

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

October 13, 2020

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

ABSENT: None.

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:50 pm.

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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 Fullwood, 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 Syska, 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 Royster, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

MAYOR

There were 169 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 29, 911 calls in September. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 2- Welfare checks
- 2- Domestic
- 2- Parking complaints
- 2- False alarms
- 2- Suspicious activities.

There were no questions from Council.

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Mayor Perry thanked Council for their time while he gave his 13th Annual Good Neighbor Award. Mayor Perry announced that this year's recipient is Owen Lilac, a member of Council and a close neighbor. Mayor Perry explained that he frequently sees Mr. Lilac engaged in neighborly activity, taking care of business in the borough. Mr. Lilac was instrumental to the renovation of Chalfant Servicemen's Memorial Park, which Mayor Perry believes is the diamond jewel of the community. Mayor Perry encourages everyone to stop by and walk through the park to see the improvements. He thanked Mr. Lilac for all of his hard work. Mr. Lilac thanked Mr. Hoover and Council for their time and Mayor Perry for the award. Mr. Lilac stated he is honored to serve the community.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino gave an update from the Woodland Hills School District, explaining that the district is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. While students are currently continuing to learn remotely, the district has released two different plans for the return to in-person schooling that can be reviewed on their website. Dr. Pustorino explained that there is still significant construction going on at the high school including the administrative suite and soccer field. While outdoor events are currently restricted by the district, they are allowing drive through events. Dr. Pustorino advised that she will continue to update Council as new information is released by the WHSD.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCE

Ms. Baburich advised that there were three occupancy inspections in August; two passed, one failed.

There were six occupancy inspections in September; one passed, five failed.

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ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Syska advised that the Forest Hills DPW sprayed and cut weeds and overgrowth in the borough. There was one new handicapped spot added on Brighton and new lines were painted for the handicapped spot on Parkway. Mr. Syska advised that he spoke with Duquesne Light and unfortunately our LED street light application was misplaced during the pandemic and the program was filled. Chalfant will have priority next year.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Fullwood explained that phase two of the 2020 Storm Inlet Reconstruction has been completed.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Baburich, to pay the Urban Construction Services, LLC invoice of \$10,200 for phase two of the 2020 Storm Inlet Rehabilitation. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Lilac, to transfer \$10,200.00 from the Sewer Line Fund to the General Fund Checking to cover the cost of phase two of the 2020 Storm Inlet Rehabilitation. Motion was unanimous.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Mr. Royster explained that the VFC hoagie sale fundraiser will be held on October 24th on the corner of North Avenue and Rossmore Street from 10 am until they run out of hoagies. Council encouraged residents to stop by and support the VFC.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Hoover congratulated Mr. Lilac on the Good Neighbor Award. Mr. Lilac advised that the Port-a-John is being removed from the park soon. Mr. Lilac explained that he and Dan Bridge

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fixed the light near Pin Oak Ct. at the park and that pointing and repairs at the Community Center began today; Mr. Lilac and Mr. Hoover will paint the exterior when the repairs have been completed.

Mr. Lilac advised that he will get a couple of quotes for trimming the large tree located on borough property on the 300 block of Highland.

Mr. Lilac explained that a new account with Grainger has been opened for the borough and he will order new lights for the park pavilion. Account information for Grainger has been provided to Council.

WHEMS

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

Motion by Royster, seconded by Syska, to transfer \$41.55, which is the amount of WHEMS tax collected in September, 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

Doris Libell, 127 Lynnwood Ave., asked what was going on on Brighton St. the other day? Mr. Hoover explained the helicopters and police activity were not in Chalfant but in Prospect Terrace; there was a shooting in Penn Hills and subsequent police chase that ended in East Pittsburgh.

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Ms. Libell asked what the borough's plan was for Halloween? Mr. Hoover explained that trick-or-treat would be held from 2-4 pm on Saturday, October 31. Dr. Pustorino encouraged all residents to continue following COVID-19 guidelines and to stay safe on Halloween. She explained that if residents would like to hand out candy, they can open their door to show they are participating or place a bowl of candy outside to avoid contact with trick-or-treaters.

Ed Olen, 208 Lynnwood Ave., asked about the status of the Land Bank acquired properties? Mr. Hoover explained that Chalfant just received a report from the Tri COG Land Bank that 224 Highland is under contract to be sold. 105 and 109 Lynnwood are still in the sheriff sale process, and the Land Bank is planning on combining the lots and selling as one large property. 211 Wilkins Ave. is being resubmitted for consideration. The process has been slowed and complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to pass Resolution 558 confirming that Chalfant Borough has formally requested CDBG funds, has designated an official to perform the required duties between the applicant and Allegheny County Economic Development, and has assured, where applicable, the provision of local matching funds. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Hoover explained that the Zoning Hearing Board has approved an application for a variance by Star Media, LLC for a billboard located at 2641 Lincoln Highway in Chalfant. Zoning Board Chairman, Robert Lasser, then gave a detailed explanation of the project and the conditional variance issued.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President

