

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

April 12, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Mss. Fullwood, Fennell, Messrs. Hoover, Sauter, 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, Mss. Fullwood, Fennell, Messrs. Hoover, Sauter, Royster, Lilac, Sol. Evashavik.

ABSENT: None.

Mr. Hoover called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sauter, seconded by Fullwood, to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting. The motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fennell, seconded by Lilac, to approve the bank balances as read. The motion was unanimous.

Motion by Sauter, seconded by Royster, to approve payment of the bills for the month after being properly countersigned. The motion was unanimous.

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

MAYOR

Mayor Perry advised that there were 184 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 20 911 calls in March. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3 - Domestic
- 2 -Animal complaints
- 2 - Med unit assists
- 2- Assists to other departments

There were no questions from Council.

SOLICITOR

Sol. Evashavik advised that he reviewed Resolution 568 approving the Alcosan Transfer Agreement, and recommends that Council approve the resolution.

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Mr. Hoover noted that Council has been discussing a nuisance/disruptive conduct ordinance for rental properties. Council has considered such ordinances in the past and acknowledges there can be some constitutional issues with these types of ordinances. Council is currently working to find an ordinance that respects the rights of property owners and tenants while addressing the disruptive behavior of tenants; Council will enter an executive session at the end of tonight's meeting to discuss such an ordinance with Sol. Evashavik.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Fullwood explained that she does not have anything to report this month, but that she does have one motion to make.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Fennell, to transfer \$16,000 from the General Fund Money Market account to the General Fund Checking to cover the cost of the April invoices. The motion was unanimous.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Ms. Lilac read a detailed list of the active code enforcement cases in Chalfant, including the open citations/private criminal complaints currently before the magistrate. Mr. Lilac noted that there is one building permit in progress.

There were no questions from Council.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Sauter advised that he is looking forward to line painting and pothole repairs and is currently working on a list of street signs to be replaced in the borough.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

No report.

Motion by Fennell, seconded by Fullwood, to pass Resolution 568; a resolution authorizing the execution of the transfer agreement and related documents, instruments, and agreements with Alcosan and the transfer to Alcosan of certain sewer system assets in accordance therewithin. Motion was unanimous.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Royster advised that there were 11 incidents reported by the VFC in March. Mr. Royster read a detailed narrative of the calls and provided the number of VFC members attending.

Mr. Royster explained that the VFC hosted a successful stuffed cabbage dinner fundraiser on March 19, 2022, and raised a total of \$897.03 for the department. Mr. Royster also advised that the park pavilion and Community Center rentals are picking up for the summer; he provided the dates that are currently booked for 2022.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac advised that there are multiple leaks in the roofs at the Public Safety Building. Mr. Lilac called Hooper roofing and they are going to perform an inspection when the weather permits. Mr. Hoover noted that the roofs are in need of attention and have been limping along while Council tries to get funding to replace them.

Mr. Lilac advised that he plans to replace the Jubilee Tree at Chalfant Servicemen's Memorial Park with a Red Maple which will provide nice color in both the spring and fall. Mr. Lilac is working to find a plumber to do the backflow test at the park before the water can be turned on there. Mr. Lilac explained that he cleaned the gutters at the park and noticed some mold and mildew growing on the roof. He will address the issue and also plans to do some power washing at the park.

WHEMS

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

Motion by Royster, seconded by Sauter, to transfer \$2,716.30 from the General Fund Money Market account to the Designated WHEMS account. This was the amount of WHEMS tax collected in March. Motion was unanimous.

CRIME WATCH

Ms. Fennell advised that she has been working to organize a Community Day/Food Truck Festival at Chalfant Servicemen's Memorial Park on Sunday, August 14, 2022. Proceeds from the food truck sales will benefit the Chalfant Crime Watch. Ms. Fennell explained that everyone

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has been cooped up for a couple of years with COVID-19 restrictions in place and she thinks that it is time to start bringing the community back together. Ms. Fennell advised that she spoke to the head of Crime Watch, Mark Swinney, and he is willing to help.

TAX COLLECTOR

No report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Luann Bouvier, 101 Highland Ave., thanked Council for the clean-up on Highland Avenue and asked for several abandoned cars on Brighton St. and North Avenue to be addressed. Mr. Hoover explained that this issue would be a police matter and asked if the inspection stickers on the cars are up to date. Ms. Bouvier was not certain of the status of the stickers. Ms. Bouvier complained that there are a lot of empty beer cans near the Parkway Steps and asked Mr. Lilac if there was going to be a Redd Up day. Mr. Lilac advised that Council was still considering a community-wide clean-up.

Fire Chief, Raymond Wroblewski, 205 Fairview Ave., thanked Council and residents for showing up to support the VFC at the stuffed cabbage dinner fundraiser. Mr. Wroblewski advised that the VFC would be hosting a hoagie sale fundraiser on Saturday, April 30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the corner of Rossmore St. and North Ave. and would appreciate it if the borough could post the information on Savvy Citizen and the Facebook page. Council and Mr. Wroblewski then discussed how the stuffed cabbage dinner is completely homemade and how much everyone enjoys and looks forward to their cabbage dinners and hoagie sales.

Elizabeth Hanzel, 100 Elizabeth Ave., advised that she is still interested in sprucing up the exterior of the Public Safety Building; she believes the old flower boxes that are currently at the corner of Lynnwood Ave. and Rossmore St. can be repaired but will need to be fixed soon so she can plant there. Ms. Hanzel also suggested exterior improvements to the PSB including painting the door and planting near the dumpster so weeds do not grow there. She asked if the DPW weed wacks there? Mr. Hoover explained that it is not the DPW's responsibility to maintain the area around the building. A discussion regarding DPW responsibilities and improvements to the PSB ensued between Ms. Hanzel and Council. Ms. Hanzel also complained about an issue with the street near her house and stated that she's worried about the hillside on the side of her house. Mr. Sauter explained that the area in question is actually Wilkins Township, not Chalfant, but that he could address the issue with them. Mr. Hoover asked if the borough could cut back the Rose of

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Sharon near the intersection with Elizabeth and Brighton St. Ms. Hanzel explained that she just paid to have that bush trimmed.

Joe Day, a representative from Alcosan, gave an overview of the Alcosan Transfer Agreement and the Allegheny County Health Department Consent Decree. Kelsey Kerr, 907 Greensburg Pike, asked how the Alcosan transfer will affect billing? Mr. Hoover advised that WPJWA will continue to bill residents for their sewage; that money is then sent to the municipality which then pays a quarterly lump sum to Alcosan.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2021 delinquent taxes have been turned over to Jordan Tax Service. Motion by Sauter, seconded by Fennell, to exonerate Tax Collector, Carol Donahue, of the 2021 borough taxes. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Sauter, to appoint Diane Hillen to Chalfant Borough Council. If confirmed, Ms. Hillen will take the Oath of Office at the May meeting. Motion was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Lilac, to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion was unanimous

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session began at 7:50 p.m. and ended at 8:10 p.m.

