

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**October 8, 2024**

PRESENT: Mss. Fullwood, Hillen, Sivak, Messrs. Hoover, Royster, Lilac.

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Mr. Sauter.

The work session began at 7:00 p.m. and ended at 8:38 p.m.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**October 9, 2024**

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

ABSENT: Mayor Perry, Mr. Sauter.

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

Motion by Fullwood, seconded by Royster, to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting. The motion was unanimous.

Motion by Hillen, seconded by Sivak, to approve the bank balances as read. The motion was unanimous.

Motion by Hillen, seconded by Lilac, to approve payment of the monthly bills after being properly countersigned. The motion was unanimous.

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

**MAYOR**

No report.

**SOLICITOR**

Sol. Evashavik advised the title searches for the paper alley from Parkway Avenue to North Avenue are in progress.

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### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Fullwood advised that she is working to compile the next newsletter. If any residents or members of council have suggestions for content, please reach out to Ms. Fullwood as soon as possible. Ms. Fullwood also mentioned the Allegheny Lead Safe Homes Program and advised that funding is available to landlords, renters, and homeowners in Allegheny County who need assistance making their property lead safe. The program provides lead paint testing, home repairs to address lead hazards, and lead safety education to eligible families. For more information, brochures are available at the Community Center or residents can call 412-227-5700.

### **PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

Ms. Hillen advised that one building permit was issued in September. There were no dumpster permits issued.

There were four initial occupancy inspections with one certificate of occupancy issued, three with violations.

Ms. Hillen explained that four cases were closed in September, 13 cases were opened, and 96 cases were continued.

### **ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Hoover advised that the DPW will provide a date for leaf collection soon; it will likely be late November. Information will be sent out on Savvy Citizen when a date is confirmed.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND WHEMS**

Mr. Royster advised that there were eight calls to WHEMS in September. He read the date, street, and outcome of each incident.

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Mr. Royster advised that Chalfant Borough received the 2024 Volunteer Fire Relief Association allocation in the amount of \$3,548.42 on September 18th. Motion by Royster, seconded by Lilac, to issue a check in the amount of \$3,548.42 to the Forest Hills VFC as agreed upon in the service contract. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Royster explained that the report from the Forest Hills VFC was delayed this month but there was at least one call that he was aware of.

**ALCOSAN**

No report.

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Ms. Sivak advised that the Movie Night in the Park was a success and thanked everyone who attended. The event was sponsored by Chalfant Council and Crime Watch and paid for entirely with donations. The event received \$687 in monetary donations from Council members, community leaders, and residents. After the purchase of a public performance license, which was approved at the September meeting, there is \$187 remaining from the event, which has been added to the Community Events Fund. Chalfant now has \$713.46 in the fund toward future events.

Ms. Sivak said that another Light up Night is in the works for December. There will again be prizes for first, second, and third place winners for the holiday decorating contest which will be judged by impartial judges from outside of the borough. All residents may participate. More details are forthcoming.

**PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Lilac explained that the stand-by generator has been installed at the Community Center as part of the LSA grant. There's still money remaining from the grant; Municipal Engineer, Robert Zischkau, will submit a request to revise the scope of the project's budget which will need to be approved by the Commonwealth Financing Authority's director.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Hillen, to pay the J.A. Rutter Kiddie Kushion invoices totalling \$2,778.80 for playground mulch at the park. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Lilac mentioned that the borough's longtime mail carrier is retiring on Saturday. Chalfant wishes him well.

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Mr. Lilac noted that the park is in good shape following Movie Night in the Park.

**CRIME WATCH**

Ms. Roche said that Crime Watch was happy to help sponsor Movie Night in the Park. Ms. Roche added that there was a great turn out and that her family had a nice time.

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Ms. Donahue advised that the first installment payment for the Woodland Hills School District Tax is due on October 31st.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Michael Pearce, 201 Wilkins Avenue, read the following statement which he provided in writing to Borough Manager, Stephanie Schwoegl, after the meeting:

According to the contract signed on October 12, 2022 by this Borough Council, President Chad Hoover, for police services, section 2 paragraph C, dispute resolutions, there are two council members and/or mayor are assigned as main contact to discuss disputes within the contract details. If there is a concern or dispute, the borough appointees are to resolve any issues such as “level of performance” through meeting with borough managers to resolve complaints. I am requesting the council identify the two assigned for dispute resolution. Last council meeting, I brought forth issues and concerns of Dakota Wagner lying under oath and “false swearing.” False swearing is a 3rd degree felony. Lying under oath is perjury, a 1st degree misdemeanor. Either item is sufficient reason to remove him as a police officer. The latter is punishable by prison. Dakota Wagner committed these acts to try and find myself and my son of crimes. I have 61 pages of official transcripts from his testimony Under Oath. In these transcripts, Dakota Wagner knowingly and willfully committed perjury. He also accused this council of breaking the law. I brought these accusations to this council, so this council can look into the evidence I have and to remove Dakota Wagner from our community. To date, this council has not made any effort to examine the evidence nor take any action to protect our community from his abuse of authority. The job of this council and part of the oath you swore to uphold, is to protect and safeguard all of the residents of this Borough. The failure to even entertain looking into these allegations constitutes a failure to perform your duties. I then must request the mayor and



