

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

September 11, 2018

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

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:05 pm and ended at 8:45 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2018

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

ABSENT: None.

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR.

For the month of May, there were 29, 911 calls and 183 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Med unit assists
- 3- Domestic
- 3- Suspicious activity
- 2- Alarm calls
- 2- Animal complaints
- 2- Fire alarm calls
- 2- Loud music complaints

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Evashavik advised that two condemnation hearings were held before last month's regular meeting, one for 122 Rossmore Street and one for 204 Lynnwood Avenue. Sol. Evashavik has prepared the adjudications for these properties.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Drenning, to accept the findings of Borough Engineer, Robert Zischkau that 122 Rossmore St. and 204 Lynnwood Ave. are indeed a nuisance and should be razed and to adopt the adjudications prepared by Sol. Evashavik. All in favor, motion carries.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino has requested formal contracting for Savvy Citizen. They will send the borough an invoice regarding billing and the borough will begin a timeline of roll-out for fall 2018.

Dr. Pustorino has been making regular updates to the borough website; the most recent additions include tax information and forms. Also online are the applications and information for park and Community Center rentals.

Borough Newsletters will be produced in October. Should Crime Watch, Emergency Management, or the Tax Collector have information they would like to see included in the newsletter, please submit to Dr. Pustorino no later than September 20.

Nearly a dozen homes have registered to participate in the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Signage directing shoppers to participating homes will be placed on Friday evening.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Drenning, to move \$43,000 from the General Fund Money Market account to General Fund Checking. All in favor, motion carries.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Ms. Baburich explained there were four occupancy inspections in August, two passed and two failed.

There were 94 code violations in September.

4- Brighton Street

1- Elizabeth Avenue

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5- Fairview Avenue
2- Greenfield Avenue
3- Greensburg Pike
2- Highland Avenue
4- Lynnwood Avenue
3- North Avenue
1- Parkway Avenue

Ms. Baburich noted there were 10 complaints resolved.

Mr. Hoover explained we have now had the new Code Enforcement Office, Kyle Ferkett, for two month and have gotten a lot of positive feedback about the job he is doing in the community. Mr. Hoover said he's looking forward to more positive feedback.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Syska explained that restoration of the handicap ramp and the concrete surface repairs have been completed at the intersection of Wilkins and Rossmore.

Tax Collector and Handicap Parking signage has been removed from the old barber shop on North Avenue.

Mr. Syska said a handicap parking space was added across from 106 Parkway Avenue.

Motion by Syska, seconded by Drenning, to approve emergency repairs for a landslide on North Avenue. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion by Syska, seconded by Lilac, to approve the bid submitted by Victor Paving in the amount of \$38,900 for the Greenfield Avenue restoration. \$20,014 will be paid for by a grant and \$18,886 will be the local share. All in favor, motion carries.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Fullwood explained there are eight sewers that will be repaired in the borough at a cost of \$44,500. The locations of the sewers to be repaired are:

108 Elizabeth Avenue
244 Highland Avenue
105 Wilkins Avenue
115 Highland Avenue
104 Greenfield Avenue
130 Greenfield Avenue
244 West Street
246 Highland Avenue

Engineer Robert Zischkau is recommending a resolution to work in unanimity with all Alcosan municipalities toward an acceptable and affordable Flow Reduction in the next Orders and is currently working with engineers, managers and solicitors to negotiate the next round of consent orders.

The 2018 catch basin/storm inlet rehabilitation project will be receiving quotations in the next few weeks. Mr. Hoover noted that we are rehabbing six to eight inlets per year.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Pustorino, to accept a bid from Soli Construction in the amount of \$44,500 for 2018 Sewer System Significant Deficiency Repairs. All in favor, motion carries.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Drenning explained there were five calls to the VFD during the month of August; he read the list of calls and the number of members attending each call.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac will have Keough Plumbing complete backflow testing at Chalfant Memorial Park on September 14. The water company has been notified that it will be past-due.

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The port-a-potty at the park will be likely picked up in October, Mr. Lilac explained he is waiting to hear back from the Chalfant Athletic Association.

A tree has fallen on a fence at the park. Mr. Lilac explained he may be able to set up some poles as a temporary fix until the borough formally addresses the situation. Mr. Hoover explained a temporary fix is fine for now but that the borough will need to get bids to have the fence repaired and recommended Allegheny Fence as a potential company to do the repairs.

Mr. Lilac noted he fixed a light and asked if council should consider running a dehumidifier in the basement of the Community Center. Mr. Hoover advised that the borough has dealt with water in the basement of the building before and that it usually dries out without issue. A dehumidifier will be set up for a day or two.

WHEMS

Mr. Drenning advised there were 13 calls for the month of August.

CRIME WATCH (Ms. Donahue)

Mr. Swinney advised that Crime Watch would like to plan something for October since it is Crime Prevention Month and will speak with Ms. Donahue.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doris Libell, 127 Lynnwood Avenue, explained she's lived in the borough for 60 years this November and this is the first time she's received a letter from Code Enforcement. Ms. Libell explained the warning was for high grass. Ms. Libell said she has a large yard that requires her to cut it in sections and she'd like to know if Code Enforcement is going to issue a citation. Mr. Hoover advised to give Code Enforcement a call and explain the situation to Mr. Ferkett. Mr. Hoover explained that after a warning is issued, Code Enforcement will come back in two weeks to see if the problem has been addressed. As long as the grass has been cut, a citation will not be issued. Mr. Hoover added the borough is looking for code compliance, not to cite its residents.

Mark Swinney, a resident at 127 West Street and Emergency Management Coordinator, asked about an animal trap on the sidewalk near 235 North Avenue and if it's legal to set a trap on

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public property. Mr. Hoover explained that it should not be on the sidewalk and will request the Department of Public Works take the trap.

Mr. Swinney explained he has concerns about pools and pool ladders being unlocked in the borough, especially after a recent incident where an autistic child went missing.

Mr. Swinney is also concerned about abandoned vehicles on Parkway Avenue. Mr. Hoover advised that is a matter for police.

Mr. Swinney recommended again that signage directing owners to clean up after their animals should be placed on West Street.

Mr. Swinney said there is a rat issue near 120 West Street. Mr. Hoover advised he will check into the bait program. Mr. Hoover explained the rat activity is most likely due to the heavy rains the area has received recently and rats getting pushed out of sewers.

Mr. Swinney said there is an issue with a sewer grate at the intersection of Lynnwood Avenue and Brighton Street. Mr. Hoover explained that Council is aware of the situation.

Mr. Swinney is concerned about speeding in the borough. Mr. Hoover explained that Council talks about speeding frequently and that police have been sitting on West Street recently in an effort to curb speeding in that area. Mr. Hoover will ask for more speed traps in the borough.

Ms. Baburich wanted to add that former council member Mike Sperduto is in the hospital and to please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Mr. Hoover thank Ms. Baburich for this information.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Syska, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
 Borough Secretary Council President