

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

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

ABSENT: Mr. Kasardo

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:04 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Simek, Messrs. Lasser, Swinney, Sperduto, Hoover, Solicitor Nick Evashavik

ABSENT: Mr. Kasardo

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

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

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

Motion by Simek, seconded by Swinney, 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

For the month of January, there were 16, 911 calls and 183 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 2 - Med Unit Assists
- 2- Ordinance Violations
- 2 –Domestics

There are numerous other singular categories but none which post an ongoing problem.

Mayor Perry stated that he is pleased with the number of 911 calls this month.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Evashavik reported that he sent a memo regarding a billboard issue and recommended that council review it to see if the borough had any instances that would apply. Mr. Baburich indicated that he would check his records and contact Solicitor Evashavik.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Bob Henkle is finalizing his proposal for repairing the vandalized electrical service at the park. Mr. Lasser will get a couple other estimates as well.

Mr. Lasser created a list of “volunteers” to help maintain the flowers at the memorial. No responses were received from residents in response to the newsletter.

Beam Heating and Air Conditioning installed the furnace and thermostat at the public safety building.

The annual Redd-Up day is being planned for Saturday April 2nd from 1-4pm. Mr. Lasser requested input from council.

Chalfant’s 100 year anniversary is coming up. Volunteers are needed to plan events.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Lasser read Mr. Kasardo’s report in his absence.

There were three VFC practices and one alarm last month. The names of those who attended was read.

Crime Watch will be holding a “Night at the Races” on Saturday, May 7th at the Forest Hills recreation center.

Mr. Kasardo will pick up petitions for the election and some equipment from Grangers.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Pettica’s sewer line was tested and passed inspection. The break is on the borough line. The engineer is putting together a package to have three repairs done at once as the breaks are small and do not need to be done immediately. Mr. Zischkau is also now the engineer for Forest Hills borough and he will push to have the storm basins that need repair in Chalfant done.

The county will need the full 45 days to respond to the codification changes. The expected receipt date for their response is February 19th.

Snow removal at the office was discussed. Mr. Hoover is the contact if help is needed regarding this.

Mr. Hoover is looking into recycling.

Mr. Hoover spoke to Mr. Zischkau regarding surcharge on the Litman properties. The engineer believes that Chalfant can get only one fee from this property, not both.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Swinney has received two proposals for the guide rail for Fairview Avenue. One from Interstate Enterprises in the amount of 4997.60 and one from Green Acres Contracting in the amount of 5362.50. Mr. Swinney plans to contact Allegheny Fence to see if they want to provide an estimate.

Forest Hills is doing a good job of ongoing work in the borough. The SPW installed the sign at Kar-Hings for customers/delivery trucks. Some crack sealing may be done in the spring.

Mr. Swinney is looking at the additional signage needed in the borough.

There is a separation of the asphalt on West Street at the top of the Greensburg Pike and down by Nancy and Friends. He will check this in the spring. The contractor will be made aware of this issue.

Mr. Swinney attended the COG meeting last month. COG will be providing refuse billing to Wilkesburg borough. Also discussed at the meeting was the use of salt brine and related equipment that can help reduce the amount of salt needed for the road. The COG annual dinner meeting will be held at the end of February.

Mr. Swinney will contact the engineer and ask him to attend a council meeting in March or April.

Mr. Swinney reported that Woodland Hills is promoting mosaics and banners to the communities in the district.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

A permit was issued to Bart Dunstan for 107 West Street (repairs to the foundation). He has 180 days to complete the project.

Funding is in place for demolition of 154 Brighton Street. Demolition is aimed for March. Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to award the contract for demolition of 154 Brighton Street to Woodhouse and Sons. There were three bids, two were for the identical amount (Woodhouse and Ever Ready) but Ever Ready decline the job due to workload issues. The third bid was from BJC Enterprises.

Two occupancy reports were issued.

Mr. Sperduto spoke to a landlord whose tenants have been involved in police calls numerous times. The landlord was unaware and plans to take some action.

Mr. Sperduto read through the new blighted property law. There is an abandoned property with two interested buyers and he cannot locate the owner. Solicitor Evashavik said that the interested buyers could front the borough money to have a sheriff sale because a taxing body has to initiate the sheriff sale.

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Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Simek to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The website should be up the beginning of March. Council is providing a summary of the borough and some photos.

Robert Baburich is having Woodland Hills install icons on the computer. He'll be in the office Wednesday and Thursday evenings starting in March.

Ms. Simek will meet with Doris Libell to discuss equipment needs.

Ms. Simek and Ms. Williams plan to do the VFC audit in May.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, reported that a rug has been removed in the apartments across the street from her and that there is a gas line break near her home. No work is planned until the weather improves. Ms. Libell also announced that she is retiring. She provided a history of her years of service to the borough. She was involved in numerous activities including the free lunch program (15 years), school crossing guard (20 years) and has been doing things with the building for 45 years, and has seen 5-6 mayors during her tenure. She plans to finish up a few things and give Ms. Simek a crash course in what is needed. She also provided some recommendations. Council thanked Ms. Libell for her excellent help over the years.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hoover and Mr. Sperduto were contacted a few months back about water runoff on the Highland Avenue hill by the field. This should be dealt with before all the vegetation comes back.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lasser suggested that Ms. Simek put together a job description for Ms. Libell's position.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____

Borough Secretary

Council President