

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

January 12, 2021

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 7:36 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 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 Baburich, seconded by Lilac, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

MAYOR

There were 176 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 18, 911 calls in December. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 2- Accident reports
- 2- Animal complaints
- 2- Suspicious activities
- 2- Neighbor disputes

There were no questions from Council.

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SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino advised that the borough is currently utilizing the PA State Association of Boroughs' web design service. As Chalfant was one of the early adoptees of the service, the website needs to undergo some technology updates. In the next two months, Dr. Pustorino will be working with the PSAB's tech office to get the updates in place and deal with the back end content. Visitors to the website during this time will likely not see much disruption to the site, but the website will need to go offline for two days in February during the process.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCE

Ms. Baburich advised that there were six occupancy inspections in December; one passed and five failed.

There were eight new cases opened between 12/1/20 and 12/31/20:

2- Elizabeth Avenue

2-Fairview Avenue

2- Wilkins

1- Greensburg Pike

There were five cases closed during that period

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Syska advised that DPW removed pine branches that fell onto Greensburg Pike during the storm.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

No report.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Royster advised that there were four calls to the Chalfant VFC in December. 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 he will start looking into updating the cameras at Chalfant Servicemen's Memorial Park and will get quotes. A discussion regarding the number of cameras needed and the placement of the new cameras ensued; it was determined Mr. Lilac would likely need three or four new cameras and updated software. Mr. Lilac explained he also has some other projects in mind for the spring.

WHEMS

Mr. Royster advised there were 11 calls to WHEMS in December. He read the date, location and outcome of each incident.

Motion by Royster, seconded by Lilac, to transfer \$122.75 from the General Fund MM Account to the WHEMS MM Account. This was the amount of WHEMS tax collected in December. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Royster, seconded by Fullwood, to transfer \$11,482.98 from the WHEMS MM Account to the General Fund MM Account. This is the total amount of WHEMS tax collected in 2020.

CRIME WATCH

No report.

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TAX COLLECTOR

No report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Carol Donahue, 110 Greenfield Avenue, inquired about the status of the Newsletter and the Savvy Citizen account and explained that another resident asked her how to obtain the Zoom link for the Council Meetings. Dr. Pustorino explained that the links are posted on the front page of the borough's website, chalfantborough-pa.org, for both the monthly work session and the regular meeting. Dr. Pustorino advised that the links will be posted to Savvy Citizen in the future as well and explained that the borough experienced an interruption in the service in January due to Savvy Citizen's switch to automatic billing. Dr. Pustorino advised that the Newsletter will be out soon and that the borough has scaled back on the number of Newsletter publications because rising costs have stretched the budget. Council and Ms. Donahue discussed the various social media platforms Chalfant uses to reach residents. Dr. Pustorino advised that she will post any tax information that Ms. Donahue needs to relay to residents on the webpage.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to issue a RE Tax refund to Linda Cooley, 144 Brighton St., for overpayment of borough taxes in the amount of \$43.52. Payment will be sent with the end of January invoices. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Hoover opened a public hearing to pass Ordinance 436, amending ordinance under Chapter 5, Section 5-201; providing for the adoption of all amendments or updates of the International Property Maintenance Code by resolution, effective 11/13/21. Motion by Baburich, seconded by Pustorino, to pass Ordinance 436. Motion was unanimous. Mr. Hoover closed the public hearing.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Baburich to pass Resolution 560, amending Chalfant Borough Ordinance 436 to include all amendments and updates to the most recent edition or publication of the International Property Maintenance Code as the official building code of the Borough, effective 1/13/21.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President

