

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

November 6, 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 9:50 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

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ABSENT: Dr. Pustorino. Mr. Hensell

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

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

Motion by Drenning, seconded by Syska, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

MAYOR

Mayor Perry thanked everyone who was on today's ballot.

For the month of October there were 42, 911 calls and 195 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Ordinance Violations
- 4- Suspicious Activities
- 3- Abandoned Vehicles
- 3- Welfare Checks
- 2- Medical Unit Assistance
- 2- Alarm Calls
- 2- Parking Complaints
- 2- PFA Violations
- 2- Suspicious Vehicles
- 2- Theft from Vehicles

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Mayor Perry added that the vehicle thefts were from unlocked vehicles and stressed the importance of keeping cars locked.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Miller asked about the referendum on last night's ballot. Solicitor Evashavik said he thinks it needs to be on the ballot twice. His understanding is that it would give municipalities the ability to exempt residences from property taxes but would take years to become law.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Miller read Dr. Pustorino's report in her absence.

The newsletter was sent to residents in mid-October.

The borough's new website will go live on January 1, 2018, at which time the old website will simultaneously be taken down.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There were no occupancy inspections during the month of October.

There were no applications for dumpsters.

There were 57 code violations on nine properties and Ms. Baburich read the property addresses and number of violatons.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

During the month of October, the road department installed 'no parking in alley' signs in the alley between Greenfield and Highland Avenues, a handicapped parking sign was removed from 168 Brighton Avenue, and a 'sidewalk closed' barricade was placed on the sidewalk leading to the observation platforms on Chalfant steps.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

There was no report; Mr. Hensell was ill.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A list of eight alarms and practices was read, as well was the members attending each.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

Picnic tables were removed from the park and the refreshment stand will be winterized and shut down for the winter tomorrow.

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Water at the park will be turned off this week after backflow testing is done.

A memorial tree was planted in memory of Michael Connors.

One furnace is not working the Community Center. Beam Heating and Cooling will be out on Friday to check the furnace. Mr. Miller said he will ask them to service the other furnace in the Community Center, as well as the furnace in the Public Safety Building.

Donations were collected for the Michael Connors Memorial; donations will be used for the memorial stone and maintenance.

WHEMS

WHEMS responded to four calls in October which brings the total calls in 2017 to 78; there were 62 calls at the same time in 2016.

A letter was sent to municipalities about WHEMS that included some misrepresentations; WHEMS was trying to determine if their lease was valid and at no time requested anything from the borough other than the current per capita. Mr. Hoover stated that the council stood behind WHEMS.

CRIME WATCH (Mrs. Donahue)

The Crime Watch meeting was held on October 26, 2017. Safety issues were discussed and turnout was categorized as fair. Crime Watch also participated in Election Day and had decals for purchase available in the amount of \$2.00 for a strip of three decals.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Carol Donahue, Greenfield Avenue, said she heard of incidents of doors on the 200 block of Elizabeth being knocked on in the early morning. Mayor Perry said he hasn't heard about this and he lives on this block, but he will investigate with police to see if any complaints have been received. He noted they did have a similar incident on a different street.

Gus Sholder, Greenfield Avenue, was concerned about a "no parking in alley" sign and explained that his wife is handicapped. Mr. Syska said it was his understanding that the sign had been put up because cars were blocking the alley. Mr Sholder said this was not correct. Mr. Hoover said council will have a handicapped parking spot designated in the alley.

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, said ladies on the elections board would like to thank Mayor Perry and Mr. Drenning for their assistance on Election Day. Mr. Hoover thanked Mrs. Libell and the ladies for their public service.

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Mitchell Harman, North Avenue, would like to become a member of the Chalfant Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Hoover suggested he go to the firehouse on Thursday evening.

Ed Olen, Lynnwood Avenue, complained about the status of the home by him. He also complimented Forest Hills DPW for picking up trash. Mr. Hoover said the application for demolition has been accepted by the county but may not be funded until spring.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Syska, seconded by Baburich to transfer \$47,000 from the general fund money market account to general fund checking. Motion carried.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Syska to appoint Brandon Sauter to the Zoning Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Drenning to advertise that the 2018 budget is available for inspection. According to the preliminary budget there will be no tax millage change. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller thanked everyone for coming out to vote.

Mr. Hoover said congratulations to all those elected yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Drenning, to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____

Borough Secretary

Council President