

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

August 12, 2025

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 8:25 p.m.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

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

ABSENT: Mr. Sauter, Mr. Lilac

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

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Royster, to amend the agenda to include a motion to accept Mr. Lilac's resignation.

Motion by Hillen, seconded by Sivak, to accept the resignation of Owen Lilac, effective August 13, 2025.

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

There were 170 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department in July, and 36 911 calls. The majority of the 911 calls were:

4- EMS calls

3- Parking complaints

3- Domestic disturbances

There were no questions from Council.

SOLICITOR

Sol. Evashavik advised that he has prepared the condemnation notice for 137 Parkway. Once the title search is complete, there will need to be a hearing and condemnation of the property.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Hillen, to transfer \$55,000.00 from the GFMM account to the GF Checking to cover the August invoices. The motion was unanimous.

Ms. Fullwood advised that she is working on the fall/winter edition of the newsletter. If any residents have suggestions or contributions, please submit them to her in the next week or so.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

Ms. Hillen advised that 17 cases were opened in July, five cases were closed, and 89 cases were continued. There are 42 citations currently at the magistrate.

There was one temporary access certificate issued in July.

There was one dumpster permit issued. There were no building or solicitation permits issued; there are currently no ongoing solicitation permits.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Hoover advised that Mr. Sauter reported last night that a lot of the DPW work is finally being done, but there's still a lot on the list to be addressed. Mr. Hoover explained that Forest Hill's DPW has been bogged down since the storm cleanup.

Mr. Hoover opened a hearing for Ordinance 446, an ordinance vacating a portion of Brighton St. between Parkway and North Avenues; an unnamed sixteen-foot alley in the East Pittsburgh addition plan, PBV 20, P 138-9, in the Borough of Chalfant, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hoover and Sol. Evashavik explained that the borough is vacating part of Brighton St., where the alley went over the hillside to North Ave. This parcel will revert to private ownership; it will be split down the middle and will belong to the two property owners on either side, creating private parking for both parties. There were no comments or questions and Mr. Hoover closed the hearing.

Motion by Royster, seconded by Sivak, to adopt Ordinance 446. The motion was unanimous.

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PUBLIC SAFETY AND WHEMS

Motion by Royster, seconded by Hillen to transfer \$249.04 from the GFMM account to the WHEMS MM account. This was the amount of WHEMS tax collected in July. The motion was unanimous.

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

Mr. Royster advised that there was one call to the Forest Hills VFC in July. He read the street and nature of each call.

ALCOSAN

No report.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Sivak thanked the community for their continued support. She advised there are no borough events planned for the remainder for 2025 at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Motion by Hillen, seconded by Fullwood, to approve the bid from Classic Landscaping Inc. in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the removal of brush and sapling 10 feet from the left and 25 feet from the right of the Parkway Steps. The motion was unanimous.

CRIME WATCH

Ms. Bouvier complimented Mr. Hoover on the Public Safety Building, it looks nice and neat, the new Chalfant signs look nice too. The next Crime Watch meeting will be held on October 21st at 7 p.m.; Judge Tom Caulfield, Magistrate Lisa Caulfield, and Assistant District Attorney Julie Capone plan to attend. They will conduct a Q&A segment with residents and explain the court system. CW will advertise the meeting and provide refreshments. Ms. Bouvier said that she hopes to get another meeting scheduled as well, maybe by the end of the year, that will feature guests from the Sheriff's Office.

TAX COLLECTOR

Ms. Donahue advised that the WHSD discount period ends on August 31st. She will hold office hours next week and the last week of the month for any residents who wish to pay in person.

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Residents may also mail their payments or drop them off through the mail slot at the Borough Office.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Luann Bouvier, 101 Highland Ave., asked about Mr. Lilac's resignation and if he was still running for Mayor. Mr. Hoover replied that it is up to Mr. Lilac.

Michael Pearce, 201 Wilkins, apologized for the outburst he had at the end of last month's meeting. He alleged that Ms. Sivak looked at him during the June meeting and made faces like a child. Mr. Pearce said he is a private citizen, but Ms. Sivak is a government official, and he believes she conducted herself unprofessionally. Mr. Pearce said that he is grateful for the resignation of Owen Lilac. He alleged Mr. Lilac broke state laws and borough ordinances and conducted himself unprofessionally. Mr. Pearce said Mr. Lilac is unfit to be mayor. Mr. Pearce said he currently has multiple lawsuits against the borough and suggested Chalfant Council read the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Paul Suvak, 306 North Ave., asked if everyone had heard the racecars in the borough at night. He said he called 911 to report the issue, but the 911 dispatcher did not know where Chalfant was and asked Mr. Suvak if that was in Morningside or Millvale. Mark Swinney, 127 West St., added that there are a couple of cars disregarding the traffic laws. Mr. Hoover suggested reporting the license plate numbers to the police. Both Mr. Suvak and Mr. Swinney said they haven't heard the speeding car in a couple of weeks. Mr. Suvak suggested spraying the brush at the Parkway Steps after it's been removed to help keep the area clear for longer.

Gloria Smith, 103 Parkway Ave., said that some streetlights have been removed along Parkway Ave., which could be an issue now that there's increased traffic cutting through the borough with the closure of Greensburg Pike. Mr. Hoover thanked her and said he would look into it.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS.

None.

