

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

February 8, 2022

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, both the work session and regular meeting were conducted via remote audio and video conference service, Zoom.

PRESENT: Mss. Fullwood, Fennell, Messrs. Hoover, Royster, Lilac.

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 7:45 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2022

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry

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

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

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

Mr. Hoover noted that Council would not be appointing Brandon Sauter to Council this evening because Mayor Perry could not attend.

MAYOR

Mr. Hoover advised that there were 183 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 27, 911 calls in January. The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 5 - Domestic
- 3 - Alarm calls
- 3 - Animal complaints
- 2 - Med unit assists
- 2 - Parking complaints

SOLICITOR

No report.

Mr. Lilac asked Sol. Evashavik if it is legal to hang a flag with profanity outside of a residence? Sol. Evashavik advised that it depends on circumstance and is fact-specific, but that generally signs are protected under the first amendment. Sol. Evashavik provided examples of protected speech—such as a confederate flag, and unprotected speech—such as a burning cross. Sol. Evashavik advised that the borough could cite the offending property owner but the final determination as to whether the sign with profanity is constitutional would be in court. Sol. Evashavik advised that because the sign is political in nature, he would think it would be considered to be protected speech. Mr. Hoover advised he would discuss the matter with code enforcement.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Fullwood explained that she does not have a report this month, but that she does have two motions to make.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Lilac, to pay the borough credit card invoice of \$49.99. This invoice is for a new phone for the borough office at a cost of \$49.99. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Royster, to transfer \$36,000 from the General Fund Money Market account to the General Fund Checking to cover the cost of the February invoices. Motion was unanimous.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCE

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 four cases were closed in January.

There were no questions from Council.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Hoover advised that there was one issue with snow removal and salting in the borough, but it has since been resolved. Mr. Hoover noted that residents are going to start seeing potholes soon and the DPW will work to address the issues as they develop. Mr. Hoover advised that two stop signs were repaired in January. Ms. Fullwood stated that the Forest Hills DPW does a great job with snow removal and salting the roads and Mr. Royster agreed. A discussion regarding the DPW's route through the borough ensued between Council. Mr. Lilac noted that many residents did a good job removing snow from their sidewalks. Mr. Hoover noted that some residents did not remove snow from their sidewalks and that code enforcement would address the issue if it persists.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Royster advised that there was one incident reported by the VFC in January. Mr. Royster read a detailed summary of the calls and provided the number of VFC members attending. Mr. Royster relayed a request from the VFC for calcium chloride for the driveways/sidewalk and for the VFC gutter at Lynnwood Ave. and Rossmore St. to be addressed.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac advised that the Port-a-John still has not been removed from the park. If it is not removed, Mr. John will not charge a delivery fee when the 2022 contract begins in April. Mr. Lilac advised that the Athletic Association has request that the water be turned on at the park next month. Mr. Lilac thinks March will still be too cold to turn the water on at the park; it will likely be turned back on in April instead. Mr. Lilac explained that Ms. Baburich handled the flowers for the memorial on North Avenue. Mr. Lilac stated that his wife and Ms. Sperduto would like to take over the responsibility.

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Lilac expressed his condolences to Ms. Fennell for the loss of her stepfather. Mr. Lilac also gave a shout out to members of the military, and acknowledged the potential Russian invasion of Ukraine. Mr. Hoover and Mr. Royster expressed their concern and prayers to Mr. Lilac's son and all U.S. Troops.

WHEMS

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

Motion by Royster, seconded by Fullwood, to transfer \$47.80 from the GF Money Market Account to the WHEMS Money Market Account. This was the amount of WHEMS tax collected in January. Motion was unanimous.

CRIME WATCH

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR

No report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Royster, seconded by Fullwood, to pay \$110.00 to the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments for Mr. Hoover and Mr. Lilac's attendance at the Annual TCVCOG Dinner on 2/25/22. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Lilac, to make a civic contribution to the Woodland Hills High School Department of Performing Arts and purchase a small ad at a cost of \$30 for the 2022 production of Shrek. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Lilac, to pay the Lea's Floral Shop invoice in the amount of \$142.26 for flowers for Ms. Baburich's service. The borough's share of this invoice is \$117.26; \$25.00 was contributed by Tax Collector, Ms. Donahue. Motion was unanimous

Motion by Fennell, seconded by Royster, to advertise the returning to in-person meetings in March. Motion was unanimous.

Motion to pass Resolution 567 requesting a statewide Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Rehabilitation of the Chalfant Community Center. The local share for the project is \$25,000. Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Hoover advised that the owner of the dog that was creating issues on Brighton St. has moved out of the borough. The apartment has been vacated and code enforcement will keep an eye on the address. The citations issued for the dog will follow the individual.

Ms. Fennell asked about the Crime Watch and if the January meeting that was canceled will be rescheduled? Mr. Hoover advised that he hopes so and that he will relay any information he receives to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fennell, seconded by Fullwood, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion was unanimous

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President

