

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

October 12, 2021

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

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:15 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

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PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Mss. Baburich, Fullwood, Messrs. Perry, Hoover, Syska, Royster, Lilac, Sol. 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 Royster, seconded by Baburich, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

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

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Pustorino, 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 169 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 28, 911 calls in September . The majority of the 911 calls were:

- 4- Suspicious activities
- 3- Animal complaints
- 3- Domestic
- 2- Med unit assists
- 2- Traffic details

SOLICITOR

Sol. Evashavik advised that he has reviewed the Allegheny County Health Department Consent Order and recommends that council approve the resolution this evening.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino provided an update from the Woodland Hills School District advising that school is back to in-person classes and staff and students are happy to be back. Dr. Pustorino explained that a significant number of the school staff have been vaccinated for COVID-19. With the new vaccine mandate, it is expected that the staff will be required to be vaccinated. Construction at the high school is partially completed; there are still some renovations ongoing and paving will be going to bid. The track is now open for public use. Athletics are underway; game schedules can be found on the district's website. Dr. Pustorino advised that the district will receive \$21 million in federal stimulus money.

Dr. Pustorino also advised that the Newsletter will be published soon.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCE

Ms. Baburich advised that there was one dumpster permit issued in September.

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 September, 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 twelve private criminal complaints for code violations are awaiting hearing dates and three hearings have been scheduled. One citation has been withdrawn due to compliance at the property. There were also five occupancy permits issued.

There were no questions from Council.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Syska advised that the DPW installed a handicapped parking spot at 120 West St. The alley behind the 100 block of Elizabeth Ave. has been paved.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Fullwood advised that she does not have a report but that she has two motions to make.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Lilac, to pay Urban Construction Services, LLC's invoice of \$39,500.00 for the emergency storm inlet replacements in the vicinity of Brighton St. and Parkway Ave. (\$19,500.00) and the 2021 Storm Inlet Replacement/Rehabilitation (\$20,000.00). Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Pustorino, to transfer \$39,500.00 from the Sewer Line Fund to the General Fund Checking to cover the cost of the emergency storm inlet replacements and the 2021 Storm Inlet Rehabilitation/Replacements. Motion was unanimous.

Ms. Fullwood advised that she has six "slow down" signs left for resident's front yards if they are interested. She asks that motorists' line of sight are not blocked by the signs and that residents only take one sign per household.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Royster advised that there was one incident reported by the VFC in September. Mr. Royster read a detailed summary of the call 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 11/13/12 from 2-7 p.m. at the Community Center.

PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac advised that the "Tree of Life" on borough property in the 300 block of Highland Ave. has been trimmed. BJ's tree service did a nice job; they did not kill the tree, it will continue to grow back. Mr. Lilac explained that the Port-a-John will be removed from Chalfant Servicemen's Memorial Park on 11/1. The water will be shut off at the park for winter and the refreshment stand will be winterized to prevent the pipes from freezing.

WHEMS

Mr. Royster advised there were four calls to WHEMS in September. He read the date, location and outcome of each incident. There was no WHEMS tax collected in September.

CRIME WATCH

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR

No report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Carol Fennel, 1012 Pin Oak Ct. addressed Mr. Lilac regarding the area at the end of Pin Oak Ct.; she said it is overgrown preventing kids on her street from accessing the park. Mr. Lilac explained that there is no entrance to the park at the end of Pin Oak Ct., park entrances are found along Elizabeth Ave. and Chalfant St. Ms. Fennel said to tell Forest Hills to cut the grass there, kids are now climbing the fence to access the park. Mr. Lilac advised that they should not be climbing the fence or entering the park at the end of Pin Oak Ct. Mr. Hoover explained that occasionally the DPW does cut the grass and knotweed in that area so they are able to access the park with their equipment. Mr. Hoover advised that it is not a legal entrance to the park but because they have cut it before, he will ask the DPW to cut it. Mr. Hoover advised that the section in question will not be maintained or mulched but that it will be cleared periodically. Dr. Pustorino explained that there are safety concerns. Mr. Lilac advised that he is worried it will be used as a cut through, prompting complaints from residents of Pin Oak Ct. A discussion regarding the issue ensued between Ms. Fennel and Council. Mr. Hoover reiterated that the DPW will cut it but will not maintain it all of the time and a sign will be placed at the end of Pin Oak Ct. declaring it not a legal entrance. If residents complain, the area will be closed permanently.

Lauren Beachom, Program Director for the Carnegie Library of Braddock, explained that they will be giving out ceramic kits at the library; they will be available beginning this weekend. Dr. Pustorino explained that Council would be happy to post that information to the borough's Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Pustorino, to pass Resolution 564, the Consent Order and Agreement from the Allegheny County Health Department. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Baburich, seconded by Pustornio, to pass Resolution 565, a concurring resolution for the GEDFTF Grant seeking \$150,000.00 from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for the rehabilitation of the Community Center. Borough Engineer, Robert Zischkau, estimates the total project's cost at \$225,000.00. Motion was unanimous. Mr. Hoover explained that the roof on the Community Center is in bad shape and that the building has some other issues that Council would like to address as well. There will be a cost share for the project.

Motion by Syska, seconded by Baburich, to upgrade to wifi at the Public Safety Building. Comcast has provided a quote of \$238.34 per month with an installation fee of \$69.95 to upgrade the current service. This promotional price would be valid for two years. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Pustorino, to pay BJ's Tree Service, LLC's invoice of \$4,050.00 for the service to the tree on borough property in the 300 block of Highland Ave. Motion was unanimous.

Dr. Pustorino advised that Trick-or-Treat will be held in Chalfant from 6-8 p.m. on October 21, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President

