a trench and the conduit and underground electric line has been installed at the park.

Mr. Lasser noted the clean up schedule for the memorials.

The borough is waiting for input from the CAA regarding the hot water heater in the refreshment stand which is in need of repair/replacement.

The porta-potty was delivered on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hoover, to have Hooper Roofing reapply the waterproof coating on the Community Center roof at a cost of \$1280.00. Motion carried. This is required to keep the warranty in effect.

Ken Bichsel will be cleaning the drains at the Community Center and PSB. The cost will be \$350.00 to have both buildings cleaned three times per year.

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Hoover, to have Hooper Roofing reapply the waterproof coating on the Public Safety Building large roof at a cost of \$485.00 and the small roof at a cost of \$420.00. Motion carried. This is required to keep the warranty in effect.

Redd-Up Chalfant Day was held on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm. Seven individuals participated. Ten tires and 17 bags of garbage were collected. A small cookout followed. Donations were received from Mr. and Mrs. Sperduto, Shop N Save, Giant Eagle, SAMS, Walmart and Kuhns. Ideas are needed to increase citizen participation.

A committee chairman and members are needed for the Chalfant 100 Year Anniversary. To date, no residents have responded to the request for volunteers in the newsletter.

Mr. Kasardo noted that a light is out at the park and will be looked at by the electrician.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Forest Hills has been given approval to hire part time police officers. Applicants will be under civil service and will receive benefits. This should help to reduce overtime costs.

The speed trailer is on Ardmore Boulevard which is seeing more traffic due to the Port Authority cuts. The bus was eliminated on the Greensburg Pike and service reduced at the Electric Avenue stop.

A resident (child) found a live bullet and the police were notified. The drug task force has been investigating in some areas of the borough.

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The VFC had no alarms and four practices last month.

Engine 120 will go out for state inspection and the pump must be certified. The battery charger on the squad needs to be replaced.

The pasta dinner had a profit of \$270.77.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Mr. Hoover resubmitted the zoning section of the ordinances to the county. The borough can move forward once they approve.

Mr. Hoover, Forest Hills and Waste Management met to discuss merging services. Mr. Hoover had contacted Waste Management regarding recycling services.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to accept the low bid and authorize the engineer to proceed with the project, Storm Drainage Improvements (Chalfant Street Right of Way between North and Lynnwood Avenues) to be awarded to J.L. Urban at a cost of \$8,550.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to accept the low bid and authorize the engineer to proceed with the project, Pipe Repairs and Storm Inlet Replacements (various locations) to be awarded to J.L. Urban at a cost of \$8,900.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek, to accept the low bid and authorize the engineer to proceed with the project, Storm Inlet Replacements (Rossmore Avenue in the vicinity of Greenfield Avenue) to be awarded to J.L. Urban at a cost of \$4,900.00. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAYS**

Mr. Swinney received estimates from three companies for the guide rail installation. The low bidder is Allegheny Fence at \$4860.00. Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Simek, to accept this bid. Motion carried. Mr. Sperduto noted that once the rail is up, he believes the street will need to be made one-way.

Forest Hills DPW will re-install the stop signs at Highland and Chalfant and Chalfant and Wilkins. Once the weather improves, Mr. Swinney is hoping to have the DPW complete some patching, painting and milling work.

A resident at 143 North Avenue has requested a handicapped parking spot. FHDPW will extend an existing blue line once the weather warms up.

The picnic benches should be at the park soon and a lid replacement is being ordered for one garbage can.

Several signs need to be replaced. These include two stop signs, one "Watch Children" sign, one "Steep Grade" sign and ten "No Parking" signs. In regards to the speed limit signs, Solicitor Evashavik suggested that council be practical in the number ordered. The borough is not required to put up signs but if someone gets a ticket and the proper signage is not in place, signage could be an issue. He suggested areas where folks speed more. Mr. Hoover noted that

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Penn Dot is giving out free signs.

Mr. Swinney will be updating the emergency operations plan, including updating information on residents with special needs.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

The occupancy report is almost complete. Mr. Sperduto is waiting for two more landlords. A final report will be available by the next council meeting. It was tougher this year getting the information.

A blue Ford Bronco with expired plates and registration has been removed from 218 Fairview. There is another vehicle on Shadeland that the owner has until 4/17/11 to remove or it will be tagged and towed.

A \$100.00 donation from Ross Scarcelli will be deposited into the Centennial Fund.

Mr. Sperduto and Mr. Dodge will attend a hearing at the magistrate's office tomorrow regarding the property at 204 Lynnwood. If the owner does not appear, the magistrate should issue judgement in the borough's favor.

Mr. Sperduto and Mr. Lasser will be working on improvements to the buildings supported by the grant funds.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to transfer \$16,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

Mr. Swinney asked about the tree cutting along the Dunstan property.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Libell has decided to continue on in her previous position.

The website is now up and running. Mr. Hoover posted a notice about the VFC Pasta Dinner on the site.

Election Day is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Libell has made arrangements for booth set up and election day procedures.

The Community Center has been rented for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Set up will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

A date for the VFC audit needs to be set.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Rose Tucker, Highland Avenue, said that she received a letter regarding a March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and that Forest Hills wants Chalfant to pay for the Crime Watch services received. Ms. Tucker asked Mr. Kasardo how much Forest Hills wants. Mr. Kasardo indicated that it is approximately \$600.00 and that a meeting is supposed to be set up to discuss. Mr. Kasardo will question why Chalfant Borough residents have not received any telephone alerts in a very long time.

Ms. Tucker asked if the move to part time officers will decrease the coverage in Chalfant. Mr. Kasardo indicated that the coverage will stay the same.

Ms. Tucker questioned individual's support of district magistrate candidates. A discussion took place.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kasardo attended the ALOM conference and provided an overview of several presentations which he attended which included:

- 1) Bracelets for sex offenders
- 2) Blighted properties
- 3) Marcellus shale taxing
- 4) Sewer compliance
- 5) Local government academy classes
- 6) Playground supplies

Mr. Hoover spent a few days with the USMC so that he could help out with recruiting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Kasardo, seconded by Sperduto, to adjourn in memory of Ed Ummer at 8:25 p.m.  
Motion was unanimous.

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

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Council Vice President