

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

**November 9, 2021**

PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Mss. Baburich (via ZOOM), Fullwood, Messrs. Perry, Hoover, Syska, Royster, Lilac.

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:50 pm.

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

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PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino (via ZOOM), Mss. Baburich (via ZOOM), Fullwood, Messrs. Perry, Hoover, Syska, Royster, Lilac, Sol. Evashavik (via ZOOM.)

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

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

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Fullwood,, 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 177 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 30, 911 calls in October . The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 3- Animal complaints
- 3- Calls for information
- 2- Domestic
- 2- Suspicious activities

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Mayor Perry advised that there were 25 citations issued for illegal vehicles (expired registration, no current inspection, etc.) after Council President Hoover requested that the police conduct a sweep of the borough. Mayor Perry thanked Mr. Hoover for his direction and handling of the situation.

**SOLICITOR**

No report.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Pustorino provided an update from the Woodland Hills School District regarding a recent fight between students at the high school. Dr. Pustorino read a letter sent by superintendent James Harris, which detailed the incident and outlined the district's disciplinary response which ranged from suspension to expulsion and criminal citations. At the date of the letter, 30 students had been identified as having been involved in the fight. More information is forthcoming from the district.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Syska, to transfer \$35,000 from the General Fund Money Market account to the General Fund Checking to cover the cost of the November invoices. Motion was unanimous.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCE**

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 October, 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 there are currently 17 open citations/private criminal complaints resulting from code violations and she read a street by street account. There were eight occupancy permits issued in October.

There were no questions from Council.

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### **ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Syska advised that the DPW installed two handicapped spots in the borough in October. Motion by Syska, seconded by Lilac, to sign the 2022 Department of Public Works Contract with Forest Hills DPW. The contract amount for 2022 is \$71,885. Motion was unanimous.

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Lilac, to sign the 2022 contract with Hoffman Kennels. The contract amount for 2022 is \$1,260.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Royster advised that there were two incidents reported by the VFC in October. Mr. Royster read a detailed summary of the calls with the number of VFC members attending.

Mr. Royster explained that the Chalfant VFC made a total profit of \$452.10 from their recent hoagie sale. They plan to hold a stuffed cabbage dinner fundraiser on 11/13/22 from 3-7 p.m. at the Community Center with the option to either eat-in or take-out the dinner. The price of the stuffed cabbage dinner will be \$10. Mr. Hoover pointed out that the VFC's profit from the hoagie sale was only around 40% due to the rising cost of food. The VFC will have to raise the price of their hoagies at the next sale.

Motion by Royster, seconded by Syska, to sign the 2022 Police contract with the Forest Hills Police Department. The contract amount for 2022 is \$63,172. Motion was unanimous.

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

Mr. Lilac advised that the summer contract for the Port-a-John at the park ended on 11/1. The Port-a-John has not been removed from the park yet but the borough is not required to pay for its use beyond November 1st. Mr. Lilac advised that the water has been turned off at the park and that the refreshment stand will be winterized.

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Mr. Lilac has been looking at red maple trees to replace the memorial tree at the park. He is going to check local nurseries for pricing and is hoping to find one on sale. Ms. Fullwood asked how late in the year can the tree be planted? Mr. Lilac explained that fall is a good time to plant. A discussion regarding fall planting ensued between the members of Council.

### **WHEMS**

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

Motion by Royster, seconded by Fullwood, to transfer \$74.00 from the GF MM account to the Designated WHEMS Account. This was the amount of WHEMS tax collected in October.

Motion was unanimous.

### **CRIME WATCH**

No report.

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

No report.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Luann Bouvier, 101 Highland Avenue, suggested removing the swings from the park for the winter. Mr. Hoover explained that it isn't necessary and Mr. Lilac said he would look into it. Ms. Bouvier asked about the Hoffman Kennel contract and whether Chalfant had received any other bids? Mr. Hoover explained that the borough has recently reached out to another animal control service to obtain bids for municipal dog catcher but the other local company declined to provide a bid. Ms. Bouvier explained that there is a resident in Forest Hills that works with the police to foster found dogs until the owner can be located so they aren't taken to a kennel to potentially be euthanized. Ms. Bouvier asked for clarification on drug activity and stated that some residents are afraid to report suspicious activity or suspected drug activity. Mr. Hoover explained that residents may remain anonymous when reporting incidents to the police.

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If residents are really hesitant, they can call Mr. Hoover to discuss the issue and he will report it to the police. A discussion regarding a recent local drug bust and other police related incidents occurred between Council and residents.

Michael Donahue 110 Greenfield, asked for clarification on calling the police. He explained that it was unclear if residents should be calling the police or members of Council regarding disturbances and other similar incidents but if residents are too uncomfortable calling the police, incidents can be reported to either the Mayor or Council President. Mr. Donahue asked about the radar speed sign the borough had previously installed on Elizabeth Ave. Mr. Hoover explained that according to the data collected by the sign, the average speed of motorists on Elizabeth Ave. was 22 mph. The top speed recorded was 51 mph; it was later determined to be a police officer responding to a call in the borough. Mr. Hoover advised that the sign will reappear in the borough in a new location soon. Mr. Donahue asked if there was any news regarding controlling the deer population in the borough. Mr. Hoover explained that unfortunately, the PA Game Commission does not consider the borough overpopulated with deer because the herd that is often observed in the municipality is considered migratory. Mr. Hoover stated that he doesn't necessarily agree, but that this was the determination of the Game Commission and USDA. A discussion regarding the deer and the problems that they create ensued between Council and residents in attendance.

Carol Donahue, 110 Greenfield Ave., stated that sometimes residents post concerns on social media instead of calling either the borough or the police. Mr. Hoover explained that posting complaints or reporting suspicious activities on social media is not productive. Incidents should be reported directly to the police, Mayor, and/or Council President.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Syska, seconded by Lilac, to advertise Ordinance 438, the 2022 Budget and Tax Levy. The budget will be available for inspection at the borough office. Motion was unanimous, Please call 412-823-6500, or email [chalfantborough@gmail.com](mailto:chalfantborough@gmail.com), to schedule an appointment.

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Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Royster, to advertise the 2022 Council caucus meeting and regular meeting dates. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to renew the borough's annual Zoom subscription beginning on November 11, 2021, at a cost of \$149.90. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Syska, to pass Concurring Resolution 556, formally requesting CDBG funding in the amount of \$21,500 from Allegheny County Economic Development for the reconstruction of Pin Oak Ct. The total project's cost is \$24,000. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Baburich, seconded Lilac, to make a \$100 contribution to the 2021 Allegheny County Boroughs Association's 2021 beneficiary, Presents from Police. Motion was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion was unanimous

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

