

## **BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**September 8, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Royster, Lilac

ABSENT: Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Fullwood.

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 7:33 pm.

## **BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**September 9, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Mss. Baburich, Fullwood, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Royster, Lilac, Solicitor Evashavik.

ABSENT: Dr. Pustorino.

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

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

## **MAYOR**

There were 178 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 21, 911 calls in August. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 2- Ambulance calls.
- 2- Med unit assists
- 2- Domestic
- 2- Suspicious vehicles
- 2- Juvenile complaints

Mayor Perry had noted that while there was a rash of vehicle break-ins earlier this year, none were reported in August. This shows that Chalfant residents are remaining vigilant and locking doors.

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Mayor Perry extended his sympathy to Dr. Pustorino and her husband, Pat, for the recent loss of their parents.

There were no questions from Council.

**SOLICITOR**

No report.

Mr. Hoover explained that recently Council had received a request for a larger designated handicapped parking space from a resident with a truck. Sol. Evashavik advised that there is not a standard size and the matter would be at Council's discretion.

Mr. Hoover explained that the borough would like to consider installing speed humps at two locations, on North Ave. and in the 200 block of Elizabeth Ave.. Sol. Evashavik explained that while speed bumps are prohibited, speed humps are allowed. Regulations, including size limits and the requirement of warning signs, for installing speed humps are detailed in PennDOT's Traffic Calming Handbook; as long as the humps are installed per PennDOT's guidelines, they are permissible. Council then discussed other potential locations for speed humps in the borough.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Hoover advised that the Newsletter will be published this fall.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCE**

Ms. Baburich advised that there were four occupancy inspections, all passed.

Mr. Hoover explained that a new code officer/manager, Sean Gramz, had been hired by Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments. He will be introduced to the borough soon.

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**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Syska advised that the Forest Hills DPW patched the potholes in the borough in August. The DPW also cleaned the storm setwer on Greenfield Ave. and cleared the buildup behind the Jersey barrier on the 100 block of North Ave.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Ms. Fullwood advised that the four storm inlets rehabilitations were completed and inspected; Ms. Fullwood explained that the rehabilitation of two more inlets will be bidded out.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Baburich, to pay the Urban Construction Services, LLC invoice of \$20,400.00 for the 2020 Storm Inlet Rehabilitation. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Lilac, to transfer \$20,400.00 from the Sewer Line Fund to the General Fund Checking to cover the cost of the 2020 Storm Inlet Rehabilitation. Motion was unanimous.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

The VFC would like a yellow line designating 'no parking' on Lynnwood across from Fire Station 120.

**PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Lilac advised that recently there was more flooding in the Borough Office when the roof leaked during a storm. Mr. Lilac and members of the VFC removed the water and worked to dry the area. Mr. Lilac called Hooper Roofing and they believe the leak was situational and caused by high winds.

Mr. Lilac opened an account with Grainger to order a new caged light for the pavillion at the park. Grainger makes industrial products that are built to last; Mr. Lilac advised he will pass along the account information for the rest of Council.

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**WHEMS**

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

Motion by Royster, seconded by Syska, to transfer \$111.10, which is the amount of WHEMS tax collected in August, 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 if Council had thought about what Chalfant will do for Halloween this year amid COVID-19? Mr. Hoover advised that they are going to wait and see but that it could possibly be cancelled. Ms. Libell asked if there had been a fire on Fairview? Mr. Hoover explained that it wasn't a fire; there was a suspected natural gas leak but that the smell actually turned out to be from a sewer drain.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Lilac, to issue a Real Estate Tax Refund per Tax Collector, Carol Donahue, in the amount of \$47.97, to Excalibur Rep 01 for 765 Greensburg Pike, for overpayment of borough property tax. Motion was unanimous.

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Motion by Baburich, seconded by Syska, to issue a Real Estate Tax Refund per Tax Collector, Carol Donahue, in the amount of \$45.57, to John CR Kelly Realty, Inc. for 230 North Ave., for overpayment of borough property tax. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Hoover opened a public hearing for the proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Section 6-201 of the Code of Ordinances, providing for the prohibition of unreasonable noise during specific hours, effective September 9, 2020. Mr. Hoover explained that this amendment will restrict such activities as operating chainsaws and leaf blowers, setting off fireworks--any unreasonable amount of noise that disturbs the peace--between the hours of 7 am and 10 pm, with an exception for garbage collection and emergency services. The amendment will be enforced by the police and what will classify as unreasonable noise will be at the responding officer's discretion.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Fullwood, to pass the amendment to Chapter 6, Section 6-201 of the Code of Ordinances. Motion was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Borough Secretary Council President

