

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

December 12, 2017

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

ABSENT: None.

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:45 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

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ABSENT: Mr. Hensell

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

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Drenning, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting.

Motion was unanimous.

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

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

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

MAYOR.

For the month of November there were 27, 911 calls and 169 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 6- Suspicious Activities
- 3- Suspicious Persons
- 2- Animal Problems
- 2- Domestic
- 2- PFA Served

SOLICITOR

The state has expanded the allowance for gambling. New category 4 casinos allow a certain number of slot machines and a limited number of gambling tables. Sol. Evashavik explained Chalfant Borough can send a resolution saying we don't want a category 4 casino in our borough and that he has prepared a resolution for council's consideration. The resolution must be mailed by the end of the calendar year.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The new website is set to launch during the week of January 1, 2018. Once the new site is live, the old one will be removed by Kris Scigliano. While the majority of the site will go live, there will be areas still under development, including Recreation, Crime Watch, VFD, and the Athletic Association. Emails detailing specific requests will be sent to these groups and to the members of council who work directly with them.

There is a new email address for the Chalfant Borough Secretary's email, chalfantborough@gmail.com. We will begin using this email following Stephanie Schwoegl's official start date of January 1, 2018.

The newsletter will be mailed to residents in January. Content for the next edition is needed by January 3, 2018.

Dr. Pustorino represented Chalfant Borough at the Woodland Hills School District meeting last week. Several students were recently killed in separate incidents in the district. At the meeting, a few outside organizations helped to initiate a dialogue so that the school district, police, and community can work collaboratively to reduce violence. Dr. Pustorino had a few concerns about the planning of the event and reached out to Mike Belmont via email for clarifications.

Motion by Pustorino to pass resolution 546, seconded by Drenning, setting the tax collector's bond for \$20,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Syska, to transfer \$45,000 from general fund money market to general fund checking. Motion carried.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

There were two occupancy inspections during the month of November.

There were two previous violations on Rossmore and Lynnwood resolved

There were 73 complaints on 14 properties and Ms. Baburich read the property addresses and number of violations.

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There were four citations issued and one further citation issued on a property that did not respond to a previous citation.

There was one citation withdrawn for a property where the necessary work was completed.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Two handicapped signs were installed during the month of November; one at 300 Lynnwood Avenue, and another in the alley between the 100 block of Greenfield Avenue and Highland Avenue.

Leaf collection for the borough is now complete. Street sweeping was delayed due to an equipment breakdown but should be completed before the weather changes if possible.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Hensell was absent.

Mr. Syska reported that the storm sewer work was complete.

Motion by Syska, seconded by Pustorino to pass resolution 547. Motion carried.

Motion by Syska, seconded by Drenning to transfer \$63,032.15 from sewer line fund to general fund money market. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

WHEMs has a meeting scheduled for tonight. The last meeting was cancelled.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

A discussion is needed regarding updates at the refreshment stand. It needs mechanical repairs and the floor also needs repaired.

Backflow testing still needs to be completed at the Community Center and the Public Safety Building. Backflow testing at each building is scheduled for Friday, December 15.

The Michael Connors memorial stone is now in place; the memorial was very nicely done.

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WHEMS

None.

CRIME WATCH

Carol Donahue said a meeting is planned for next month to discuss Emergency Services Day. No new member have attended a meeting, though some residents have expressed interest.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Evelyn Fullwood, Elizabeth Avenue, asked about run-off water freezing and creating a problem with ice on North Avenue. Chalfant has been keeping the area salted and plans to address the issue next year. Mayor Perry gave a history of the area and a prior French drain that had been installed but is now clogged. Mayor Perry explained the drain is wrapped in limestone, as was the recommendation at installation, but as time passed the limestone eroded into the drain and hardened like cement. Mr. Hoover asked Mr. Syska to speak to the DPW to see something can be done to loosen the limestone until the necessary work is completed.

Carol Donahue, Greenfield Avenue, inquired about water getting into residents' gas lines in the borough. Mr. Hoover stated the gas company is currently addressing issues on Greenfield Avenue and that residents at the bottom of Highland Avenue as well as on Elizabeth Avenue have experience a similar situation. He has reached out to a representative of People's Gas concerning the matter and advised residents to call People's Gas if their service is interrupted. In the past, the gas company was very quick to respond.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Miller, seconded by Syska to pass resolution 548 banning category 4 casinos in the borough. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover opened a hearing to pass the 2018 Budget. There were no comments and the hearing was closed. Mr. Hoover noted there is no tax increase and the borough should be in good shape for the coming year.

