

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

August 11, 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 9:05 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Mss. Baburich, Fullwood, 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 Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, 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 Pustorino, 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

There were 176 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 25, 911 calls in July. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Harassment reports
- 2- Med unit assists
- 2- Parking complaints
- 2- Thefts reported from vehicles
- 2- Utility complaints
- 2- Complaints of fireworks

There were no questions from Council.

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SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino advised that Chalfant was approached by Hometown Press, a company that publishes municipal newsletters at no cost to the municipality, aside from the cost of postage. Hometown Press is completely funded by community advertising. Dr. Pustorino explained that Hometown Press might be a good option for Chalfant's Newsletter since it will eliminate printing costs, allowing Chalfant to resume publishing a quarterly Newsletter.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCE

Ms. Baburich advised that there was one dumpster permit issued in July.

There were two occupancy inspections, both failed.

There were 30 violations on nine properties in July:

- 1- Brighton St.
- 1- Fairview Ave.
- 1- Greensburg Pike
- 2- Highland Ave.
- 2- Lynnwood Ave.
- 1- West St.
- 1- Wilkins Ave.

Ms. Baburich noted there were 36 violations resolved on five properties.

Mr. Hoover advised that Code Officer, Aubrey Ozolins, has resigned, effective August 21. Chalfant is hoping to find a replacement as soon as possible and does have a contingency plan in place.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

No report.

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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Fullwood advised the 2020 Storm Inlet Replacement work has commenced. The four storm inlets to be replaced by Urban Construction Services are located at 300 Elizabeth Ave., 250 Elizabeth Ave., 255 Elizabeth Ave., and 201 Rossmore St.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Mr. Royster advised that the VFC is requesting \$2,320.00 from their coats, pants and hose budget to pay the balance of the 2020 state grant. Mr. Hoover said Council approves their request. Mr. Royster advised that there is a planned fire safety practice on Saturday, August 15. All three remaining 2020 fundraisers by the VFC have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac advised that Chalfant has received the complete disbursement of \$75,000.00 for park rehabilitation from the PA DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation grant.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Pustorino, to transfer \$12,539.25 from the General Fund Checking to the Sewer Line Fund to replace the amount borrowed from the Sewer Line Fund in April to pay Sports and Recreation's final invoice for park rehabilitation. Motion was unanimous.

Chalfant is still waiting for the final grant disbursement from the CITF grant.

Mr. Lilac advised that the electric line to the light near Pin Oak Ct. is still not functioning properly. There's a dispute with the electrician that installed the line as he is refusing to take responsibility. Mr. Lilac advised that he will request a different electrician examine the line to determine the problem.

Mr. Lilac went to Chalfant Servicemen's Memorial Park earlier today to survey the damage from recent vandalism. Two lights in the pavilion were ripped down. Mr. Lilac is planning to replace the lights with caged LED lights which will be brighter, safer and not easily vandalized. Mr. Lilac also mentioned the possibility of getting a sign for the park that illustrates safe social distancing measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Mr. Lilac replaced several ceiling tiles at the Chalfant Community Center that had been stained when the roof leaked.

On a personal note, Mr. Lilac mentioned how difficult the COVID-19 pandemic has been on members of the military, as they are required to undergo strict quarantine and are prohibited from seeing their families. Mr. Lilac expressed gratitude toward members of the armed services.

WHEMS

Mr. Royster advised there were seven calls to WHEMS in July. He read the date and location of each incident.

Motion by Royster, seconded by Syska, to transfer \$549.55, which is the amount of WHEMS tax collected in July, from the General Fund Money Market Account to the WHEMS Money Market Account. Motion was unanimous.

CRIME WATCH

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR

No report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to advertise a proposed amendment to Ordinance 408 regarding disorderly conduct to include specific restrictions on unreasonable noise in Chalfant. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Syska, to pass Resolution 557 approving the Coronavirus Relief Fund agreement between the Borough of Chalfant and the County of Allegheny. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Fullwood, to issue a Real Estate Tax Refund per Tax Collector, Carol Donahue, in the amount of \$7.03 to Ronald Humberson for 203 North Ave. for overpayment of borough property tax. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to issue a Real Estate Tax Refund per Tax Collector, Carol Donahue, in the amount of \$44.50 to Andrew Topping for 111 West St. for overpayment of borough property tax. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Fullwood, to issue a Real Estate Tax Refund per Tax Collector, Carol Donahue, in the amount of \$236.37 to Crystal and Anthony Trasoline for 108 Elizabeth Ave. for a 2020/2021 exoneration, change in value. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to issue a Real Estate Tax Refund per Tax Collector, Carol Donahue, in the amount of \$62.39 to Sally J. Mahon for 210 Lynnwood Ave. for overpayment of borough property tax. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Hoover explained that Chalfant has received a request for a Zoning Variance for a single-sided, digital billboard to be constructed at 2641 Lincoln Hwy. Chalfant ordinance prohibits billboards; Mr. Hoover explained the Zoning Board is tasked with determining if a variance will be permitted.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Lilac, to appoint Pat Clevenger to the Zoning Hearing Board, replacing George Markovic.

Mr. Hoover welcomed Mr. Clevenger to the board.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Lilac, to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President

