

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

**August 10, 2021**

PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Mss Baburich, Fullwood, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Royster, Lilac, Perry

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:34 pm.

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

**August 11, 2021**

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Dr. Pustorino, Mss. Baburich, Fullwood, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Royster, Lilac

ABSENT: Solicitor Evashavik

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Hoover asked that all attending follow CDC's face mask guidelines.

## **MAYOR**

Mayor Perry advised that there were 174 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 28, 911 calls in July. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Domestic disturbances
- 3- Med unit assists
- 2- Suspicious activities
- 2- Alarm calls
- 2- Fireworks calls

Mayor Perry explained that there is an ongoing nuisance situation between neighbors in apartments at 243 North Avenue, which was discussed at last month's meeting as well. Council will look at the ordinance to see if we can go after the property owner and assess a fee. The

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childish behavior of the tenants at 243 North is taking time and effort from the police when they could be dealing with more serious calls. Mayor Perry advised that Council should fine the owner of the property to demonstrate better exercise control over tenant conduct after 38 total calls have been received relative to this property in the last 6 months.

**SOLICITOR**

Sol. Evashavik was unable to be at the August 11, 2021 meeting.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Pustorino advised that the Chalfant website continues to undergo updates on a monthly basis and has advised that any information that Council would like in the fall newsletter be delivered prior to the September meeting.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to transfer \$41,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking to pay borough bills.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCE**

Ms. Baburich advised that there were no dumpster/bagster permits issued in July.

Ms. Baburich read a detailed list of the active code enforcement cases in Chalfant, including a street by street account of new cases opened in July, total cases currently open in the borough, the number of cases where the compliance window has expired, the number of opened cases inside the compliance window, and the total cases closed. Ms. Baburich explained that four citations have now been issued and nine hearings are awaiting hearing dates to be issued from the court related to open issues.

There were no questions from Council.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Syska advised that four weight limit signs have been replaced within the borough to represent recent borough weight limit changes, two of which were previously unsigned on Chalfant and West streets.

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LED light replacement has commenced within the borough and as of July 31, all of Wilkins Avenue was completed.

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Ms. Fullwood advised that Glenn Engineering has received bids for the next phase of storm inlet replacements in the borough and has advised that the Borough should utilize Urban Construction Services for the repairs at a cost of \$20,000.00.

Motion to approve quote by Urban Construction Services for contract replacement of the storm inlets, second by Pustorino. Motion was unanimous.

Motion to pay State Pipe Services Inc.'s invoice in the amount of \$29,775.00 for the Highland Avenue Sanitary Sewer Repairs. The project was completed and work approved by municipal engineer Robert Zischkau. Seconded by Baburich. Motion was unanimous.

Motion to transfer \$29,775.00 from the Sewer Line Fund to the General Fund Checking Account to cover the cost of the Highland Avenue Sanitary Sewer Repairs. Seconded by Syska. Motion was unanimous.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Royster advised that there was one incident reported by the VFC in July. Mr. Royster read a detailed summary of the call with the number of VFC members attending.

Mr. Royster reported that the VFC held a successful Car Cruise that enabled them to raise \$1,238.45 after expenses.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Lilac advised that he had nothing to report.

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**WHEMS**

Mr. Royster read and reviewed five incidents reported by WHEMS in July. Mr. Royster read a detailed summary of the calls.

Motion to transfer \$284.65 from the General Fund Money Market to the WHEMS Money Market account to cover taxes collected in July 2021. Syska seconded. Motion was unanimous.

**CRIME WATCH**

No report.

**TAX COLLECTOR**

No report.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Carol Fennel from Pin Oak Court raised the issue that their street access to West Street is degrading. Requested for the borough to repair as cars are “bottoming out.” Mr. Hoover noted that it might be possible for Public Works to apply hot patch, and Mayor Perry indicated that a longer term solution such as concrete repair should be made as well as consideration for a French drain. Mr. Syska questioned if there is any potential for this to have been a builder design from the origin of the street. Ms. Fennel also expressed concern that West Street apartments are parking on the street causing difficulty seeing out of Pin Oak Court and are also parking on yellow lines. She was advised to call 911 for vehicles parking illegally.

Elizabeth Hanzel, 100 Elizabeth Avenue would like to advance resident engagement in community gardens and has asked for interest in pollinator gardens to be put into the newsletter. She has specifically sought guidance on whether parcel 374-H-128 could be requested for the land bank to acquire and give back to the borough to use in planting a garden.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None to report.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Pustorino to reimburse Owen Lilac in the amount of \$37.50 for a new lock and six keys for the front gate of the Community Center. Seconded by Baburich. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Pustorino to authorize \$1,200.00 to be used for the purchase of a new computer for the Borough Secretary. Seconded by Baburich. Motion was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Royster, to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion was unanimous

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

