

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

JANUARY 11, 2011

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

ABSENT: None

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

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2011

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of December, there were 36, 911 calls and 182 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 2 – Alarm Calls
- 2- Animal Complaints
- 2 - Med Unit Assists
- 2- Ordinance Violations
- 2 –Information Requests
- 2- Juvenile Complaints
- 2- Parking Complaints

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

SOLICITOR

No Report

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Bob Henkle provided his recommendations for the repair work needed for the vandalized electrical service at the park.

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the flowers at the memorial. A request will go into the newsletter.

Beam Heating and Air Conditioning will be installing the furnace at the Community Center later this month or in early February.

Mr. Lasser attended the East Pittsburgh Economic Development Committee Meeting. They help with grants and activities to revitalize the Mon Valley area. They would like to see the commitment of 4-5 individuals from the borough. A request will go into the newsletter.

The annual Redd-Up day is being planned for Saturday April 2nd from 1-4pm.

The borough participated in an energy audit done by the county earlier in the year. This was funded by a grant from the Department of Energy. They noted that the borough should replace some old lights and install a programmable thermostat. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Sperduto, to adopt Resolution 517 with Robert Lasser appointed as the contact for Chalfant. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kasardo attended the Forest Hills public safety meeting. The police regionalization was discussed. Mr. Kasardo will discuss with the police about warning residents who are shoveling snow into the street.

The next crime watch meeting is January 27th. Mr. Kasardo still needs to schedule a meeting to discuss finances with them.

There were three practices and two alarms for the VFC. The names of those attending were read. The squad will be sent out to get new batteries installed.

Mr. Kasardo was not able to contact Green Acres but plans to this week.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Waste Management delays for 2011 will be the weeks of Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

The borough garage was cleaned out.

Mario Pettica of Lynnwood Avenue has been contacted about dye testing the sewer line.

The codification has been pushed to February or March due to the county's review of the zoning ordinance changes.

HIGHWAYS

Forest Hills SPW is doing ongoing snow work in the streets, alleys and at the community center area.

A new blue sign has been installed on the Ardmore.

The sign for Kar-hing customers will need to be attached to the building or put up some other way so that it stays away from the gas line.

Residents observed putting snow into the street are warned by the SPW drivers if they see it happening.

Forest Hills will be asked to try not to hit the North Avenue sidewalk with salt. Mr. Hoover suggested a skirt be put up to keep the salt off.

Mr. Perry heard that the county has excess signage. Mr. Swinney will discuss with Mr. Theilacker.

A resident at 119 Elizabeth has placed a "For Sale" sign on Chalfant Street at the Greensburg Pike. It has been there for several months. The solicitor said the borough can remove the sign if it is on borough property.

There was a short discussion regarding new rules that are upcoming for signage. Council will table further discussion until additional information is released.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

COG has received the necessary information from the solicitor for legal clearance on 154 Brighton. A request for bids is going out on January 5th and will be opened on January 27th.

Mr. Sperduto is waiting for a reply from Mr. Dunstan. A follow up letter was sent about one week ago. The letter provided him with a two week response period. After that point he will be cited by BIU weekly.

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

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The website creation is moving along. Kris Scigliano is reserving our domain name: www.chalfantborough.org for five years. There will be a link to the newsletter at the site.

Microsoft Office has been installed on the borough computer.

Ms. Simek explored various collection agencies and feels that Jordan Tax Service is currently serving the borough well.

The Community Center was rented on 12/24/10 and Ms. Libell thanked Mr. Kasardo for doing a good job cleaning up. Ms. Simek and Ms. Libell will discuss replacing some of the old cleaning equipment.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ed Olen, said he appreciates all the work that borough council does.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chalfant is being moved to the Forest Hills district magistrate office under Tom Caulfield.

The newsletter will be sent to out in the next few weeks.

The borough would like to send one person to the ALOM conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Kasardo, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President