

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

JANUARY 10, 2017

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

ABSENT: Mr. Hensell,

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:48 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2017

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of December there were 31, 911 calls and 181 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 7- Ordinance Violations
- 3- Alarm Calls
- 3- Neighbor Disputes
- 2- Domestic
- 2- Theft
- 2- Follow up calls for information

There were three traffic details.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Evashavik reported that he emailed the draft ordinance to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Swissvale to council. There are still a few minor things to be negotiated.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The annual occupancy permits will be sent to landlords and property owners.

The newsletter will go out mid-January.

Dr. Pustorino edited the code enforcement documents.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There were four occupancy inspections completed.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

No Report

HEALTH AND SANITATION

The transition to Swissvale for refuse collection went smoothly. Mr. Swinney asked the cost difference and Mr. Hoover stated it was a \$20,000 savings. It's a two year contract with options.

Recycle bins will be at the public safety building and a dumpster will be at the park.

PUBLIC SAFETY

There were two alarms/practices for the VFC.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Beam Heating inspected the furnaces at the public safety building and at the community center.

Mr. Miller is going to propose a revised fee structure for the park and community center as well as opening to non-residents. Non-residents would pay a higher fee than residents.

The lighting, ceiling tiles and pictures will be updated at the community center.

Mr. Orosz asked Ms. Libell, if she could describe how she handled rentals previously. He also stated that there are important borough artifacts at the center and that non-residents may not respect those as residents might. He stated that the increase in revenue may not be worth the risk. He also suggested that the tennis court area at the park may make a good place for children to ride tricycles.

WHEMS (Doris Libell)

WHEMS will need a letter on letterhead stating the specifics of the Crime Watch community day.

There were 253 calls in October, 223 in November and 223 in December. The same board was re-elected. No new candidates ran.

CRIME WATCH (Mark Swinney)

May 20th is the tentative community day as May 13th is Mother's Day.

The next meeting will be on January 31 at 6pm pending availability of the Community Center.

Mr. Swinney has not had an opportunity to speak with the VFC chief about VFC involvement.

The committee would like to have the sheriff come discuss various topics in spring 2017.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, said Swissvale did a nice job with trash collection. She suggested landlords be sent letters when the borough is making a major change. Dr. Pustorino noted that items prohibited and date changes for refuse pickup due to holidays will be put in the newsletter.

Mark Swinney, West Street, stated that there are two refrigerators at 120 West Street and that the house is now vacant. Mr. Hoover said that they were sent a letter and he will contact the owner. He will also speak with the police about some vehicles Mr. Swinney noted were eyesores.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to transfer \$18,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Drenning, to advertise the ordinance for the intergovernmental agreement with Swissvale Borough for refuse collections. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller reported that the garage by his home is having cars dropped off in the middle of the night. Solicitor Evashavik said that he could contact the owner and explain that the noise is a nuisance and to try and find a remedy. He noted that is one reason properties are zoned commercial. Mr. Hoover suggested that the owner be asked to have vehicles dropped off in the lot.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Hensell, to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President