

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

May 14, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 14 2013 and was called to order by Robert L. Ferry at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Ferry led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ms. McAbee, Mrs. Pantlik, Messrs. Lepidi, Kline, Dworin and Jurewicz. Mayor McKenna was absent. Also present were Robert W. Goehring, Police Chief Allen Park, Donna Perry and Daniel R. Duerring.

MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mrs. Pantlik that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 9, 2013 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR - There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi and seconded by Mr. Kline to accept the report. The motion was unanimously approved.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Robinson stated the Fire Department responded to 14 calls for the month of April and the year-to-date total is 56.

Mr. Robinson reported that the sewer work projects will be awarded tonight. This work will be accomplished over the next few weeks.

Since spring has arrived, he reminded everyone to have their grass cut and weeds taken care of. Also, to place garbage cans out of view from the neighbors and the street.

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

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – Mr. Duerring reported that the taxes collected at face for the month of April were \$669,188.99, less discounts of \$13,383.70 for a total of \$655,805.29. The balance collectable is \$439,008.62.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Duerring read the following report for the month of April, 2013. It showed the following:

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<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	424,716.60	1,358,080.13	834,838.74	947,957.99
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,471.30	7.21	-0-	158,478.51
ROAD & HIGHWAY	55,209.56	136,378.17	68,186.45	123,401.28
SEWAGE AGENCY FUND	123,916.39	134,288.91	103,171.72	155,033.58
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	12,485.86	0.34	-0-	12,486.20
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,196.11	3,198.01	6,394.12	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	861.81	856.18	1,717.99	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	1,030.73	-0-	-0-	1,030.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,900.00	1,900.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of April 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 \$27,435.26 for the month of April.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$3,175.20 for the month of April.

There were no delinquent real estate taxes collected in April.

There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Ms. McAbee and unanimously approved that the reports be filed.

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Margie Darbut of 1503 Williamsburg Place congratulated Craig Robinson and the office staff on the newly formatted newsletter and the updated, user-friendly website.

She also stated she is a health care worker and expressed concern over lyme disease. People are out working in their yards and she stated one of her neighbors wears boots because of the many deer droppings. She and a patient were discussing the deer problem. He is very involved

in his community with the deer problem and is aware of the state and county guidelines associated with hunting the deer via archery. He said the best time to conduct a hunt is in the fall. She has his contact information and will get it to Craig. She informed that if a person gets a deer tick, they can go to a Giant Eagle pharmacy and they will give you an antibiotic to start treatment.

Charlene McAbee of 2005 Garrick Drive also concurred with Ms. Darbut regarding the deer problem.

Diana Yankes of William Penn Highway thanked Craig for his help with the dedication ceremony for the new kiosk at Bullock Pens Park.

Milton Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road stated huge improvements have been made at Bullock Pens Park and thanked Craig for removal of the downed trees blocking the paths. It was a tremendous help for those who walk in the park.

Joan Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road informed that because of poor weather on May 11 the remainder of activities planned at Bullock Pens Park will continue this Saturday, May 18. Some time will be spent sprucing up the area around the upper shelter and planting some native plants and a Witch Hazel tree will be planted. A one-mile trail walk will be done for exercise benefits and for a final glimpse of the spring wild flowers.

She thanked the office staff for the new format of the newsletter.

She also informed that Woodland Hills School District had its awards ceremony for seniors on Monday, May 6. Churchill Area Environmental Council representative Mike Boyd of Wilkins presented this year's award to Regina Sakas. She thanked Council for their continued generous support of this award.

Debra Cooper of 302 Carlton St. talked about the proposed plan by Wal-Mart to occupy the property currently situated where Sears located in Wilkins Township on Business Route 22. She recently became aware of the situation at Shop 'N Save grocery store whereby there were people with information and petitions to sign for both Wilkins Township residents and non-residents. Her house is less than a mile away from this site and she stated she is against this decision. She stated the traffic on Homer Drive is horrendous as it is. She thinks this proposal would only make the traffic conditions even worse. She inquired if there was any action by our Council to address this issue. Mr. Lepidi stated he and Mr. Robinson attended a meeting this week at Wilkins Township to discuss this. In attendance were two PennDot representatives, along with a number of Churchill and Wilkins residents, Township Solicitor, the head of the Board of Commissioners, and the Township Manager. There were petitions presented to the township. Mr. Robinson stated Wal-

Mart submitted two sets of plans to PennDot, they submitted their comments, sent the plans back both times, and are still waiting for revised traffic plans from Wal-Mart. There have not been any formal plans presented to Wilkins Township Planning Commission by the developer. She inquired if we could disseminate information to our residents. Mr. Ferry stated at some point there would have to be public meetings held that would be advertised. Ms. Cooper asked if we could put some information in the next newsletter that there are petitions available to sign. Mr. Ferry said he felt a petition from us would indicate that we are taking a stance against it. What could possibly be done is to include information advising a meeting will be held by Wilkins Township officials and interested residents could attend and voice their opinions. Mr. Lepidi noted that the petitions presented had many more concerns than just traffic.

