

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

APRIL 11, 2017

PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Drenning, Syska, Miller

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Mr. Hensell

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:38 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 12, 2017

PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hensell, Hoover, Syska, Drenning, Miller, Solicitor Evashavik

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

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

Motion by Drenning, seconded by Miller, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Hensell, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

MAYOR

Dr. Pustorino read Mayor Perry's report in his absence.

For the month of March there were 34, 911 calls and 181 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Parking Complaints
- 3- Domestic
- 3- Suspicious Vehicles
- 3- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Juvenile Complaints
- 2- Return Calls for Info
- 2- Calls for Abandoned Vehicles

SOLICITOR

Mr. Miller asked Solicitor Evashavik about the guns in the park issue (related to a prior bill that had been passed). Solicitor Evashavik gave an update on the status of this. Council will discuss.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Newsletters will go out in mid-May.

Dr. Pustorino gave an overview of the Churchill Area Environmental Council's scholarship program. Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to donate \$25 towards the \$250 scholarship. Motion carried.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

COG reported 15 violations in March.

There were three occupancy permit inspections and three dumpster/bagster permits issued.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

No report

HEALTH AND SANITATION

A dumpster will be placed at the park in a week.

Storm drain work will begin now that the weather is improving.

Refuse will not be picked up on Good Friday. It will be picked up on Saturday instead. A Swift Reach message will go out.

PUBLIC SAFETY

There was one practice and one alarm for the VFC. A description and the number of members attending each were read.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

A sign was posted at the Public Safety Building noting that e-cycling has been discontinued.

The light bulbs outside of the Public Safety Building have been replaced.

The new signs are in at the park.

Mr. Miller met with the CAA on April 8th to clean up the park. A significant amount of debris, rubbish and other items were taken away by the Forest Hills DPW. The water has been turned

on and Mr. Miller will contact a plumber to have the bathroom toilets checked. He will also have an electrician look at several electrical boxes.

Redd Up Day will be planned for a weekend in May.

WHEMS (Doris Libell)

No Report

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Evelyn Fullwood, Elizabeth Avenue, asked Mr. Hensell about the sewers on her street. Sewage is backing up into basements but no blockage was found in the lines. She was asked to call the borough the next time that it happens.

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, complimented Mr. Russell and his group for their work at Bill Fischer's dinner. Mr. Drenning noted that Mr. Lilac and Peticca helped immensely. Ms. Libell also reported that there are four tires on North Avenue. Council is aware. Ms. Libell asked about the spaghetti dinner. Mr. Drenning noted that there wasn't a good turnout and three hoagie sales will be planned per year instead.

Rose Tucker, Highland Avenue, stated that Forest Hills is cutting trees that are too big and asked why Chalfant cannot as well. Mr. Hoover noted that it is the utility company doing this and that they already came through Chalfant. He stated that she needs to contact the home owner to discuss the tree that is dropping twigs on her property but that he will have Duquesne Light take a look at it.

Judith Fox, Highland Avenue, asked if any plans are being made for activities that could utilize the park. Senator Costa's office has been contacted about a park grant. Mr. Miller stated that he would like to have a recreation committee that could develop activities but that he hasn't received much feedback from interested residents. An item will be placed in the newsletter. Mr. Miller reminded all about Emergency Services Day on May 20th, 11 am -3 pm. There will be pizza, refreshments and a DJ at Tugboats starting at 4pm.

Ed Olen, Lynnwood Avenue, asked if the borough will be tearing down the condemned buildings. Mr. Hoover noted that emergency demolition funds have been applied for.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Drenning to exonerate the real estate tax collector for uncollected 2016 taxes in the amount of \$14,800.74. Motion carried.

An overview of the proposed sewer lateral ordinance was discussed. Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Syska to advertise the proposed ordinance. All voted yes except Mr. Hensell. Motion carried.

Two new signs have been installed at the park that limits parking to the handicapped or for borough business (this means someone working on the park, not the CAA). Some bad behavior was reported at the park. Mr. Hoover asked that the police be called when folks see this.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Syska, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President