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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rob Cleland.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mayor Becker, John Abbott, Tracey Bowen, Rob Cleland, Abigail Corson, John Engel, Marilyn Jacobson, Bill Kuder, Eileen McDonald, Melissa Shafer, Dean Ibrahim, Dan Jenkins, and Patrick DiGangi were present.

Announcements The meeting will be recorded.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Sarah Ryden spoke on behalf of herself, Dave Ryden, and Helen Donohue, residents of Oak Avenue, regarding the Derstine and Fairview trail project and citizen involvement.

Consent Agenda

Bill Kuder made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 9, 2010 Council Meeting, with disbursements from the general fund of \$139,199.36 for the month of March. The motion was seconded by John Engel, and carried unanimously. The financial report will be filed for audit.

Special Items

1. Borough Solicitor, Dean Ibrahim, convened a public hearing at 7:05 for the purpose of considering the approval, pursuant to Section 147(f)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), by the Borough of a proposed tax-exempt qualified private activity bond to be issued by Chalfont Chemical Fire Engine Company No. 1 (the "Applicant") in connection with the financing of the proposed construction of a firehouse located at the north corner of Main Street and Hamilton Avenue. This notice is given in compliance with Section 147(f)(2) of the Code. After Council discussion and public comment, **Bill Kuder made a motion to approve Chalfont Chemical Fire Company No. 1 obtaining a loan in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 from First Savings Bank of Perkasie for construction of a new one-story, 14,940 square foot firehouse at Hamilton and Main Streets in Chalfont Borough. The motion was seconded by John Engel and approved by unanimous roll call vote.**

Bill Kuder made a motion to authorize the President of Borough Council to sign a resolution, in the event one is required, authorizing the Fire Company to obtain a loan in the amount of \$2,000,000 pursuant to the internal revenue service code 145(f)(2). Seconded by Marilyn Jacobson, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The hearing was closed at 7:15.

2. Marilyn Jacobson moved to approve Resolution 2010-08 honoring Murray Smolens upon his resignation from HARB. The motion was seconded by Eileen McDonald and approved unanimously.

Council Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Becker continues to attend Senior Task Force meetings once a month in Doylestown Township. Materials and handouts are kept at Borough Hall for resident inquiries.

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Finance Committee

John Abbott initialized a discussion with the intent to lead to a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to begin process of selling the street sweeper. After Council discussion, **John Abbott made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to seek a buyer to sell the street sweeper. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson.** Discussion continued and public comment was taken.

Bill Kuder made a motion to table the motion, seconded by John Engel. Council voted as follows: Bill Kuder, John Engel and Tracey Bowen voted in favor; Rob Cleland, John Abbott, Eileen McDonald and Marilyn Jacobson voted against tabling. The motion was defeated.

Further discussion ensued on the original motion. Darrell Card (Financial Coordinator) reconfirmed the financial analysis was based on each borough street being cleaned once a year by the sweeper. Shawn Curran (Public Works) stated it was Public Works intent to clean each street three times a year. Council woman Marilyn Jacobson (and Streets Committee chairwoman) reminded council that the 2010 budget provides for one sweeping of each street this year in order to save money. There was also discussion relative to the use of the street sweeper to help clean storm water inlets and drains.

The motion was restated to authorize the Borough Manager to seek a buyer and sell the street sweeper. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was four to three as follows: Bill Kuder: No; John Engel: No; Rob Cleland: Yes; John Abbott: Yes; Eileen McDonald: No; Marilyn Jacobson: Yes; Tracey Bowen: No. The motion was defeated.

Parks Committee

Eileen McDonald

- Welcomed residents comments and input
- The Gazebo walkway project is complete in Krupp Park
- Thanked Doug from Doug's Barber Shop for being a guest reader
- Thanked Larry Hebling of ChesMont Disposal for being at Senior Coffee to answer resident's questions
- Thanked Ann Yost for attending Open House
- Announced Movie Night and Earth Day
- A discussion was initiated regarding a proposed community reader-board sign. By a show of hands, a Council majority approved of looking in to placing a reader-board sign in the community.

Streets Committee

Marilyn Jacobson

- The Bucks County Commissioners approved funding for three Chalfont projects at their March meeting: the Municipal Open Space Grant, the CDBG funding for the curb cuts along North Main Street, and the roof for the train station.
- Due to the Federal Highway Commission not allowing tolling of I-80, funding for the Whitehall Bridge replacement may be in jeopardy.
- Bristol Road will be closed some time in June to east bound traffic (toward Chalfont). Upper State Road will be open in both directions.
- Deerpath Road repaving should begin early in May.

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Marilyn Jacobson

- Fund raising has surpassed last year at this time. 220 runners have signed up so far.

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Special Events

Bill Kuder

- Chalfont Day concert will be June 5, with a rain date of June 12, and will be held at Lenape Valley Swim Club. Mr. Kuder thanked the Strong family for allowing the use of their facility.
- Melissa Shafer stated that the shredding event is cost prohibitive at this time. She will be looking into corporate sponsorship and/or sharing the event with our neighbors. These ideas will be explored.

Property Public Facilities

- John Engel stated that the new led light has been installed in front of Borough Hall.

Police Facility Committee

- The Borough Manager is in the process of obtaining accurate price estimates for the various options that were presented in March.

Staff Reports

Manager's Report

- The Chalfont Borough Comprehensive Plan is nearing the final draft. A public hearing will be held at the May 3 Planning Commission meeting. Melissa Shafer updated Council on the procedures to be followed prior to adoption of the Plan.

Engineer's Report

- Pat DiGangi stated the Borough received a formal request from Mark Mayhew for significant modifications to be made to the intended Fairview Park trail bordering Mr. Mayhew's property. Considerable time and costs would be involved with relocating the trail, including permits from the MPDS, DEP and Army Corps of Engineers. Safety issues were identified as well. After consideration and Council discussion, **Marilyn Jacobson made a motion that we not make changes to the existing trail plan. The motion was seconded by Tracey Bowen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.** Ms. Jacobson requested that any further contact from Mr. Mayhew be directed to the Borough Manager.
- The Lindenfield Fairview Bridge and Trail project is on schedule and will begin soon.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Eileen McDonald made a motion to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 393 revising the Borough's Fire Safety Inspection Program. The motion was seconded by John Engel and carried by unanimous roll call vote.**
2. **John Engel made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the train station roof replacement project. The motion was seconded by Eileen McDonald and carried by unanimous roll call vote.**
3. **Eileen McDonald made a motion to authorize Request for Proposals for the DCNR Master Site Planning Grant and advertisement on the www.planningpa.org website. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.**
4. **Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve the Zayo lease for communication equipment to be placed at 500 North Main Street. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.**

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5. Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-09 approving the Tax Collection Commission to apply for a DCED Grant in the amount of \$5000 for start up costs. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. Eileen McDonald made a motion to authorize advertisement for, and hiring of, a summer employee for Public Works Department. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and after Council discussion, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Becker requested that Council consider an open burning ordinance banning burning in the borough. The Manager will explore DEP regulations regarding open burning and report back to Council at the May meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Company Breakfast on Sunday, April 18.

President Cleland commended the Youth Committee on their Facebook Page.

Upcoming meetings were announced.

Council moved to executive session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel and litigation. Council reconvened in the public forum and adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Next Ordinance number: 394

Next Resolution number: 2010-10

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Qualteria
Borough Secretary