

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

February 9, 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 8:38 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

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

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

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

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

MAYOR

There were 180 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 21, 911 calls in January. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Domestic
- 2- Fire alarms
- 2- Calls for information
- 2- Parking complaints

There were no questions from Council.

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SOLICITOR

Sol. Evashavik advised that he does not have a specific report but wants to note that property assessment appeals come across his desk and he will advise Council of property appeals that show a big gap, one way or another, in the reassessment. The Woodland Hills School District doesn't bother with appeals under a certain value.

Mr. Hoover explained that 160 Driving Academy is interested in moving into the Westinghouse property but that the weight limit for West St. would need to be reevaluated by Municipal Engineer, Robert Zischkau, as well as Forest Hills Borough, due to the size of the trucks. A discussion between Council and Sol. Evashavik regarding the process of changing the weight limit on West followed, including what responsibility, if any, the driving academy would have to maintain the street.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino advised that the Newsletter is going to print and website updates are scheduled to occur later this month. Following the update, the site will be more compatible with mobile use.

Mr. Hoover thanked Dr. Pustorino for including information regarding the ordinance that prohibits the feeding of deer in the Newsletter.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCE

Ms. Baburich advised that there were seven occupancy inspections in January; three passed and four failed.

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

1- Brighton Street

2-Fairview Avenue

1- Greenfield Avenue

1- Greensburg Pike

2- Highland Avenue

2- North Avenue

There were four cases closed during that period.

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ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Syska advised an old desk and miscellaneous items have been removed from the old police garage at the PSB and the picnic tables from the park have been moved to the garage for winter storage. The DPW was able to salvage the Shadeland Ave. street sign and bracket after it was hit by a box truck.

Motion by Syska, seconded by Baburich, to approve the purchase of a pole mounted speed check display at a cost of around \$3,000. Motion was unanimous.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Fullwood advised that the Highland Ave. sewer project is going to bid later this month.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Royster advised that there were four calls to the Chalfant VFC in January. He read the dates, a detailed narrative of each call, and the number of members attending.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac advised that the Port-a-John will be back at the park in April and that he is looking forward to working on some projects in the park when the weather breaks. Council and Sol. Evashavik discussed closing the park during winter; there were questions from council regarding the legal responsibility of the borough and what restrictions may be placed on park usage. Council decided that for the safety of residents, the park should be closed during inclement weather and signs stating this rule will be placed at both park entrances.

WHEMS

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

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Motion by Royster, seconded by Lilac, to transfer \$61.55 from the General Fund MM Account to the WHEMS MM Account. This was the amount of WHEMS tax collected in January. Motion was unanimous.

CRIME WATCH

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR

No report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mike Donahue, 110 Greenfield Avenue, asked Council for their thoughts on controlling the deer? Mr. Hoover said Council is addressing the problem currently by strictly enforcing the ordinance that was passed last year prohibiting the feeding of deer. Mr. Hoover stated that removing their source of food should encourage them to move along to another area, especially at this time of year. Mr. Hoover explained the borough is working with the PA Game Commission on this issue. A discussion regarding state criteria for deer remediation and the destruction caused by the deer in the borough ensued between Mr. Donahue and Council. Mr. Donahue stated that the deer have become unbearable for gardeners in the borough and that he is skeptical that the ordinance prohibiting residents from feeding the deer will be enough to resolve the problem.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pustorino advised that the borough has applied for a Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund grant in the amount of \$110,000 to replace the roof on the Community Center. TCVCOG will administer the grant.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to pass Concurring Resolution 561 naming TCVCOG as the applicant on behalf of the Borough of Chalfant.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Syska, to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President

