

# **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, Abigail Corson, John Engel, Marilyn Jacobson, Bill Kuder, Eileen McDonald, Melissa Shafer, and Dean Ibrahim were present.

### **Announcements**

The meeting will be recorded.

### **Changes, Additions, Deletions to Agenda**

None

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Resident Mitch Meyerson

### **Consent Agenda**

**Marilyn Jacobson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the December 14, 2010 Council Meeting, with disbursements from the general fund of \$318,424.42 for the month of December. The motion was seconded by Eileen McDonald and carried unanimously. The financial report will be filed for audit.**

### **Special Items**

- Mayor Becker presented volunteer award certificates for 2010 to Kathy Albert, Colin Baxter, Lexy Smyles, Abigail Corson, and D.J. Tomanelli.

### **Council Committee Reports**

#### **Mayor's Report**

Marilyn Becker

- Offered condolences to victims of the Arizona shootings on behalf of Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

#### **Steering Committee**

Marilyn Jacobson recommended Council review of the 35 year old Borough Charter with overview from the Borough Solicitor. Provisions for Council appointees to stand for the following election and new legislation would be taken into consideration. The Council voted unanimously to approve the steering committee to review and make recommendations to council for a Charter update.

#### **Streets Committee**

Marilyn Jacobson

- Reported a water main break on Deerpath Road.

#### **Parks Committee**

Eileen McDonald

- Thanked volunteers for the Senior Coffee and Story Time events.
- Statements of Interest/Qualification are being sought for inspection services for Twin Streams/Blue Jay Park pedestrian trail and bridge project.
- Recreation Calendar presented for review/suggestions from Council.

#### **Youth Committee**

Abi Corson

- Announced a clothing Swap Shop to be held at Borough Hall on January 22.

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Business Community Development Committee

Tracey Bowen

- Requested the PEG channel and borough web site be advertised on the community letter board sign when there are no other advertisements.

**Staff Reports**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **John Engel made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-01 closing out the Community Conservation Partnership Grant Project for the Tri Municipal Trail Plan. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.**
2. **Eileen McDonald made a motion to authorize application to Tree Vitalize Program in conjunction with the North Branch Watershed and the Bucks County Conservation District for trees to be planted along the Fairview Trail. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.**
3. **Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve signing the Tree Vitalize Program Landowner Consent Form. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Jacobson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Received from Ben Romano and Mitch Meyerson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Marilyn Jacobson announced that the 2011 Bucks 5k Series major sponsor will be Advanced Sports Chiropractic. Runners can sign up on line at [www.bucks5kseries.com](http://www.bucks5kseries.com).

Eileen McDonald announced a used book and rummage sale at the Firehouse on Saturday, January 15 from 10 am to noon.

Upcoming meetings were announced.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council moved to executive session at 7:23 p.m. and reconvened in the public forum to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Next Ordinance number: 398

Next Resolution number: 2011-2

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Qualteria  
Borough Secretary