

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

August 7, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Mss. Baburich, Fullwood, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Drenning, Lilac.

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9.28 pm.

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PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Mss. Baburich, Fullwood, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Drenning, Lilac, Solicitor Gold (filling in for Solicitor Evashavik.)

ABSENT: None.

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

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

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

MAYOR.

For the month of May, there were 28, 911 calls and 178 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 2- Ordinance violations
- 2- Domestic
- 2- Suspicious activity
- 1- Search warrant
- 1- Drug offense
- 1- Pedestrian accident

SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino advised that the summer edition of the Newsletter should have been received by all residents at the beginning of July; the next Newsletter is planned for September.

Dr. Pustorino explained that per Mr. Lilac, there will be a recycling event for hard-to-recycle items on August 25, 2018 at Century III Mall from 9-1. Dr. Pustorino will post details on the borough website.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to transfer \$5,000 from the general fund money market account to general checking. All in favor, motion carries.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Ms. Baburich explained there no occupancy inspections for July.

There were 13 code violation on four properties:

- 1- Fairview Avenue
- 4- Greenfield Avenue
- 6- Parkway Avenue
- 2- West Street

There were no questions from Council.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Syska explained that landscape repairs between the 100 block of Greenfield Avenue and Highland Avenue are now complete. The alleyway was inspected and the brush was cleared. Brush was also cleared from the intersection of Brighton Street at Fairview Avenue. Mr. Syska explained that cleanup for the VFD Car Cruise and the set up and removal of barricades have

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been completed. Mr. Syska also directed the attention of Borough Engineer, Robert Zischkau, to questionable repairs that were made to the corner of Wilkins Avenue and Rossmore Street.

A resident recently requested that a deer crossing sign be added to the Chalfant side of West Street. Mr. Syska brought this to the attention of council. Mr. Hoover said a sign cautioning motorists of animals in the area is worth considering. Mr. Drenning added that a deer was hit in that area at the beginning of July.

Council considered whether to add a stop sign to the intersection of Elizabeth Avenue and Brighton Street. Mr. Hoover said a traffic study by the police is needed. Mayor Perry added that the speed limit in Chalfant is 20 mph and he notices speeding is an issue, not only with motorists travelling through the borough, but with residents that live in the borough as well. Mayor Perry noted that there aren't many vehicular accidents and explained that he spoke with Code Enforcement Officer, Kyle Ferkett, regarding the overgrown hedges at the intersection of Elizabeth and Brighton. Mr. Hoover requested Mayor Perry talk to Chief Williams for his opinion on the intersection. Mayor Perry noted he will ask the chief for increased patrols of that area as well.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Elfwood explained that Glenn Engineering reviewed the previously completed Closed Circuit TV for NASSO Level 4 and Level 5 Deficiencies and have previously recommended repairs to Council. Funding for the work was included in the 2017 Sewer System Budget and bids are scheduled to be received August 13, 2018.

The necessary asbestos surveys required by Allegheny County for the demolition of 204 Lynnwood Avenue and 122 Rossmore have been received. Mr. Zischkau plans to be ready to bid through the TCVCOG as soon as the County Dept. of Community and Economic Development authorizes.

As recommended by the Legislature, Mr. Zischkau has applied for additional funding through the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program for Chalfant Memorial Park.

Ms. Elfwood explained a list of catch basin/storm inlets to be included in this years rehab project is currently being compiled and quotes should be received within the

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next few weeks. North Avenue and the intersecting streets have not been done and these will be addressed this year.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Drenning explained that the V.F.D. Car Cruise was a success, raising over \$1,800.00 for the Fire Department. Mr. Hoover thanked members of council and residents that showed up to lend a hand.

There were four calls to the Fire Department in July. Mr. Drenning read a summary of the calls and the members attending each.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac advised Hooper Roofing has now completed the work to both the Public Safety Building as well as the Community Center.

Mr. Lilac reached out to Jim Theilacker regarding backflow testing at Chalfant Memorial Park. Theilacker advised he no longer does backflow testing and recommended Keough Plumbing.

Mr. Lilac advised he is going to ask a stone mason examine the Community Center regarding some work that would need to be completed before painting. Mr. Lilac explained the window lintels may need to be replaced.

Mr. Lilac is planning on meeting with Mr. Zischkau about repairs to the park.

WHEMS

Mr. Drenning advised there were seven calls for the month of July.

CRIME WATCH (Ms. Donahue)

No report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Dan Miller, 332 Highland Avenue, inquired about the procedure when a resident phones police regarding a business operating past hours, which is an ordinance violation, and whether the police will follow up after the initial call. Mr. Hoover advised it depends on the situation.

Mr. Miller also asked what can be done about residents inside and just outside of the borough setting off fireworks at all hours of the night. Mr. Hoover said that since state law now allows fireworks, there isn't much that can be done but that if the fireworks are being set off in the middle of the night and are violating noise ordinances, please call the police to report the issue.

Mr. Miller is interested in hearing the specific plans for the CITF grant at Chalfant Memorial Park. Mr. Hoover advised some of the money will be spent on fencing, asphalt and tree removal and added the parameters for the project will be set at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Miller inquired as to what was happening with the Woodland Hills School District and the search for a new superintendent. Dr. Pustorino advised that she was part of the process when local elected officials met with the district to determine what qualities should be sought in a candidate. Dr. Pustorino said the district now has two candidates they are considering. Mayor Perry explained that he attended a meeting with both candidates and he thought both candidates could be good choices for the district.

A resident of the borough who wished to remain anonymous complained that neighbors are throwing items in their yard and they believe it is in retaliation for complaints that the resident made against them to the police. The resident is also concerned with possible suspicious activity at the neighboring residence, as well as vulgar language being used at a loud volume. Mayor Perry advised that when this resident phones the police, perhaps they should ask the police to come to their residence first and observe the neighbor's activity, instead of sending police directly to the house in question.

The resident also explained that there are issues with a few other properties in the borough as well and cited a few homes on Brighton that may have possible suspicious activity as well as overgrown yards. Mayor Perry is aware of the properties mentioned and advised that code enforcement is actively addressing those issues.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

