

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

August 13, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Mss. Fullwood, Hillen, Sivak, Messrs. Hoover, Sauter, Royster, Lilac.

ABSENT: None.

The work session began at 7:00 p.m. and ended at 8:21 p.m.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

August 14, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Sol. Evashavik, Mss. Fullwood, Hillen, Sivak, Messrs. Hoover, Royster, Lilac.

ABSENT: Mr. Sauter.

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

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

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

Motion by Sivak, seconded by Hillen, to approve payment of the monthly bills after being properly countersigned. The motion was unanimous.

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

MAYOR

There were 161 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 47, 911 calls in July. The majority of the 911 calls were:

16 - Parking complaints

5 - Abandoned vehicles

5 - Domestic

3- EMS calls

2 - Alarm calls

2 - Suspicious incidents

There were no questions from Council.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Hillen, to transfer \$60,000 from the GF MM account to the GF checking to cover the cost of the August invoices. The motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Sivak, to pay the Citizen's Bank borough credit card invoice in the amount of \$823.20 for the purchase of postage (\$204.00) and borough website renewal (\$619.20.) The motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Hillen, to purchase a new nameplate for Ms. Schwoegl at a cost of \$19.84. The motion was unanimous.

Ms. Fullwood explained that she hopes to have the newsletter out by the end of September and would like content suggestions from Council and residents.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Ms. Hillen advised two dumpster permits were issued in July. There was one stop work order lifted and one building permit issued.

There were five initial occupancy inspections with three certificates of occupancy issued.

Ms. Hillen explained that 26 cases were opened in July, 10 were closed, and 82 cases were continued.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Hoover advised that the DPW has been given a list of items and they are working through it.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND WHEMS

Mr. Royster advised that there was one call to the Forest Hills VFC in July which was a false alarm.

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

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Motion by Royster, seconded by Sivak, to transfer \$316.80 from the GF MM Account to the WHEMS MM Account. This was the amount of WHEMS tax collected in July. The motion was unanimous.

ALCOSAN

No report.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Sivak advised that she and Mr. Lilac are working to schedule a movie in the park event for late summer and have decided on September 28th as the tentative date. The event will be family friendly and snacks will be provided.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac stated that bids were received for the standby generator on August 2nd. Motion by Lilac, seconded by Hillen, to accept R.C. Watt Company's bid in the amount of \$24,673.00 for the standby generator. Chalfant Borough Council directs Borough Engineer, Robert Zischkau, of Glenn Engineering & Associates, to award the project to R.C. Watt Company. All associated costs will be reimbursed by the current Commonwealth Financing Authority Grant.

Mr. Lilac explained that the standby generator will be an asset to the borough in an emergency. Mr. Lilac expects the generator to be installed in October but advised it may be sooner.

Mr. Lilac stated that a tree from the park fell on power lines on Elizabeth Avenue. The tree is expected to be removed tomorrow on an emergency basis, and the cost will be ratified at the next council meeting.

CRIME WATCH

Ms. Bouvier explained that there isn't much to report. The bench in honor of her father was placed at the Chalfant Community Center. Mr. Hoover thanked Ms. Bouvier and stated that the bench may need to be moved to the lawn during elections, but its location is fine otherwise.

TAX COLLECTOR

Ms. Donahue advised that the Woodland Hills School District tax bills are due at the discount on August 31st. Payments must be dropped off or postmarked by August 31st. Payments can also be

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made in person during office hours on August 20th-22nd from 5 pm to 6 pm and August 28th-30th from 5 pm to 6 pm.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Michael Pearce, 201 Wilkins Avenue, stated that he was arrested by the Forest Hills Police and that the charges against him were dropped. Mr. Pearce believes the police are not doing their job and detailed multiple issues that he feels are ADA violations, including a dumpster that was placed in a handicapped spot on West St. as well as cars parked along the sidewalk on Elizabeth Ave. and Highland Ave. Mr. Pearce stated that a patrol officer told him he did not see the cars on the sidewalk. Mr. Pearce said that he was told the cars were cited under borough ordinance instead of state law/ADA violation, which he believes is improper. Mr. Pearce said that he was cited for calling 911 for non-emergencies. Mr. Pearce said that the Mayor and Council will not talk to him, but that they need to address these issues. He would like Council to call Mayor Porco and Police Chief Williams and address his complaints. Mr. Hoover stated that members of Chalfant Council and Mayor Perry have been advised not to discuss this matter with Mr. Pearce due to pending civil litigation. Sol. Evashavik advised that he relayed what he and Mr. Pearce spoke about in their meeting to both Council and Mayor Perry.

Bob Lasser, 243 Lynnwood Avenue, stated that he appreciated the borough taking care of the potholes on Rossmore. Mr. Lasser asked about the non-owner-occupied registration for 2024 and said he did not receive the forms. Mr. Hoover advised the fee was lowered to \$75/unit this year and that Ms. Schwoegl will resend the form. Mr. Lasser detailed an upcoming WWII reenactment event in case anyone is interested.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Hillen, seconded by Lilac, to make a civic contribution in the amount of \$100 to sponsor the Braddock Carnegie Library Association's 17th Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, September 14th. The motion was unanimous.

Per Tax Collector, Carol Donahue, motion by Hillen, seconded by Sivak, to refund Linda Cooley in the amount of \$43.52 for the overpayment of year 2024 borough taxes for 144 Brighton St. The motion was unanimous.

Per Tax Collector, Carol Donahue, motion by Hillen, seconded by Royster, to refund DNTEAM

