

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

**April 13, 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 7:56 pm.

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

**April 14, 2021**

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 Baburich, seconded by Lilac, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

Motion by Syska, seconded by Pustorino, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

## **MAYOR**

There were 182 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 33, 911 calls in February. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Abandoned vehicles
- 4- Neighbor disputes
- 3- Suspicious vehicles
- 3- Animal complaints

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2- Parking complaints

2- Med unit assists

2- Ordinance violations.

There were no questions from Council.

### **SOLICITOR**

Sol. Evashavik advised that he will review the cost allocation for the Alcosan regionalization and report back.

Mr. Hoover and Mayor Perry explained that the community of Chalfant was sad to hear of the passing of Nick's father, Girard Evashavik. Sol. Evashavik thanked Mr. Hoover and Mayor Perry for their kind words and thoughts and said that Chalfant borough was his father's first job as a municipal solicitor.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Pustorino advised that she and Tax Collector, Carol Donahue, will continue to post updates regarding borough tax collection on the website, Savvy Citizen and the borough Facebook page. Dr. Pustorino explained that she would like to start the process of codifying the ordinances from the previous five years.

Dr. Pustorino advised that Woodland Hills is now promoting school choice within the district; students can now choose which elementary school they would like to attend. Dr. Pustorino advised that she will be putting together more information for the borough website.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to transfer \$23,000 from the General Fund Money Market account to the General Fund Checking. Motion was unanimous.

### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCE**

Ms. Baburich advised that there were ten occupancy inspections in March; four passed and six failed.

There were five new cases opened between 3/1/21 and 3/31/21.

1- Greenfield Ave.

1- Greensburg Pike

1- Highland Ave.

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2- Wilkins Ave.

There were two cases closed during that period.

1- Highland Ave.

1- Wilkins Ave.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Syska advised that Duquesne Light reinstalled the street light near 120 Wilkins.

Mr. Syska spoke with the company doing the paving following the Peoples Gas pipeline replacement to be sure they will repaint the yellow lines on the street, especially in front of the Chalfant VFC.

Ms. Fullwood asked when they replace the telephone poles but leave the old pole behind, do they eventually come back and remove the old pole? Mr. Syska advised that he believes so and would try to find out. Dr. Pustorino added that often the other utility companies need to come and move their lines over to the new poles before the old poles can be removed. Ms. Fullwood thanked Mr. Syska and Dr. Pustorino.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Ms. Fullwood advised that for the Highland Avenue Sanitary Sewer Repair, the contractor has proposed, in lieu of two separate repairs, to pipe burst the entire section from manhole to manhole. Borough Engineer, Robert Zischkau, has accepted the proposal. Ms. Fullwood explained that hopefully the project will now be completed quicker than initially thought.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Royster advised that there was no incident report from the VFC in March.

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**PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Lilac advised that the water at Chalfant Servicemen's Memorial Park is now on. The baseball schedule is now available from the Woodland Hills Athletic Association. T-ball will be played at the park on Saturdays.

Mr. Lilac advised that he is in the process of obtaining quotes for trimming the tree on borough property on Highland Ave. He is also planning to meet with a technician to review what is needed for a camera upgrade at the park. Mr. Hoover said that it would be nice to purchase two more cameras for the parking area and the pavilion.

**WHEMS**

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

Motion by Royster, seconded by Lilac, to transfer \$2,776.55 from the General Fund MM Account to the WHEMS MM Account. This was the amount of WHEMS tax collected in March. Motion was unanimous.

**CRIME WATCH**

No report.

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Ms. Donahue thanked Dr. Pustorino for helping to get the messages regarding tax collection out to residents.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Bids for the demolition of 120 Fairview were received by Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments on March 16, 2021. The apparent low bidder, GEM Demolition, LLC., requested to withdraw their bid due to a clerical error. Municipal Engineer, Robert Zischkau, has recommended Chalfant accept their withdrawal and accept the second lowest bid from Minniefield Demolition, LLC.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Fullwood, to accept Minniefield Demolition, LLC.'s bid of \$16,000 for the asbestos removal and demolition of 120 Fairview Ave. and to direct the TCVCOG to award the contract to Minniefield Demolition, LLC. The project's cost will be covered entirely by a \$22,000.00 CDBG grant; there is no local match requirement. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Fullwood, to purchase a radar speed sign from Elan City for \$3,189.00. Motion was unanimous

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Fullwood, to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

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

