

CHALFONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

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

Roll Call

Mayor Becker, John Abbott, Tracey Bowen, Rob Cleland, Abi Corson, John Engel, Marilyn Jacobson, Melissa Shafer, Dean Ibrahim, Richard O'Brien, 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 and Bob Showalter made comment.

Consent Agenda

Marilyn Jacobson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 13, 2011 Council Meeting, with disbursements from the general fund of \$266,852.31 for the month of September. The motion was seconded by Tracey Bowen and carried unanimously. The financial report will be filed for audit.

Special Items

1. Mayor Becker read a Pennsylvania Senate Resolution honoring Chalfont on the occasion of the Borough's 110th anniversary.
2. **Tracey Bowen made a motion to accept Mark Glidden's resignation form the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and carried unanimously.**
3. After introduction and interview of Martin Ghen, volunteer candidate for the Planning Commission, **John Engel made a motion to appoint Martin Ghen of Zachary Lane to the Planning Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.**
4. **John Engel made a motion to advertise the 2012 Budget reflecting a .5 mil tax increase. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and carried unanimously.**

Council Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

Marilyn Becker

- Attended the Chalfont Lions' 75th anniversary celebration and presented the recently passed Resolution honoring the club.
- Announced that an Eagle Scout is working with the area Veterans to plan a Veterans' Monument for Krupp Park.

Streets Committee

Marilyn Jacobson

- Despite weather set-backs, the pedestrian bridge has been placed in Twin Streams Park. The entire project should be completed by November 4. This project has been paid for through grant funding and municipal open space funds.
- Lindenfield Parkway paving project is underway.

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Parks Committee

Marilyn Jacobson for Eileen McDonald

- Meeting held last week with DCNR regarding available grant opportunities, including one for up to \$20K with no match, which would be used to design the improvement of trails in Kelly and Krupp Parks and make the bridge handicapped accessible.

Youth Committee

Abi Corson

- Youth Committee has 116 Facebook fans
- The committee is working on a Coffee House/Band Night for 2012

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, in addition to draft minutes from the September Planning Commission and HARB meetings. Mr. Cleland complimented Public Works for their vigilance during the recent hurricane and storms.

Manager's Report

Melissa Shafer

- Two different samples of the new LED street lights were pointed out to Council and the public to view and make comment. All of the street lights will be replaced with cost saving LED lighting.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Tracey Bowen made a motion to authorize advertisement for Ordinance 400 setting the tax rate for 2012. Seconded by Marilyn Jacobson, the motion was approved unanimously.**
- 2. Tracey Bowen made a motion to authorize advertisement for Ordinance 398-A. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.**
- 3. Tracey Bowen made a motion to authorize advertisement for revised Ordinance 399, defining Hospital Use within the zoning ordinance. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved by unanimous roll call vote.**
- 4. John Engel made a motion to approve an Opt-Out Provision for the Chalfont Borough Health Insurance Plan. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.**
- 5. Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-09 supporting continuation of the DEP Growing Greener Program. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson, and approved unanimously.**
- 6. Marilyn Jacobson made a motion to approve the Penn DOT Event Data and Video Sharing License Agreement. The motion was seconded by Tracey Bowen and approved unanimously.**
- 7. John Engel made a motion to approve the PA Conservation Works Grant Agreement. The motion was seconded by Tracey Bowen and approved by unanimous roll call vote.**

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8. Tracey Bowen made a motion to appoint Barbara Qualterea as Temporary Right to Know Officer until December 31, 2011. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.
9. Tracey Bowen made a motion to authorize Marilyn Jacobson as temporary signatory on Bank Accounts until December 31, 2011. The motion was seconded by John Engel and approved unanimously.
10. Tracey Bowen made a motion to authorize bid preparation and advertisement for the police and public works building as presented at the October 11, 2011 Borough Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.
11. Tracey Bowen made a motion to authorize utilization of \$120,000 of Water Fund 2 money for building construction costs in 2012. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and after council discussion and public comment by Mitch Meyerson and Ben Romano, was approved unanimously.
12. Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve the Hammel Associates Architects addendum for additional services and bidding phase services in the amount of \$13,726.50 and to authorize the Borough Manager to sign the document. After public comment by Mitch Meyerson, the motion was approved unanimously.
13. Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-10, an application for a PennDOT permit for installation of a flashing warning device. The motion was seconded by John Engel and approved unanimously.
14. John Engel made a motion to authorize the Borough Secretary to certify the PennDOT Permit for a flashing warning device. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.
15. Tracey Bowen made a motion to award the 2011-2012 Salt Contract to International Salt Company of Clark Summit, PA, at \$52.77 per ton delivered. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.
16. Tracey Bowen made a motion to settle the Mager Case based upon terms outlined by the Borough Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.
17. Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to the AT&T/Cingular Wireless Cellular Site Lease Agreement. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was heard from Ben Romano, Mitch Meyerson, Mary Jane Clemens, and Bob Showalter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings were announced.

Mr. Cleland congratulated MarsFishcare on their 25th Anniversary in Chalfont Borough.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Ordinance number: 401
Next Resolution number: 2011-11

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Qualteria
Borough Secretary

