

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL  
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

July 16, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 and was called to order by Lawrence J. Lepidi at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Lepidi led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ms. McAbee, Mrs. Pantlik, Messrs. Kline, Jurewicz and Dworin. Robert L. Ferry was absent. Also present were Mayor McKenna, Police Chief Allen Park, and Donna Perry. Daniel R. Duerring was absent.

MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mrs. Pantlik that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 11, 2013 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR - Mayor McKenna reported that we have two new police cars; one is all equipped and on the road and the other is being prepared to be on the road soon.

Mr. Lepidi reported the Police Department received a letter of appreciation from a resident who had a burglary at their home.

Chief Park reported there has been an increase in burglaries especially in the Blackridge and Greensburg Pike areas. There was a youngster apprehended that was from Wilkinsburg. He urged everyone to lock everything and to be aware of their surroundings.

There was a motion by Mr. Dworin and seconded by Ms. McAbee to accept the report. The motion was unanimously approved.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Robinson stated the Fire Department responded to 17 calls for the month of June and the year-to-date total is 85. There was nothing of significance in the Borough, but they assisted Penn Hills on a structure fire.

On the Manager's side, he reported Insight Pipe started televising sewer lines in the Blackridge area.

Bids for a new Borough Building roof will be opened on July 23 at 10:00 a.m.

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

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – Mr. Robinson reported that the taxes collected at face for the month of June were \$16,961.77, less discounts of \$6.90 for a total of \$16,954.87. The balance collectable is \$191,882.29.

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TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of June, 2013. 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	985,382.89	392,548.23	463,045.24	914,885.88
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,485.24	6.08	-0-	158,491.32
ROAD & HIGHWAY	123,406.47	4.70	-0-	123,411.17
SEWAGE AGENCY	183,068.86	255,427.56	266,596.88	171,899.54
SPECIAL ACCT.	12,486.52	211.28	372.00	12,325.80
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,216.07	3,397.56	6,613.63	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	853.36	853.36	1,706.72	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	1,030.73	90.00	-0-	1,120.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Kline, seconded by Mrs. Pantlik and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of June 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 \$72,559.99 for the month of June.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$4,845.12 for the month of June.

Jordan Tax Service collected delinquent real estate taxes in the amount of \$3,828.83 for the month of June.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Diane Law of 2326 Forest Drive questioned if the burglaries occurred during the day or night. Chief Park responded that they occurred during the daylight and on weekdays.

Dolores Patterson of the Churchill Mansions complimented Council, the Mayor, and the office staff for all the work they do.

Chief Park informed the PA Game Commission became involved with situation of a hawk's nest on Dowling Avenue. We've had hawks in the area for a number of years, but this year for whatever reason they have become more aggressive while guarding the nest. There were a couple incidents with individuals on Stevendale Drive and Kingsdale Road.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW SOLICITORSHIP – There was a motion by Ms. McAbee and seconded by Mrs. Pantlik to appoint the law firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. to serve as Borough Solicitor effective July 16, 2013.

Mr. Lepidi ensued in discussion and stated that Mr. Ferry explained in detail last month the reasoning to obtain a new solicitor. An Adhoc Committee comprised of Ms. McAbee, Mr. Dworin and himself extensively interviewed seven law firms. Mr. Gavin Robb will be the designated representative from the law firm assigned to us. The fees are as follows: \$1,000. retainer, \$125/hour for municipal work and \$165/hour for all other work including litigation. Mr. Lepidi thanked Council for their involvement in making the final decision.

Ms. McAbee stated the law firm has experience with police contracts and property maintenance ordinance issues to help bring our ordinance up to current standards.

A Roll Call Vote was unanimously approved for the adoption of Resolution No. 4274 to appoint the law firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. to serve as Borough Solicitor effective July 16, 2013.

MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING – Solicitor Robb explained that municipalities in Allegheny County are faced with a July 31 Draft Feasibility Study deadline. The projects are sewerlines that are shared with other municipalities. He stated various solicitors met with the Three Rivers Wet Weather group to develop the memorandums of understanding. They developed projected cost allocations and projected methodology to determine who pays for what. He stressed that these are merely proposals and concepts, but no one is committing to anything concrete. He advised Council to approve the Memorandums of Understanding for the two proposed projects. He also noted that these projects will not begin for many years to come.

Mr. Kline strongly opposed the agreements since it appears Churchill's cost is \$800,000. Also, it seems a rushed deal since the agreements were just received this past Friday. Mr. Lepidi stated these are not legally binding agreements with any of the parties involved and he didn't want to be in violation of the Consent Order decree if we didn't adhere to the filing deadline date.

**APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SEWER WORK IN THE T-04 Falls Run SEWERSHED** - There was a motion by Mrs. Pantlik and seconded by Mr. Jurewicz to adopt Resolution No. 4275 to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for sewer improvement project in the T-04 Falls Run Sewershed. Roll Call Vote was as follows: McAbee – yes, Dworin – yes, Jurewicz – yes, Pantlik – yes, Kline – no and Lepidi – yes. Motion passed by Majority Vote.

**APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SEWER WORK IN THE M-47 NINE MILE RUN SEWERSHED** – There was a motion by Mrs. Pantlik and seconded by Mr. Jurewicz to adopt Resolution No. 4276 to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for sewer improvement project in the M-47 Nine Mile Run Sewershed. Roll Call Vote was as follows: McAbee – yes, Dworin – yes, Jurewicz – yes, Pantlik – yes, Kline – no and Lepidi – yes. Motion passed by Majority Vote.

**AUTHORIZE GATEWAY ENGINEERS TO ACT AS THE BOROUGH'S AGENT FOR SUBMITTING THE DRAFT FEASIBILITY STUDY** – There was a motion by Mr. Kline, seconded by Ms. McAbee and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize Gateway Engineers to act as the Borough's agent for submitting the Draft Feasibility Study to the Department of Environmental Protection.

**PAY THE BILLS** – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$197,910.89. There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4277 to pay the bills.

**ROUND THE TABLE** – Ms. McAbee stated most members of Council agreed with the Memorandums of Understanding mainly based on the fact our legal counsel advised it was appropriate to approve them.

Mayor McKenna thanked the four prospective Council candidates for attending tonight's meeting.

He also thanked Mother Nature for the great weather and stated there have been many compliments received on the municipal gardens.

Mr. Dworin informed his brother-in-law moved to Churchill and had an issue with a pothole in front of his property. He was impressed with the timely manner in which it was addressed when brought to the attention of the Borough office.

Mr. Jurewicz welcomed the new solicitor.

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He advised the Borough of Churchill and Forest Hills have partnered together to organize health talks. The first one is scheduled for October 6. Dr. Hillary Tindle authored a book on how a positive outlook can transform the aging process. A second discussion will be held November 23 on the Mediterranean diet.

Mrs. Pantlik reminded everyone of the lecture Mr. Lepidi will conduct on July 27 to discuss fine tuning the management of your assets as you age.

Mr. Kline welcomed the new solicitor.

He also discussed upcoming sewer projects and asked the future Council to be very careful and diligent about the costs associated with various projects.

Mr. Robinson welcomed the new solicitor and invited him to come into the office and meet the staff. He also wanted a chance to bring him up-to-date on various matters within the Borough.

Mr. Robb thanked Council for the opportunity to work as Solicitor. He's certain Council will be pleased with the choice they made.

Mr. Lepidi stated he is confident with the choice Council made in selecting the new solicitorship.

He also thanked Mr. Kline for his comments and concerns regarding sewer projects.

Mr. Lepidi informed the audience about matters that were discussed at the Workshop Meeting on Monday night.

Mayor McKenna reminded everyone about the Car Cruise being held at Woodland Hills High School this Friday. The proceeds will benefit Joey Hornak who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

Ms. McAbee informed that the Solicitor will be attending the July 29 auction of Churchill Valley Country Club.

ADJOURN – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, August 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**