

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

November 10, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, October 13, 2014 and was called to order by Jay H. Dworin at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. McAbee, Yankes, Messrs. Jurewicz, Collins, Riehl and Mayor McKenna. Ms. Law was absent. Also present were Police Chief Allen Park, Borough Manager/Secretary Craig Robinson, Solicitor Gavin Robb, Donna Perry. Tax Collector/Treasurer Daniel R. Duerring was absent.

WORKSHOP MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting held October 6, 2014 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mr. Riehl that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 13, 2014 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR - Mayor McKenna reported that Police Officer Jay Theys will be retiring in December after 27 years of dedicated service to the Borough. He also thanked the Police and Fire Departments for patrolling on Halloween.

There was a motion made by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Ms. McAbee and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Mayor's Report be accepted and filed as presented.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Mr. Robinson reported the Fire Department responded to 21 calls for the month with a total of 200 year-to-date. They had a busy month that included homecoming, trick-or-treat, Race for Pace, and fire prevention month at the schools.

Under the Manager's Report, Mr. Robinson stated that leaf collection is scheduled for one more week with Allied Waste, however, our road crew will continue to pick up bags thereafter. Road salt is on order.

There was a motion by Ms. McAbee, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that these reports be accepted and filed.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Mr. Robinson stated real estate tax collections were \$5,164.90 and penalties of \$516.50 for a total of \$5,681.40. The balance collectable is \$54,095.38. The balance collectable is \$54,095.38

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of October 2014. It showed the following:

<u>CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>O/S CHECKS AND DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>ENDING CASH BALANCES</u>
REGULAR ACCOUNT	1,275,075.98	486,808.42	848,311.67	913,572.73
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,591.00	6.74	-0-	158,597.74
ROAD & HIGHWAY	171,230.93	35,311.58	69,503.28	137,039.23
SEWAGE AGENCY	172,654.43	185,946.60	180,440.31	178,160.72
SPECIAL ACCT.	12,381.83	0.30	535.00	11,847.13
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,392.08	215,208.36	218,600.44	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	874.70	38,251.40	39,126.10	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	1,570.73	-0-	-0-	1,570.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	3,050.00	3,050.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of October and have it reproduced in the minutes.

**EARNED INCOME TAX
DEED TRANSFER**

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX – Mr. Robinson reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$21,083.97 for the month of October.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$3,096.80.

There was no delinquent real estate tax collected.

There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved that the reports be filed.

LISTEN TO VISITORS - Mr. Rick Harris introduced himself and stated he is part of a non-profit group called the National Museum of Broadcasting. They have been in existence for quite a number of years with the goal originally to preserve the Frank Conrad garage which is currently in Wilksburg. This is where the broadcasting industry started 95 years ago. Bill Hillgrove is the president. Their goal is to establish a broadcasting museum in the next five years which will be the 100th anniversary and the restored garage will be the centerpiece. The group has been encouraged

by Congressman Doyle to look at the site of the former Westinghouse property, here in Churchill. They are planning to contact the owner to see if this is feasible. Their website is www.savethegarage.org.

Jim DiPerna of 1616 Branning Road discussed the 2015 proposed budget.

John Shrader of Kings Dale Road discussed the garbage collection billing fee.

Joan Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road spoke on behalf of her and her husband and thanked Council and the Borough Staff for all their work on various matters throughout the year and wished them a well-deserved, happy holiday season and good health.

2015 POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION RATE - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4321 to set the 2015 police pension contribution rate at 5%.

FIRST READING OF 2015 BUDGET - Mr. Jurewicz read the 2015 budget and it showed anticipated revenues of \$2,392,399 and expenses of \$2,392,399.

ADVERTISE BUDGET INSPECTION - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to advertise the 2015 proposed budget is available for inspection.

ADVERTISE INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE 2015 MILLAGE RATE - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to advertise the intent to adopt an ordinance to the set the 2015 millage rate.

ADOPT THE TRI-COG LAND BANK ORDINANCE - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Ordinance No. 723 authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with other participating municipalities and taxing jurisdictions of Allegheny County for the purpose of forming, establishing and joining a land bank to be known at the Tri-COG Land Bank.

ACCEPT RETIREMENT OF POLICE OFFICER JAY W. THEYS - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Ms. McAbee and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the retirement of Officer Jay W. Theys effective December 19, 2014.

RE-APPOINT HOFFMAN'S BOARDING KENNELS - There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4322 to re-appoint Hoffman's Boarding Kennels as the animal control officer for the year 2015.

PAY THE BILLS - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$591,519.91. Mr. Dworin read the bills that totaled \$15,000. or more and they included, Vigliotti Landscape & Construction, Inc. for road maintenance - \$15,915.00, PNC Bank for Tax Anticipation Note and interest - \$355,375.42, TEC Benefits for health insurance - \$14,508.74 and Tresco Paving for road paving - \$57,016.99. There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4323 to pay the bills.

RECESS - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins and approved by Voice Vote to recess the meeting for Council to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the Churchill Valley Country Club tax assessment appeal at 8:23 p.m.

ADJOURN - Discussion ensued regarding the Churchill Valley Country Club tax assessment appeal and Labor Negotiations and then the meeting adjourned.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY**