

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

September 7, 2021

PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Ms Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Royster, Lilac.

ABSENT: Mr. Perry, Ms. Fullwood.

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:10 pm.

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2021

PRESENT: Dr. Pustorino, Ms. Baburich, Messrs. Hoover, Syska, Royster, Lilac, Sol. Evashavik.

ABSENT: Mr. Perry, Ms. Fullwood.

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

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

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to approve the Tax Collection report as read.

Motion was unanimous.

Mr. Hoover asked that all attending follow CDC's face mask guidelines.

MAYOR

No report.

SOLICITOR

Sol. Evashavik advised that he has been participating as part of a solicitors' group for 3 Rivers Wet Weather reviewing the new Alcosan transfer agreement. Council is expected to vote on the resolution next month.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Pustorino advised that a tax update has been posted to the borough website and a fall Newsletter is forthcoming; residents and Council are advised to submit any information for the Newsletter as soon as possible.

Dr. Pustorino explained that students are back to in-person learning at Woodland Hills; the WH School Board has not sent any further updates recently.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCE

Ms. Baburich advised that there were no dumpster/bagster permits issued in August.

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 August, 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 eight private criminal complaints for code violations are awaiting hearing dates and four hearings have been scheduled. One citation has been withdrawn due to compliance at the property.

There were no questions from Council.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Syska advised that the DPW performed curb restoration behind the 100 block of Elizabeth Ave. Rebuilding the curb will help mitigate run-off and will protect the alley.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Royster advised that there was one incident reported by the VFC in August. Mr. Royster read a detailed summary of the call with the number of VFC members attending.

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PARKS AND RECREATION/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Mr. Lilac advised that he had nothing to report. Council then discussed recreation opportunities and the need for volunteers at community events. Mr. Hoover advised that the Wilkins Township Bicentennial Parade will close the Greensburg Pike from Lewin Ln. to Powell St. beginning at 9 am on September 18, 2021.

WHEMS

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

Motion by Royster, seconded by Baburich, to transfer \$55.20 from the General Fund Money Market to the WHEMS Money Market account to cover taxes collected in August 2021. Motion was unanimous.

CRIME WATCH

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR

No report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Elizabeth Hanzel, 100 Elizabeth Ave., said that she would like to fix or replace planter boxes outside of the VFC and do some planting next to the police garage at the Public Safety Building. Council discussed the project and advised Ms. Hanzel to formulate a plan. Ms. Hanzel then asked about the tree memorial for Michael Connors on Parkway Ave. Mr. Hoover explained that Mr. Connors was a borough resident that lived on Parkway and maintained the borough's historic Landmark Steps, keeping the area from becoming overgrown. Mr. Hoover explained that now the DPW maintains the upper part of the steps; the borough might get a quote to have the bottom cleaned up as well.

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Ms. Hanzel asked if the Boy Scouts would maybe be able to maintain the steps? Mr. Hoover advised that there is a safety issue with the steep hillside and also a lot of Poison Ivy and Japanese Knotweed growth. Council then discussed the Landmark Steps and Mr. Connor's work with Penn State Extension regarding Japanese Knotweed. Council also discussed different decorative planting opportunities in the borough with Ms. Hanzel. Ms. Hanzel asked about the alley being paved behind Elizabeth. Mr. Hoover advised that the CDBG's project's plan originally was to pave Brighton St., but Peoples Gas ended up doing a full restoration following some pipeline work on Brighton, so the project was shifted to the part of Brighton that wasn't restored and the alley behind Elizabeth. Mr. Syska advised that the other alleys in the borough will be addressed with patching. Ms. Hanzel asked about a stop sign in the borough and if it could be moved? Sol. Evashavik advised that there is no actual code, stop signs are placed where they are safely able to go. Mr. Hoover advised that Council will look into the matter. Ms. Hanzel asked when Trick-or-Treat would be held. Council advised that it will likely be on Sunday, October 21, but that Chalfant is waiting to hear from Forest Hills regarding the time.

Carol Fennel, 1012 Pin Oak Ct., inquired about the parking situation on West St. and said it is hard to pull out of her street between parked cars; she believes that cars tend to speed down West St. Ms. Fennel also explained that cars park in front of the mailbox. Mr. Hoover advised that cars cannot park closer than 15 feet to the intersections and cannot park in front of the mailbox. Both issues are police matters and Mr. Hoover encouraged Ms. Fennel to call 911 for any cars parked illegally on West St. Council advised that residents should call 911 for noise complaints as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Syska, to reimburse Eileen Wroblewski in the amount of \$26.96 for cleaning supplies for the Public Safety Building and Community Center. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Lilac, to transfer \$40,297.65 from the Better Business Checking Account to the new designated ARPA Money Market Account. This is the first of two disbursements from the American Rescue Plan Act. Motion was unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hoover advised that Borough Engineer, Robert Zischkau, will be preparing a T-Mobile grant application to replace the Public Safety Building roof. The borough will also be applying for a grant to restore Pin Oak Ct. next year and will try to fix some issues currently present due to the poor design of the development.

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to purchase a computer for the Borough Secretary in the amount of \$1,099.98. This amount includes the cost of the computer and a three year warranty. Motion was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pustorino, seconded by Baburich, to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion was unanimous

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary Council President

