

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**February 12, 2019**

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 8:33 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**February 13, 2019**

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

ABSENT: Dr. Pustorino.

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 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 Syska, seconded by Lilac, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

**MAYOR**

For the month of January, there were 23, 911 calls and 180 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Parking complaints
- 3- Suspicious activities
- 3- Med unit assists
- 2- Alarm calls
- 2- Animal complaints
- 2- Ordinance violations
- 2- Calls for shots fired

**SOLICITOR**

No report.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Baburich read Dr. Pustorino's report in her absence. Ms. Baburich advised that the first of three Newsletters were sent to residents this year. Council will need to discuss rising costs of the Newsletter to determine how to proceed in the future.

There were significant additions to the borough website throughout the month of January regarding tax preparation, tax deadlines and winter warnings.

Savvy Citizen went live in January. So far the application has been used for two notifications; two more will be sent this week.

Annual Report of Occupancy documents will be sent to residents for completion in the next week.

Mr. Hoover added that Savvy Citizen is transitioning to the primary source of communication between the borough and residents with the Facebook page being phased out. The Savvy Citizen app can be downloaded to many different devices, including phones, computers and tablets.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Lilac, to transfer \$25,000.00 from the General Fund Money Market account to General Fund Checking.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Fullwood, to make a civic contribution in the amount of \$30.00 to the Woodland Hills Activity Fund by placing an advertisement in the musical program for 2019.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

Ms. Baburich advised there were two occupancy inspections in January; one passed and one failed inspection.

There were 104 code violations on 17 properties in January:

3- Brighton Street

1- Fairview Avenue

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- 4- Greenfield Avenue
- 1- Greensburg Pike
- 1- Highland Avenue
- 1- Lynnwood Avenue
- 3- North Avenue
- 3- Wilkins Avenue

Ms. Baburich noted there was one complaint resolved.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Syska advised that a handicapped parking space was added at 124 Parkway Avenue.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

No report.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Baburich, to advertise an ordinance for the two year refuse agreement with Swissvale. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Drenning explained there were five calls to the Chalfant VFD in January. He read a detailed list of the calls and the members attending each.

**PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Lilac advised that he and Mr. Syska are meeting next week with borough engineer, Robert Zischkau, to discuss the CITF and Greenways Grant improvements to Chalfant Memorial Park

**WHEMS**

Mr. Drenning advised there were 10 calls in the borough for the month of January.

**CRIME WATCH (Ms. Donahue)**

No report.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Diane Hillen, 405 Highland Avenue, raised concerns about a recent water main break that affected several residents on Highland Avenue for four days. Ms. Hillen explained the hole that was dug to remediate the water line and then patched seems to be unstable and unsafe. She is concerned about motorists, especially school buses, hitting the patch and having an accident. Ms. Hillen is also concerned about future water main breaks on Highland since the line is so old and needs to be replaced; flooding remains a concern to residents as well. Mr. Hoover said the borough will place a barricade around the patched hole and will monitor the situation. Mr. Hoover added that in the event of future breaks to the water line, Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority is responsible for providing water to affected residents after 24 hours. Mr. Hoover advised that the water line under Highland Avenue is very old and needs to be replaced. WPJWA is going to apply for emergency funding for the project. Mr. Hoover is meeting with WPJWA next week and will know more about the project following that meeting.

Other residents from Highland Avenue began a discussion with Council about the issues they faced during the break and some said they were still being affected by low water pressure. Mr. Hoover explained that WPJWA is likely keeping the pressure low to avoid another break. Mark Swinney, a resident from West Street, asked about water buffalos. Mr. Hoover explained that WPJWA doesn't utilize water buffalos because they are not sanitary and cannot be used for drinking.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Baburich, to exonerate the tax collector, Carol Donahue, for 2018. Motion carries.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Syska, seconded by Lilac, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Borough Secretary                                    Council President