

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

April 10, 2018

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

ABSENT: None.

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:30 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

April 11, 2018

PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Lilac, 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 Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Drenning, to approve for payment of 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.

Dr. Pustorino read Mayor Perry's report in his absence. For the month of March, there were 39, 911 calls and 195 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Domestic
- 3- Alarm calls
- 3- Calls for information
- 2- Animal complaints
- 2- Med unit assists
- 2- Suspicious activities
- 2- Disturbing the peace.

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SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino advised 243 Occupancy Reports were filed with the borough through March 2018. Final reminders will be sent to remaining non-compliant properties to submit by June 2018. Residents that fail to comply are subject to receive citations.

Our mail carrier confirmed that he has not seen evidence of occupants in the residences that were identified as being vacant through our most recent newsletter mailing. The borough will be working closely with code enforcement officer, Nick Ginter, to evaluate these properties as he conducts his weekly borough visits.

Website updates have been made to include Spring property maintenance and Redd Up Day details. Spring Redd Up has been registered with the Great Clean Up of Pennsylvania program; the borough is eligible for free clean up supplies. Information has been provided to Mr. Miller to follow up.

Dr. Pustorino discussed an update regarding Savvy Citizen. Savvy Citizen is a communication tool that helps bridge the gap between local governments and their citizens. The borough is looking into Savvy Citizen as a complement to the new website. Currently there are various social media accounts being used to convey information to the residents of Chalfant, Savvy Citizen has the potential to streamline the process and the verify that accurate information is reaching residents. Council will discuss Savvy Citizen further in the next months.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Ms. Baburich advised that in March, there were four occupancy inspections; one property passed inspection, three failed.

There were 52 code violations on six properties:

- 1- Greensburg Pike
- 1- Highland Avenue
- 2- North Avenue
- 1- Parkway Avenue
- 1- North Avenue

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Syska met with Borough Engineer, Bob Zischkau, and representatives from Peoples Gas to review remedial work required after Peoples Gas completes their line replacement work on Greenfield, Rossmore, Chalfant and Highland.

Mr. Hoover added that in accordance to the borough's street opening permit, Peoples Gas will be paving one full lane in the 300 block of Greenfield Avenue.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Lilac read Mr. Zischkau's report detailing the review of the sewer cleaning and CCTV footage and the subsequent repairs Mr. Zischkau recommended to Council. Mr. Zischkau has included funding for this work in the 2017 Sewer System Budget and plans to receive bids for the work in early spring. If possible, Mr. Zischkau plans to piggyback with other municipalities to obtain better pricing through economy of scale.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A list of four alarms and practices was read by Mr. Drenning, as well as the members attending each.

Mr. Drenning reminded everyone that April 21, 2018 will be the first hoagie sale fundraiser for the VFD; the cost of a hoagie is \$7.00.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Miller advised Redd Up day is April 28 at 10 a.m. Residents will meet at the Community Center and then disburse throughout the community. Mr. Miller will be positioned mainly at the park and hopes special attention will be paid to the park, especially on the Elizabeth Avenue side as there is quite a lot of litter in that area.

Mr. Miller explained that he would like to discuss amending the borough's ordinance regarding garbage pick-up to include later hours for front loading haulers as a way of curbing noise to residents.

Mr. Miller noted that Ventrice Auto still has approximately 500 tires sitting in the open in their upper lot.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Syska, to accept a bid from Sports & Rec Associates for concession stand work to be done in the amount \$2,975.00. Motion carries.

WHEMS

There were five calls in the borough for the month of March.

On April 21 there will be a car seat check at the Forest Hills Borough Building from 9am to 2pm and will be open to residents of Chalfant. The car seat check is a multi-agency initiative to ensure car seats are being used safely and correctly. Mr. Hoover said he will post information regarding this event to the Chalfant Borough Information Page.

CRIME WATCH (Ms. Donahue)

No report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Gus Shoulder, 134 Greenfield Avenue asked who will enforce the 'no parking in alley' sign that is behind Greenfield Ave. Mr. Syska advised the Forest Hills Police handle parking enforcement and to call 911 if there is an issue. Mr. Shoulder also inquired about a pothole on his street and Mr. Syska said he would look into it and address as needed.

Doris Libell, 127 Lynnwood Avenue, asked about the blinds in the Community Center. Mr. Hoover advised council is in the process of looking for new blinds.

Evelyn Fullwood, 111 Elizabeth Avenue, asked about open container laws and relayed an incident that occurred between her neighbor and the police. Sol. Evashavik referred Ms. Fullwood to the PA Crime Code under Purdons for information on the state law.

Ed Olen, 208 Lynnwood, complained about his block of Lynnwood and issues including uninspected cars, mud on the street, weeds and a garage he believes either needs to be fixed or torn down. Mr. Olen would like the borough to be more proactive. Mr. Hoover advised he'd discuss the uninspected cars with Forest Hills Police and asked Mr. Syska to speak with Forest Hills Public Works about the other matters.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

