

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

**December 8, 2020**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, both the work session and regular meeting were conducted via remote audio and video conference service, Zoom.

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 8:02 pm.

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

**December 9, 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 Syska, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

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

## **MAYOR**

There were 176 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 19, 911 calls in November. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Disturbances
- 2-Animal complaints
- 2- Neighbor complaints
- 1- DOA

Mayor Perry and Mr. Hoover encouraged residents to lock their vehicles after several recent break-ins.

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Mayor Perry acknowledged the passing of former Councilman Russ Drenning who resigned from Council in 2019. Mayor Perry said Mr. Drenning was a great neighbor and member of the community. Mr. Hoover added that Mr. Drenning will be missed.

Mayor Perry wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

### **SOLICITOR**

Sol. Evashavik had no report but stated that he did review the Verizon Franchise Agreement that was negotiated by Cohen Law through the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments. Sol. Evashavik advised there was nothing to be concerned about in the agreement and recommended accepting the agreement via resolution.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Pustorino advised that the Woodland Hills School District is in the process of drafting a new Mission, Vision and Belief Statement and advised the statement is available if any resident would like to review it; the WHSD is encouraging feedback. Dr. Pustorino advised that due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, it does not appear likely that students will be returning to in-person schooling any time soon. Dr. Pustorino also gave updates regarding the various construction projects ongoing in the district.

### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCE**

There were four occupancy inspections in November; two passed and two failed.

There were 52 violations on 12 properties in November.

- 2- Brighton St.
- 2- Fairview Ave.
- 2- Highland Ave.
- 2- Lynnwood Ave.
- 1-North Ave.
- 1- Parkway Ave.
- 1-West St.

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1- Wilkins Ave.

There were three cases closed in November:

2- Highland

1- Parkway

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Syska advised that leaf collection was completed in November and a handicapped parking sign was removed from 124 Parkway Ave.

Motion by Syska, seconded by Lilac, to transfer \$10,985.31 from the Highway Aid Account to the General Fund Checking. This amount reflects the total cost of street lighting for 2020 and will be paid from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. Motion was unanimous.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Ms. Fullwood advised that after several attempts, she finally was able to speak with a representative from the paper recycling program and they advised the paper bin in VFC municipal lot will be emptied this week.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Pustorino, to transfer \$13,603 from the Sewer Line Fund to the General Fund Checking to cover the 2020 sewer expenses that include sewer-related fees from Municipal Engineer, Robert Zischkau, fifty percent of Ms. Fullwood's salary and twenty percent of Ms. Schwoegl's salary. Motion was unanimous.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Lilac advised that backflow testing is due at the Community Center and the Public Safety Building and will hopefully be completed next week. Mr. Lilac wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy New Year.

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Mr. Hoover advised to be sure the plumbers tighten down the valve when they do the backflow testing.

**WHEMS**

Mr. Royster advised there were six calls to WHEMS in November. He read the date, location and outcome of each incident. Mr. Perry noted that he recently received an invoice from WHEMS after a call to his residence. Chalfant residents should not be receiving invoices from WHEMS as coverage is provided to all residents under the designated WHEMS tax agreement. Mr. Perry suggested this fact be reiterated in the next Newsletter so residents are aware to dispute any invoices from WHEMS.

Motion by Royster, seconded by Syska, to transfer \$17.05 from the General Fund MM Account to the WHEMS MM Account. This was the amount of WHEMS tax collected in November. Motion was unanimous.

**CRIME WATCH**

No report.

**TAX COLLECTOR**

No report.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Hoover opened a public hearing for Ordinance 435, the 2021 Budget and Tax Levy. Mr. Hoover advised there is no tax increase for 2021. There were no questions from Council and Mr. Hoover closed the hearing. Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Syska, to pass Ordinance 435. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Royster, to pass Resolution 559 accepting the Verizon Franchise Cable Agreement which is a five year contract with Verizon. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Royster, to advertise Ordinance 436 updating the borough to the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code. The 2015 IPMC is being adopted in its purest form; Mr. Hoover advised that Council can always update the IPMC or make changes at a later date. Motion was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Lilac, to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

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

