

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 10, 2017

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

ABSENT: Mr. Hensell, Ms. Baburich

The work session began at 6:30 pm and ended at 9:06 pm.

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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 Pustorino, seconded by Syska, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Hensell, 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

For the month of September there were 24, 911 calls and 164 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. the majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Med Unit Assists
- 2- Follow up for Information
- 2- Suspicious Activities
- 2- Ordinance Violations
- 2- Parking Complaints

There was one traffic detail with one warning issued.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Hoover asked Solicitor Evashavik about the park ordinance. Per the solicitor, there is nothing in the ordinance that requires anyone to apply for a permit. If council wants to require this, then they will need to amend or create a new ordinance. This cannot be done via a resolution. Mr. Miller noted that this would also affect residents and had some reservations on this. Council will discuss.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Auditor General held a public press conference to indicate an extensive review of the WHSD will be done. Dr. Pustorino read the scope of the audit and what time period would be covered. This is being done earlier than the one previously scheduled and will take about four months to complete. The Allegheny County District Attorney and the FBI are also conducting an investigation. Last evening, Mr. Mike Belmont, from the WH school board provided an overview of issues the district faced. A discussion on the need for improved communication between the school district and the local municipalities occurred.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Drenning, to pass a resolution for the reconstruction of Greenfield Avenue utilizing CDBG funds in the amount of \$28,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Syska, to pass a safe neighborhood resolution, to raze two condemned homes, utilizing CDBG funds in the amount of \$62,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Drenning to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There was one application for a bagster.

There was one occupancy permit inspection which failed.

Four citations were issued, of these three were resolved. Five prior ones were also resolved.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

New street signs have been installed including overlays to correct Shadeland Avenue to Shadeland Street. In addition, two "No Parking in Alley" signs are being manufactured.

Mr. Syska requested the Parkway Steps be cleared of leaves. He will also discuss street sweeping following the leaf collection with the DPW.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Storm drains on North Avenue have been marked for replacement.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Drenning read a description of the alarms/practices for the VFC.

The VFC won the state champion trophy.

The VFC handled an autistic child call.

WHEMS had six calls in the borough last month.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

The park will be winterized.

Robert Lasser previously made a donation to the borough to have a tree planted in Mr. Connor's name. Council is purchasing the tree and would like to hold a dedication ceremony on 10/21 which is the date he passed away. They also would like to get a granite stone engraved. The approximate cost is \$500. Donations would be appreciated.

Mr. Miller would welcome input from residents for the formation of groups, activities or events.

CRIME WATCH

Mr. Swinney noted that the committee is trying to organize a get together for October 26th at 6:30pm to talk about safety. They are trying to get an officer to come by and also for Vector Security to do a presentation.

Carol Donahue has agreed to be the committee secretary.

Mr. Swinney spoke with Kay Powderly from Forest Hills. They face similar challenges as Chalfant does, including getting volunteers.

Mr. Miller stated that he has literature from Highmark regarding a mobile healthcare service which he will provide to Mr. Swinney.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, Lynnwood Avenue, gave an overview of the process she followed for park permits when she was the coordinator. In addition, she reported that she and her husband have been

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maintaining three lots, one that they do not own. She is alerting council that they are unable to continue this and received an estimate of \$65-\$70 per cut for maintenance.

Luann Bouvier, Highland Avenue, reported that she was trying to make a left turn onto Highland but the residents from 205 Highland were in the street and were not moving. She felt intimidated. The police were not called. Also, she did contact the police due to a noisy situation on Greenfield Avenue. She is not certain if the police showed up. She thanked council for having the Parkway Steps cleaned up and would like to make a donation towards maintenance. She asked about the website and Dr. Pustorino noted that it wasn't up yet. She asked about the plan for the time capsule and Mr. Hoover responded that council is working on documentation and that there will probably be a service held during the day to allow folks to say a few words prior to the capsule being buried. She stated that 162 Brighton has been sold the new owner replaced the roof. She asked for an accounting of the Centennial fund and would like to know what is happening with the surplus. She stated Mr. Hoover was disrespectful of her father at last month's meeting and feels he deserves an apology.

Ray Wroblewski, Rossmore Street, stated that this was the first time the VFC entered a state parade. The VFC spent countless hours preparing their vehicle. He is very proud of the VFC as a state trophy is a major accomplishment. Council congratulated the VFC. Mr. Wroblewski also congratulated Wilkins 3 on their award.

A resident complained about the residents living at 205 Highland. The resident stated these individuals are fighting and using foul language. One neighbor taped an incident and took it to the police. Mayor Perry noted that the police were not called and stated that residents can make anonymous calls to the police. If the police are not called then there is no documentation that the incident occurred. Mayor Perry stated that he will follow up with the police on what occurred following the neighbor providing taped footage. The same resident also stated that they to believe Mr. Orosz deserves an apology from Mr. Hoover.

Mark Swinney, West Street, asked about the status of a property close to his. One door is broken. Mr. Hoover responded that it was checked and although the front door is broken, the second door is secure. Mr. Swinney also stated that the Westinghouse lot is looking bad and would like council to push Forest Hills on this. Mr. Hoover stated that they have been alerted but the maintenance needs to be done by the owner.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Miller reminded all that the borough is no longer accepting electronics for recycling.

The website will go live once the modifications are complete.

