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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President, Rob Cleland, with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Mayor Becker, John Abbott, Tracey Bowen, Rob Cleland, John Engel, Marilyn Jacobson, Bill Kuder, Eileen McDonald, Melissa Shafer, Dean Ibrahim, Richard O'Brien, and Patrick DiGangi were present.

Mr. Cleland announced that the meeting would be recorded.

Changes, Addition, Deletions

None

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ben Romano, 138 N Main Street.

Consent Agenda

John Engel made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the December 8, 2009 Council Meeting, and the January 4, 2010 Council Re-organization Meeting with disbursements from the general fund of \$167,573.69 for the month of December. The financial report will be filed for audit. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson, and with all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Council Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

- Council Police Committee will be comprised of Mayor Becker, John Abbott, Rob Cleland, and Marilyn Jacobson.
- At the mayor's request, **Eileen McDonald moved to appoint John Engel and John Abbott to negotiate the upcoming Police Contract. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and passed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Parks Committee

- Eileen McDonald thanked Rich O'Brien for being a guest reader for Story Time in December. She also thanked High Performance Gym for opening their facility for Story Time in January.
- Last call for requests for the 2010 Parks calendar of events or movie suggestions.
- A senior coffee social is planned for the third Wednesday of each month in Borough Hall beginning February 17.

Streets Committee

Marilyn Jacobson thanked Public Works for their great work during the recent winter storms.

5K

Race Date is June 5, 2010. Volunteers are needed. Marilyn Jacobson reported that the series has two additional sponsors this year which will help defray Borough costs for our race. Disposable

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“D-Tag” timing will be used this year which will make timing easier. A draft of the brochure was distributed to Council in their packets.

Special Events

Bill Kuder apprised council of upcoming events including Chalfont Day, with a date yet to be determined, and perhaps a dedication for the Lindenfield Bridge.

Teen Action Committee

Abigail Corson reported that she will be meeting with Eileen McDonald and the committee this month.

Staff Reports

Engineer’s Report

- The 2010 Streets Project, Deerpath Lane, is out to bid. Bids are due by February 2.
- Lindenfield/Fairview Park Bridge & Trail Project out to bid on Penn DOT’s ECMS system, the bid opening will be Jan 21.

Further reports were included in Council’s packet.

Monthly Reports

Were included in Council’s packet.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve Ordinance 390, repealing Chalfont Borough Resolution 96-8 in its entirety and promulgating an ordinance authorizing workers’ compensation coverage for volunteer fire personnel under the PA Workers’ Compensation Act. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved by unanimous roll call vote.**
- 2. Marilyn Jacobson made a motion to approve Ordinance 391, repealing Chalfont Borough Resolution 96-8 in its entirety and promulgating an ordinance authorizing workers’ compensation coverage for volunteer fire police personnel under the PA Workers’ Compensation Act. The motion was seconded by John Abbott and approved by unanimous roll call vote.**
- 3. John Abbott made a motion to approve Ordinance 392, amending Chalfont Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Part 2, § 15-207, subsection 1 and § 15-208, subsection 1 to create a stop at the intersection of Hickory Lane as it intersects with Skyline Drive. The motion was seconded by Eileen McDonald and approved by unanimous roll call vote.**
- 4. Eileen McDonald made a motion to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for 210 Chestnut Street. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and, after council**

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discussion, approved by unanimous roll call vote by those present. HARB requested the denial for a porch renovation on the c.1925 structure, which, as submitted, was not compliant with the Secretary of the Interior Standards or Historic Design Guidelines.

- 5. John Engel made a motion grant a waiver of land development for 46 N Main Street. Borough code requires the land development process in order to subdivide the interior space to establish use by more than one tenant where there was previously only one. The motion was seconded by Bill Kuder and, after Council discussion, approved by unanimous roll call vote.**
- 6. Eileen McDonald made a motion to award the sale of the police car to Town Service Center of Parkesburg, PA, the lowest bidder, for the amount of \$910.00. The bidder is aware that the vehicle is not in working order. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved by unanimous roll call vote.**
- 7. John Engel made a motion to send a letter to the Bucks County Commissioners requesting the county make application for gaming funds to be used to provide a state of the art public safety communications system to benefit Bucks County residents. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved by unanimous roll call vote.**
- 8. Marilyn Jacobson made a motion to award Graphic Edge the contract to produce a walking tour map of the historic district, the cost of which is funded by the 2009 CLG grant. The motion was seconded by Eileen McDonald and after Council discussion, approved by unanimous roll call vote.** Mr. Engel suggested that 2500 brochures be printed.
- 9. Borough Solicitor, Dean Ibrahim, requested continuation of discussion of the Hassan settlement agreement until January 26, as revised plans have not been received by the developer. January 26 has been duly advertised as a public meeting.**
- 10. Eileen McDonald moved to approve Resolution 2010-01 authorizing application for the PECO Green Region Grant. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved by unanimous roll call vote.**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Eileen McDonald requested discussion and review of the recently revised sign ordinance in regard to placement of community non-profit advertising signs. Mr. Cleland charged Melissa Shafer and Richard O'Brien with the task of reviewing the ordinance and making recommendation to Council in February.**
- 2. John Engel requested that the Council discuss support of elected tax collectors in their lawsuit against the Central Bucks School District's decrease of payment. Discussion will continue at the February Council meeting. The Borough Manager and Solicitor**

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will gather more in depth information for discussion, and a resolution will be prepared for enactment if Council so chooses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Randy Teschner, retired Fire Chief, introduced Dennis McGuire, the Chalfont Fire Company's new Fire Chief and Bill Fluck the Deputy Chief. Mr. Engel moved to make a resolution to thank Randy Teschner for his 24 years of service as an officer in the Chalfont Fire Company. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.

Further public comment was heard from Dave McElderry, New Jersey Avenue regarding his support of the elected tax collectors, and Bill Weir, 150 W Butler, regarding his objection to sidewalks in front of his home.

MEETINGS

Upcoming meetings were announced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning workshop/training was announced for Saturday, January 16. The meeting has been advertised. Further meetings were announced.

Council moved to executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss matters of property and litigation. Council reconvened in the public forum and President Cleland adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Next Ordinance number: 393
Next Resolution number: 2010-02

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Qualteria
Borough Secretary

