

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**March 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 8:45 pm.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**March 13, 2019**

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

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

**MAYOR**

For the month of February, there were 28, 911 calls and 159 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 5- Med unit assists
- 3- Suspicious activities
- 2- Call for down trees
- 2- Utility problem calls
- 2- Welfare checks

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### **SOLICITOR**

Sol. Evashavik gave an update regarding the Alcosan regionalization of the sewer lines that affects Chalfant and neighboring municipalities. Alcosan is currently looking into the titles and conditions of the sewer lines before the takeover occurs; they are continuing to negotiate with municipalities regarding repairs.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Pustorino advised that Annual Report of Occupancy documents have been mailed and are due back to the borough on March 15, 2019.

Subscriptions for Woodland Hills Emergency Medical Services for 2019 have been mailed.

### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

Ms. Baburich advised there was one dumpster permit issued in the borough for February.

There were 35 code violations on 7 properties in February:

- 1- Greenfield Avenue
- 2- Highland Avenue
- 3- Lynnwood Avenue
- 1- North Avenue

Ms. Baburich noted there was four complaints resolved.

### **ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Syska advised that a handicapped parking space was removed on Parkway Avenue. Wind-damaged street and traffic signs were repaired at eight separate intersections in the borough in February.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Ms. Fullwood advised that Soli Construction is currently making repairs to sewer lines in the borough.

A public hearing was opened by Mr. Hoover to accept the 2019-20 Refuse Collection Agreement, Ordinance 430, with the Borough of Swissvale. Mr. Lilac asked when the contract officially starts? Mr. Hoover explained it has already taken effect as of January. Mr. Hoover remarked that as far as he is aware, there have been no complaints with the service provided by Swissvale. The contract increased by 3% from 2018. Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Baburich, to accept the refuse contract, Ordinance 430. Motion carries.

Ms. Fullwood said she is going to request a few more recycling cans for borough use from Swissvale.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Drenning explained there were 10 calls to the Chalfant VFD in February. 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 met with Borough Engineer, Robert Zischkau, to formulate a plan for the rehabilitation of Chalfant Memorial Park. Fencing will be replaced, the hillside near Elizabeth Avenue will be cleared of dead trees and there will be plantings to combat erosion. Work is set to hopefully start around June and be completed around October. There is going to be a lot of work going on at the park this summer. Mr. Hoover advised the park improvements will be paid for by a combination of two grants received by the borough.

**WHEMS**

Mr. Drenning advised there were seven calls in the borough for the month of February.

**CRIME WATCH (Ms. Donahue)**

No report.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Carol Donahue, 110 Greenfield Avenue inquired about getting 'no parking' signs for the even side of Greenfield Avenue. Ms. Donahue explained that people park on the even side of the street even though it isn't allowed and it makes navigating the street, especially in the snow, very difficult. Mr. Hoover said Council will look into getting a sign and to please call the Forest Hills Police with any parking complaints.

Ed Olen, 208 Lynnwood Avenue, complained that the paper recycling receptacle is too close to the Public Safety Building and accessing the receptacle is difficult. Mr. Hoover asked Mr. Syska if he will please speak to DPW and ask that it be pulled out. Mr. Olen also explained that someone put a lawnmower in the dumpster at the park. He has also witnessed other household items thrown in the dumpster in the past and doesn't think the borough should be paying to dispose of private waste. Mr. Hoover explained that the dumpster is actually included in the contract with Swissvale, but that is isn't for resident use. He will look into getting a lock for the dumpster. Mr. Olen asked about the pending demolitions of two properties in the borough, 204 Lynnwood Avenue and 122 Rossmore Street. Mr. Hoover explained the bid opening occurred last week but beyond that, the borough doesn't have new information. The process takes a long time, largely because of the required asbestos remediation. Mr. Olen said he is concerned about abandoned properties in the borough. Mr. Hoover explained that several properties are being considered by the Tri-COG Landbank. The Tri-COG Landbank's goal is to transition blighted properties to beneficial reuse. They clear the taxes and titles, rehab the properties and sell them to get them back on the tax roll. Any money left over on their projects is reinvested into the program. The Landbank is in their second year and has rehabbed around 40 properties across all of the municipalities they serve. They are currently in the process of acquiring 224 Highland Avenue.

Chuck Ray, 959 Greensburg Pike, explained he witnessed a rat while he was walking his dog in the neighborhood. He spoke with the neighbors and they think they know the source of the rats. Mr. Hoover said that hopefully the weather was just driving rats out of the sewers but if Mr. Ray sees them coming from a property in the borough, to please call.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