JOINT UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS – There was a motion by Mr. Kline, seconded by Mrs. Pantlik and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Ordinance No. 718 to establish a Joint Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals.

AWARD 2013 SANITARY SEWER LINING PROJECT – There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4267 to award the 2013 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project to Insight Pipe in the amount of \$23,371.80.

Mr. Lepidi informed that since it was the only bid, we did receive a letter from our engineer confirming it was an acceptable bid.

AWARD 2013 O&M CCTV INSPECTIONS & CLEANING – There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4268 to award the 2013 O&M CCTV Inspections and Cleaning (Year 2) to Insight Pipe in the amount of \$31,422.45.

LETTER TO PENN HILLS EXPRESSING INTEREST TO TAP INTO THE LOWER RODI ROAD SEWER – There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4269 to authorize the Borough Manager to send a letter to the Municipality of Penn Hills expressing interest to tap into their sanitary sewer line on Lower Rodi Road.

Mr. Lepidi advised this is in connection with the feasibility study which is due under the Consent Order. The Borough has several watersheds and one feeds into the Thompson Run watershed. There is the possibility of saving perhaps as much as a million dollars if we would tap

into Penn Hills existing line since they have the capacity. Council, at this point in time, is simply keeping their options open.

PAY THE BILLS – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$241,773.24. There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mrs. Pantlik and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution 4270 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mrs. Pantlik informed that there will be a weed and walk in Bullocks Pen Park this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and should be done about 1:00-1:30 p.m. On Saturday, June 8 in the Yagle Room there will be a Frick Art & Historical slide show and lecture entitled “Land of Abundance: Pittsburgh and the American Garden”. They will be discussing the importance of gardens in the context of American history and the history of modern greenhouses.

Mr. Kline stated it was nice to see all the new Council candidates that are running for office in the audience. He felt it was a good sign for Churchill Borough that we have people showing interest in our Borough that want to serve on Council.

Mr. Lepidi attended the dedication ceremony for the new kiosk at Bullock Pens Park that was built by an Eagle Scout from Troop 90 in Forest Hills. The money for materials was donated by the Churchill/Wilkins Rotary. This was the second Eagle Scout project in the Borough; the first was the island that was constructed at Churchill and Holland Roads.

He further stated the latest issue with the school board is that tomorrow night the board is going to decide whether or not to authorize an expenditure up to \$15 million to renovate the Woodland Hills Academy in Turtle Creek. He thought this was excessive and will be attending and speaking at the meeting.

Ms. McAbee informed that Trek Development is suing the school district for \$90,000 for what they claim was money spent on their proposal. She also found it interesting that the school board may be willing to spend \$15 million at Woodland Hills Academy, but they have no plans for the Administration Building which is the one they claimed they needed to move from.

She also complimented the staff that put the newsletter together.

Mr. Dworin noted it appears there is a common theme whether it is the quality of the newsletter, website, or just addressing the day-to-day operations in the Borough shows that we have a constant reminder of the quality of our staff. He thanked them for their consistency and said it is very much appreciated.

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He spoke about the deer issue and stated the majority of Council is sympathetic to the issue. He said this is a matter that is discussed actively and all our options thoroughly investigated.

Mr. Dworin shared news that the mother of Tom Caulfield, our current District Magistrate, and former Council President passed away.

Mr. Jurewicz had several compliments: Recreation Board on the kiosk presentation, to Eagle Scout Jacob Burke for constructing it, and to Churchill/Wilkins Rotary for the funds to build it, to the office staff for the new website. He stated the website is a work in progress and if anyone has suggestions or additions to let us know. Mr. Jurewicz said Council is working hard to improve communications with the residents.

As for Wal-Mart, as soon as there is a public meeting on this matter, he felt it appropriate to have a news bulletin to inform our residents who would like to make a public comment.

He thanked the Woodland Hills Media Department who produced a recycling video for the website.

Mr. Ferry commended the Woodland Hills School District for their fantastic play. He is always amazed at their productions as high school students. Mr. Robinson informed that the lead in the play was none other than Eagle Scout Jacob Burke.

ADJOURN – A motion was duly made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned until Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00pm.

CRAIG A. ROBINSON
SECRETARY