

CHALFONT BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2011

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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, Darrell Card, Rob Cleland, John Engel, Marilyn Jacobson, Eileen McDonald, Dean Ibrahim, Richard O'Brien, and Pat DiGangi were present.

Announcements

- The meeting will be recorded.

Changes, Additions, Deletions to Agenda

- Action Item #3 was changed to a first reading of Ordinance 399-A, and an additional action item has been added.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

- Ben Romano made comment.

Consent Agenda

Marilyn Jacobson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the October 11, 2011 Council Meeting, with disbursements from the general fund of \$133,985.34 for the month of October. The motion was seconded by John Engel and carried unanimously. The financial report will be filed for audit.

Special Items

1. State Representative Kathy Watson presented a congressional resolution honoring Chalfont on the occasion of the Borough's 110th anniversary, along with a state flag that had been flown over the capital.
2. **Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve the 2012 Budget as advertised. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and carried unanimously.**

Council Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

Marilyn Becker

- Thanked Public Works for placing the scarecrows on the light poles on Main Street and Butler Avenue.
- Announced that the Emergency Response Plan is being updated..
- A sweat shirt with a Forrest Park logo was presented to the borough by a resident.

Streets Committee

Marilyn Jacobson

- Pickertown Road will be closing for Route 202 bridge construction.

5K

Marilyn Jacobson

- The committee is looking into adding a 10k race

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Business Committee

Tracey Bowen

- MarsFishcare has celebrated 75 years in Chalfont Borough and would like to become more active in the community. They have offered to conduct a tour of their facility for Council Members. Tracey will follow up with them to schedule a date.

Parks Committee

Eileen McDonald

- Thanks to Linda Antonio for filling in at Story Time
- Twin Streams trail nearing completion
- Working on 2012 calendar of events
- Working with TREVITALIZE 2012 and partnering with the Watershed committee

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.

Engineers Report

Pat DiGangi

- Twin Streams trail has had a final inspection and a punch list has been established. The project should be wrapped up by November 18. Finishing touches will be completed in the spring.
- Lindenfield paving is complete.

Public Works

Shawn Curran

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

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve Ordinance 400 setting the tax rate for 2012 at 11.75 mills for county and borough, 1.25 mills for fire and .50 mills for ambulance. Seconded by Marilyn Jacobson, the motion was approved unanimously.**
- 2. Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve Ordinance 398-A amending the Chalfont Borough Stormwater Management Ordinance. The motion was seconded by John Engel and approved unanimously.**
- 3. Marilyn Jacobson made a motion to authorize advertisement of Ordinance 399-A, defining Hospital Use within the Chalfont Borough Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by John Engel and approved by unanimous roll call vote.**
- 4. John Engel made a motion to authorize advertisement of Ordinance 401 accepting dedication of certain land to be used as an access way to Twin Streams Park. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.**

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5. Tracey Bowen made a motion to award the Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract to Armour & Sons Electric of Langhorne, PA, as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,000 per year plus services as needed. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson, and approved unanimously.
6. Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve the Federal Safe Routes to School Reimbursement Agreement for the costs of construction of the Butler Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously.
7. Tracey Bowen made a motion to approve the Resolution 2011-11, authorizing Council President and Borough Secretary to sign the Safe Routes to School Program Federal Aid Reimbursement Agreements. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved by unanimous roll call vote.
8. John Engel made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-12 requesting an Alternative & Clean Energy Program Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount equal to 10% of the estimated \$1,300,000 in construction costs for the Chalfont Borough Police and Public Works Building project and designating signatories to execute all documents. The motion was seconded by Eileen McDonald and approved unanimously.
9. John Engel made a motion to award an Energy Audit Contract to Gannett Fleming, Inc. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and approved unanimously. The audit proposal costs are \$12,250 for Chalfont's share and \$19,400 for New Britain Borough. The funds to be used for this audit will come from the Conservation Works Grant in the amount of \$335,000 awarded to Chalfont Borough and New Britain Borough. Chalfont will use the funds for energy efficient LED street lights and heating and window upgrades for the historic train station.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was heard from resident, Bill Weir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings were announced.

Eileen McDonald reminded everyone about the Fire Company Auxiliary's cookie sale and announced that CB West is hosting a 5K on Thanksgiving Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Ordinance number: 402

Next Resolution number: 2011-13

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Qualteria
Borough Secretary