

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

July 7, 2020

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:15 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 2020

PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Mss. Baburich, Fullwood, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Royster, Lilac, Solicitor Evashavik.

ABSENT: Mayor Perry.

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

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

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

MAYOR

No report.

SOLICITOR

Sol. Evashavik advised that certain fireworks are now legal in Pennsylvania. Sol. Evashavik detailed different types of fireworks and explained that while certain classes of fireworks that contain less than 50 milligrams of explosive material (bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, etc.) are now legal, display fireworks remain illegal for the public to set off and require a permit from the municipality. There are also a number of state restrictions placed on legal fireworks; they may not be ignited or discharged: on private or public property, from a motor vehicle or building, toward a motor vehicle or building, within 150 feet of an occupied structure or by a person under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

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Mr. Hoover inquired about noise restrictions in regards to fireworks? Sol. Evashavik explained that municipalities are able to enact ordinances that prohibit unreasonable noise during designated hours. Sol. Evashavik reviewed Chalfant's existing ordinance that prohibits disorderly conduct/unreasonable noise and agreed that Chalfant can tighten the ordinance up to give examples of common sources of noise complaints--fireworks, chainsaws, leaf blowers, etc.--and specify hours during which they are prohibited. A conversation regarding unreasonable noise and enforcement ensued between Council. Council agreed that 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. is reasonable for restricting unreasonable noise. Sol. Evashavik advised he will draft an amendment to the ordinance and send it to Council for review.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino advised that a website update caused some disruptions to the links on the Chalfant page; she is working to fix the links and update the tax information. Dr. Pustorino also advised that the Newsletter's publication is scheduled for late summer or early fall.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCE

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

There were 42 violations on nine properties in June:

- 1- Brighton St.
- 2- Elizabeth Ave.
- 2- Fairview Ave.
- 2- Greenfield Ave
- 1- Lynnwood Ave.
- 1- North Ave.

Ms. Baburich noted there were 109 violations resolved on 22 properties.

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ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Syska advised that he requested the DPW clear the overgrowth at Chalfant Memorial Park. Ms. Baburich asked if the DPW is still maintaining the Parkway Steps? Mr. Syska was unsure but advised he will follow up with Mr. Theilacker. Mr. Hoover explained that last year, Council requested they spray the area and that Chalfant could request that be done again this year. Mr. Lilac asked when the LED street light replacement was going to start? Mr. Hoover advised that the program basically operates like a grant; once it's approved and in place, they will invoice Chalfant for their share of the project. Mr. Hoover advised that it usually takes a couple of months.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

No report.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Pustorino, to accept the 2020 Storm Inlet Replacement recommendation from Borough Engineer, Robert Zischkau. Four storm inlets will be replaced by the lowest bidder, Urban Construction Services, LLC, at a total cost of \$20,400.00. The addresses of the inlets to be replaced are 300 Elizabeth Ave., 250 Elizabeth Ave., 255 Elizabeth Ave., and 201 Rossmore St. Motion was unanimous.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac advised that the electrician that completed work to the park during the recent rehabilitation has been called to fix a light that is no longer working in the park near Pin Oak Ct. Mr. Lilac advised that there is a bit of a dispute over who should be responsible for the repair and he will work with the contractor that completed the rehabilitation at the park to get the issue resolved.

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Mr. Lilac explained that he's not sure if baseball has started, but that the park has been being used by residents a lot. He thanked residents for cleaning up after themselves and said the park looks good. Mr. Hoover thanked Mr. Lilac for all of the work he's put in at the park recently, including planting flowers, refinishing the benches and painting the wall.

WHEMS

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

Motion by Royster, seconded by Syska, to transfer \$641.58, which is the amount of WHEMS tax collected in June, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Pustorino, to advertise the condemnation hearing for 120 Fairview Ave. for August 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

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Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to issue a RE Tax refund in the amount of \$35.78 to Barbara Pelfrey for overpayment of borough taxes on 148 Brighton St. Motion was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Lilac, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President

