

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION**

**September 10, 2024**

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

ABSENT: None.

The work session began at 7:00 p.m. and ended at 8:21 p.m.

**BOROUGH OF CHALFANT - REGULAR MEETING**

**September 11, 2024**

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

ABSENT: None.

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

Chalfant Borough Council and Mayor Perry acknowledged the 23rd anniversary of September 11th and asked for a moment of silence.

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

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

**MAYOR**

There were 172 routine patrols by the Forest Hills Police Department and 41, 911 calls in August. The majority of the 911 calls were:

7- Domestic

4 - Welfare checks

2 - Parking complaints

2- Suspicious persons

2 - Trespassing on real property

2 - Child welfare checks

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There were no questions.

**SOLICITOR**

No report.

Mr. Hoover asked Sol. Evashavik if elected officials are permitted to handle political signs on borough property and at the polling location on election day. Sol. Evasavik said that Council and elected officials are not permitted to put them up.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

No report.

**PERMITS AND ORDINANCES**

Ms. Hillen advised two dumpster permits were issued in August. There was one stop-work order issued.

There were four initial occupancy inspections with two certificates of occupancy issued.

Ms. Hillen explained that four cases were opened in August, and 86 cases were continued.

**ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Sauter advised that he is working with the DPW to ensure road maintenance is completed before the weather turns.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND WHEMS**

Motion by Royster, seconded by Fullwood, to transfer \$36.35 from the GFMM account to the WHEMS MM Account. This was the amount of WHEMS tax collected in August. The motion was unanimous.

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

Mr. Royster advised that there were no calls to the Forest Hills VFC in August.

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### **ALCOSAN**

Motion by Royster, seconded by Lilac, to pay Soli Construction Inc.'s invoices totaling \$26,460.40 for the emergency sewer repair work in Chalfant Servicemen's Memorial Park in April. The motion was unanimous.

Motion by Royster, seconded by Sivak, to transfer \$26,460.40 from the Sewer Line Fund to the GF Checking account to cover the expense. The motion was unanimous.

### **HEALTH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Ms. Sivak advised that Movie Night in the Park is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 28th. Ms. Sivak has requested that residents who plan to attend RSVP on the borough's Facebook page. She plans to post flyers around the borough as well.

Motion by Sivak, seconded by Hillen, to secure a public performance license from SWANK Motion Pictures at a cost of \$500.00. The public performance license will allow the borough to screen Hocus Pocus at this family-friendly event for under 200 attendees. The event will be sponsored by Chalfant Council and Crime Watch and paid for by donations from community leaders. The motion was unanimous.

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

Mr. Lilac advised the borough properties are in good shape. New mulch for the playground at the park is expected soon and the generator will be installed at the Community Center later this month.

Motion by Lilac, seconded by Sauter, to pay Classic Landscaping's invoice in the amount of \$675.00 for emergency tree removal at the park in August. The motion was unanimous.

### **CRIME WATCH**

Ms. Bouvier advised the Crime Watch will be involved with Movie Night in the Park and will provide candy. Ms. Bouvier clarified that she is no longer giving a report with names or addresses at the meetings. She submits a confidential report to Council and the Mayor. If anyone has specific questions about what's going on in the borough, she can check with Council and the Mayor to see what is appropriate to share. Mr. Hoover thanked Ms. Bouvier.

**TAX COLLECTOR**

No report.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Michael Pearce, 201 Wilkins Ave., thanked Council for giving him time to speak. Mr. Pearce alleged that Forest Hills Police are involved in illegal conduct and that he was arrested on false charges. Mr. Pearce detailed his arrest and stated charges against him were dropped, but that he was found guilty of disorderly conduct. He stated that Officer Wagner lied under oath and committed perjury related to a dumpster that had been placed in the borough without a permit. Mr. Pearce demanded that Council take action to remove Officer Wagner from Chalfant. Mr. Pearce said that he reported all of this to the Office of the District Attorney. Mr. Hoover thanked Mr. Pearce for his comments.

Doris Libell, 127 Lynnwood Ave., said the Wilkins #3 Spaghetti Fundraiser was great. Ms. Libell asked if it is legal to park on both sides of Rossmore. There have been cars parking directly across from each other on both sides of the street. Mr. Hoover advised that he believes it is legal but that he would double-check the ordinance. Ms. Libell informed Mr. Sauter that there is a lot of dirt that was left behind on Chalfant St. that may need to be addressed.

Luanne Bouvier, 101 Highland Ave., presented a framed keystone memento to Council from the former Chalfant Police. Ms. Bouvier advised that she found the item while sorting her father, former Mayor Steve Orosz's, estate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Sauter, seconded by Sivak, to sign concurring Resolution 578 for the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund grant requesting \$95,000 for the removal of trees and overgrowth, reconstruction of existing walking track, and replacement of existing perimeter fencing at Chalfant Servicemen's Memorial Park, and naming Stephanie Schwoegl as the



