

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

January 7, 2020

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

ABSENT: None.

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:45 pm.

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January 8, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Royster, 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 Baburich, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

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

MAYOR

For the month of December, there were 24, 911 calls and 175 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Domestic
- 3- Theft from vehicles
- 2- Animal complaints
- 2- Juvenile complaints
- 2- Suspicious activities

Mayor Perry again stressed the importance of keeping vehicles locked. Vehicle thefts have become common in all of the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh. Police believe that juveniles are being dropped off in neighborhoods and are taking advantage of unlocked cars.

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SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino explained that January is a busy month for paperwork and website updates. Dr. Pustorino advised she is confirming the holiday refuse collection schedule with Swissvale and will publish to the website when available. She is also working to update the Annual Report of Occupancy document to include information regarding the Woodland Hills Emergency Medical Services Tax; this document will be used by WHEMS to confirm resident status for the service provided by the designated EMS tax.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Ms. Baburich advised that there two occupancy inspections in December; both failed.

There were 31 violations on ten properties in December:

- 1- Brighton St.
- 1- Elizabeth Ave.
- 1- Fairview Ave.
- 1- Greensburg Pike
- 1- Highland Ave.
- 1- Lynnwood Ave.
- 3- North Ave.
- 1- Wilkins Ave.

Ms. Baburich noted there were 39 complaints resolved on five properties in December.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

No report.

Mayor Perry mentioned that he's been made aware that delivery trucks and oversized vehicles often bottom out in the area of Pin Oak Ct. Mr. Syska will ask Municipal Engineer, Bob Zischkau, to evaluate.

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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Like Dr. Pustorino mentioned, Ms. Fullwood explained that once the holiday refuse collection schedule is confirmed, the information will be posted on the website and in the Chalfant Newsletter.

Ms. Fullwood advised that plastic bags will no longer be accepted for recycling. All recyclables should be placed in paper bags or directly in the receptacles provided at the Public Safety Building. Cardboard boxes may also be recycled. Mr. Hoover noted that the borough will get a sign and post it at the PSB.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Pustorino, to pay Urban Construction Services, LLC, \$6,500.00 for an emergency storm inlet replacement in the vicinity of West St. and Pin Oak Ct. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Baburich, to transfer \$6,500.00 from the Sewer Line Fund to the General Fund Checking. Motion was unanimous.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Royster advised that there were five calls to the Chalfant VFC in December. He read a detailed narrative of each call and the number of members attending.

Mr. Royster explained that the WHEMS meeting is scheduled for tonight so he's not able to attend.

Mr. Royster explained that the Chalfant VFC will be holding hoagie sales on 5/16/2020 and 9/12/2020, and a stuffed cabbage dinner on 10/17/2020. The VFC is also planning a slider and soup sale at both the primary and general elections.

Mr. Royster noted that Fire Chief Ray Wroblewski has requested \$18.00 reimbursement for charges related to the fire truck and will provide an invoice.

Mayor Perry thanked Mr. Bischel and Mr. Wroblewski for attending last night's work meeting and exhibiting the VFC's new self-contained breathing apparatuses, which were purchased with

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the aid of a regional grant. Mayor Perry advised that Council appreciated the time Mr. Bischel and Mr. Wroblewski spent demonstrating the new equipment, which, he noted, is very impressive. Mr. Hoover added that the VFC purchased five new SCBAs and they are a substantial equipment upgrade from the previous SCBAs. Mr. Hoover stressed that SCBAs are crucial to the safety of firefighters.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac advised he has no major updates to report. The Port-a-John at Chalfant Memorial Park was initially scheduled to be removed for the winter but due to mild weather, park rehabilitation has continued into January. The Port-a-John will remain in the park for the contractors as long as work continues.

Mr. Lilac explained that the Community Center roof needs to be inspected and recoated. He mentioned he'd like to look into putting a peaked roof or metal roof on the Community Center in the future to help with drainage issues.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Pustorino, to accept Hooper Roofing's proposal for Community Center roof maintenance and pay the down payment of \$920.00; \$920.00 will be paid to Hooper Roofing upon completion, for a total project cost of \$1,840.00. Motion was unanimous.

WHEMS

Mr. Royster advised that no report for December was provided by WHEMS. Ms. Baburich noted that they will be required to provide reports under the Memorandum of Understanding for the designated EMS tax.

CRIME WATCH

No report.

Mayor Perry advised that at last month's work meeting, Council discussed asking Crime Watch to coordinate a network of residents that utilize security cameras on their property in the borough that would be willing to work with the Forest Hills Police and allow them to review footage when incidents occur in the community. Mayor Perry hasn't yet spoken with Mark Swinney from Crime Watch but he has discussed this proposal with Police Chief Chuck Williams.

TAX COLLECTOR

No report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mike Donahue, 110 Greenfield Ave. suggested including a question on the Annual Report of Occupancy document regarding the proposal from Council to coordinate a network of residents with security cameras. Solicitor Evashavik advised that as long as participation is optional, it is fine to include on the document. Dr. Pustorino agreed and said it will be included. Carol Donahue asked Mayor Perry if Chief Williams would be willing to attend a Crime Watch meeting regarding the issue. Mayor Perry said a resource officer could be available if Chief Williams is not. Ms. Donahue advised she will reach out to Mr. Swinney and if he isn't available, she would be willing to take the lead on the matter. Mayor Perry said that fortunately, Chalfant is a safe community, but a network of residents sharing footage will help the police stay ahead of crime in the area. A conversation regarding specific incidents in the borough and the benefits of security cameras ensued between Council and residents.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Lilac, to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President

