

# CHALFONT BOROUGH COUNCIL

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President John Abbott with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Roll Call

Mayor Becker, John Abbott, Tracey Bowen, John Engel, Marilyn Jacobson, Eileen McDonald, Melissa Shafer, Dean Ibrahim, and Pat DiGangi were present.

### Announcements

- The meeting will be recorded.

### Changes, Additions, Deletions to Agenda

- An additional action item has been added.

### Public Comment on Agenda Items

- Mitch Meyerson, 12 Langhorne Road, made comment.

### Consent Agenda

**Marilyn Jacobson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the August 9, 2011 Council Meeting, with disbursements from the general fund of \$126,528.06 for the month of August. The motion was seconded by Tracey Bowen and carried unanimously. The financial report will be filed for audit.**

### Special Items

- Mayor Becker presented retiring Police Officer John Turner Resolution 2011-06 honoring his service to Chalfont Borough. **John Engel moved to approve Resolution 2011-06, with a second from Eileen McDonald. The motion carried unanimously.**
- Parks Master Site Plan Presentation – Chris Green of Gilmore & Associates presented an overview of the Parks Master Site Plan draft, welcoming comments from Council and community before the final acceptance of the plan.

### Council Committee Reports

#### Mayor's Report

Marilyn Becker

- Attended the multi-denominational 9/11 memorial service held at Chalfont United Methodist Church.
- Scarecrows will be repeated this fall. Chalfont supplies the frames, heads, and straw.
- Mayor Becker announced the death of long time fire policeman, Al DeVries, and offered an update on the health of Alvin and Ruth Moyer.

#### Streets Committee

Marilyn Jacobson

- Lindenfield paving project and bridge installation at Twin Streams/Blue Jay Parks were delayed by weather. The bridge is scheduled for delivery September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The new SEPTA railroad siding along Walnut Street is in use. SEPTA installed decking for a pedestrian crossing during their renovation of the tracks on Route 202, which will save the borough approx \$30,000.
- The Keeley Avenue bridge is now open in New Britain Borough.

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- The poor condition of many Pennsylvania bridges being a priority, the Bristol Road extension is not likely to happen in the near future.

#### 5K Committee

Marilyn Jacobson

- 2011 5K produced slightly more income than last year, even though there were fewer runners due to the weather
- Local sponsorship was higher than ever
- Special thanks to Abington Bank and Universal Electric for sponsorship dollars and in-kind services.

#### Parks Committee

Eileen McDonald

- Announced movie night for Saturday, September 10 at Chestnut Street Park.
- Thanks to Dr. Anderson and staff for guest reading at story time.
- The borough staff was thanked for all their help with the summer programs.
- Thanks to the Parks Master Site Plan Committee for the input of their time and effort
- A letter of thanks from the Breitingers family was read into the record. The Breitingers thanked the Borough for the improvements to the property formerly owned by their family that is now Twin Streams Park.

#### Public Property/Facilities Committee

John Engel

- A Conservation Works Grant in the amount of \$335,000 was awarded to Chalfont Borough and New Britain Borough with a match of \$2 donated by John Engel. Chalfont will use the funds for energy efficient LED street lights and heating and window upgrades for the historic train station.

#### Staff Reports

Written reports from the Borough Engineer, Borough Solicitor, Police, Public Works, Zoning Officer, EMS, and Fire Company were included in Council's packet.

#### Manager's Report

Melissa Shafer

- The new borough website will be launched some time next week
- Public Works was thanked for placing flags on Main Street and Butler Avenue on September 11.
- The Borough will be celebrating its 110<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 8 with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the bridge at Twin Streams and Blue Jay Park. An event with entertainment and fireworks is planned.

#### ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the police pension in the amount of \$57,322 and non-uniform pension in the amount of \$28,116. Seconded by Marilyn Jacobson, the motion was approved unanimously.**
- 2. John Engel made a motion to approve the AT&T amended lease for the Chalfont water tower. They propose adding an antenna on the tower and a box on the ground. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.**

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3. **Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve a letter of support to the Zoning Hearing Board on behalf of Habitat for Humanity's sign change request.** They are requesting permission to include individual business names on the existing off-premise sign previously approved by the ZHB. **The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved by unanimous roll call vote.** Habitat for Humanity offered to include directional signs to Kelly and Fairview Park accesses on Oak Avenue.
4. **Marilyn Jacobson made a motion to authorize a Request for Proposal for the Borough's annual traffic signal maintenance and on-call emergency service, as required by Penn DOT. The motion was seconded by John Engel and approved unanimously.**
5. **Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-07 honoring Chalfont Lions Club 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson, and approved unanimously.** Mayor Becker will present the resolution at the Lions' anniversary celebration.
6. **Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-08 authorizing Melissa Shafer and Darrell Card to sign Penn DOT acquisition and easement documents for the Route 202 bridge replacement project. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.**
7. **Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve the proposed change to the non-uniform health benefit plan. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and, after an explanation of the changes by the Borough Manager, approved by unanimous roll call vote.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mitch Meyerson, 12 Langhorne Road

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming meetings were announced.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**

Next Ordinance number: 400  
Next Resolution number: 2011-09

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Qualteria  
Borough Secretary