

BOROUGH OF CHALFANT – WORK SESSION

JUNE 12, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Perry, Ms. Williams, Ms. Simek, Messrs. Sperduto, Swinney, Hoover, Lasser, Kasardo

ABSENT: None

The work session began at 7:00 pm and ended at 9:20 pm.

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ABSENT: Mr. Kasardo, Solicitor Nick Evashavik

Ms. Williams called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Lasser, seconded by Swinney, to approve the bank balances as read. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Sperduto, seconded by Hoover, to approve for payment the bills for the month after being properly countersigned. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Simek, to approve the Tax Collection report as read. Motion was unanimous.

Ms. Williams deferred from the regular order of business so that council could discuss the feasibility of paving Brighton Street with the engineer. Mr. Zischkau estimated the entire project will cost \$69,000 and he is submitting a stand alone CDBG application in this amount. He said that there are pools of funds available in addition to the area wide shares. Two of those shares would equal \$21,000. The project will be bid next year so there will be additional highway aid funds available. He is also going to put a piecemeal bid out so that the project could be broken into phases. The engineer also advised council to pursue the issue of past CDBG allocations with COG. The engineer also mentioned a low interest loan program that may be available. Mr. Hoover noted that he would like to address the storm drains before the paving is done and Mayor Perry stated that the utilities should also be notified.

MAYOR

For the month of May there were 39, 911 calls and 188 regular patrols by F.H.P.D. The majority of the 911 calls were:

4-Animal Problems
4-Med Unit Assists
3-Parking Complaints
3-Ordinance Violations
3-Juvenile Complaints
3-Park Violations
2-Suspicious Vehicles
2-Traffic Stops

Mayor Perry noticed a female approaching homes somewhat selectively. It was determined that she is working for a company willing to install alarms in exchange for the ability to place a sign in the yard. She does not have a permit so Mayor Perry will call 911.

SOLICITOR

Absent.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

There are no rentals of the park pavilion or the community center at this time.

Ms. Libell and Ms. Simek will schedule a time for the gas meter to be read at the community center. Council will obtain bids to have this moved outdoors.

Ms. Simek and Ms. Williams met with Ms. Eileen Wroblewski to review the VFC financial records on May 31, 2102. The records were in good order and one of their suggestions has been adopted. The final report will be distributed to the appropriate parties. Ms. Simek thanked Ms. Wroblewski for her cooperation.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

The landlord/tenant and occupancy directories have been distributed. The borough plans to do in house next year. Mr. Perry has a few changes to the current directory and will share with Mr. Spurduto. Mrs. Marie Spurduto, in the audience, noted the difficulty in maintaining accurate records of those residing in the borough.

Two building permits were issued and four occupancy inspections were completed in May.

Mr. Spurduto mailed ten ordinance violation letters to residences. Violations were in regards to property maintenance. The owners have been complying with the requests.

Motion by Spurduto, seconded by Simek, to transfer \$12,000 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund Checking. Motion carried.

ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

In regards to Forest Hills DPW, Mr. Swinney and Mr. Theilacker are discussing various types of speed bumps and their costs. The brush hog needs to have new tires and once on, some overgrowth will be trimmed. Asphalt repair work is to start next week and three sections of handicapped painting have been completed.

The stop sign for the alley behind Avenue D is being followed up on.

Motion by Swinney, seconded by Sperduto, to adopt resolution 523, to be in compliance with the county emergency operations. Motion carried.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Lasser, to adopt resolution 524, a resolution to acknowledge the draft feasibility study to Alcosan. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover, Mr. Theilacker and Mr. Zischkau will meet to discuss the storm drains that need to be repaired.

The steps at the top of Chalfant and Lynnwood will be removed, the area re-graded and a handrail installed.

Mr. Hoover attended the basin group meeting for elected officials. The next phase will be starting soon.

Mr. Hoover will explore hiring a critter control company. There is a problem with raccoons and skunks.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hoover gave Mr. Kasardo's report in his absence.

The speed trailer is back in the borough.

The VFC had one alarm and two practices last month. The names of those attending were read.

The profit from the hoagie sale was \$252.59. 161 hoagies were sold.

The engine inspection has been moved to June 25th.

BOROUGH PROPERTY

The Parkway steps were cleaned and the grass and weeds were cut in this area.

Mr. Lasser received three estimates to repair the backstop. The lowest bid for the scope of work is approximately \$2,800. Motion by Lasser, seconded by Simek to award the contract to Safeguard Fence of North Versailles. Motion carried.

Mr. Lasser is waiting for an estimate on resealing the track. The CAA will pay part of the cost.

Mulch was delivered and spread at the tot lot. Some vandalism also occurred at the park and cameras will be looked into.

The refrigerator has been replaced at the community center.

The floor in the ladies room at the community center is being worked on. Mr. Lasser has one bid and is getting others. He is also getting bids for the carpet at the center.

Mr. Hoover put a borough office sign up at the Public Safety Building.

Ms. Joanne Baburich will provide a report at next month's meeting regarding the 100 Year Anniversary.

Mr. Lasser has been attending the Working Group on Blight. They are building a database of abandoned and vacant lots. Residents can contact Mr. Lasser if aware of a property that should be included.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mr. Baburich would like a notice in the newsletter that tax receipts require a self addressed stamped envelope.

Gus Petry, Greenfield Avenue, said that his neighbor is afraid to come out of the house because of a skunk problem. He contacted the game commission. They offered suggestions but will not actively help with trapping. Mr. Petry also reported an area with poison ivy and ruts that need to be filled in.

Michael Connors, Parkway Avenue, stated the dimensions of Parkway and noted that Lynnwood is the same width and parking is allowed on both sides of the street. Mr. Hoover responded that Lynnwood is one way and Parkway has sidewalks. Mr. Connors also reported that folks are parking on the yellow curb and Ms. Williams suggested that he call the police. Mr. Connors also requested that his yellow line be repainted and NP be painted if possible.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Williams received a letter from the manager of Forest Hills stating that their council is interested in discussing the next DPW contract period. Ms. Williams will respond that Chalfant council will not be able to do this until all reports have been received. Currently Chalfant only has reports for January through March.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hoover, seconded by Sperduto, to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

ATTEST: _____
Borough Secretary

Council President