

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

October 8, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 8, 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 and Dworin. Mr. Jurewicz was absent. Also present were Mayor McKenna, Police Chief Park, and Donna Perry. Mr. Duerring was absent.

MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Dworin and seconded by Ms. McAbee that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 10, 2013 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR – Mayor McKenna reported that everything has been pretty quiet in the Borough and the school has been reasonably quiet.

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 13 alarms for the month of September and the year-to-date total is 140. They assisted Wilkins Township with two vehicle fires, responded to a few accidents on the Parkway and a couple alarms. There were no significant calls in the Borough. They had a successful Open House on September 14.

On the Manager's side, Mr. Robinson reported all sewer work has been completed. We will start planning for next year.

Leaf pick-up started on Monday and will continue every Monday through November 11. The leaf vacuum truck will be out and reminded residents not to rake their leaves out into the street. The streets are vacuumed for leaves that naturally fall onto the street. We don't have the equipment to perform leaf pick-up for every house.

Every street in the Borough was recently cleaned by the Steel Valley COG street cleaner.

Halloween will be observed on October 31 between the hours of 6-8 p.m.

Mr. Lepidi commented about the good job the workers have doing on picking up the leaves off the street.

There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi and seconded by Mrs. Pantlik 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 September were \$10,955.28, plus penalties of \$823.08 for a total of \$11,778.36.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of September, 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	806,791.54	526,560.13	474,264.08	859,087.59
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,505.00	6.73	-0-	158,511.73
ROAD & HIGHWAY	123,421.73	5.20	-0-	123,426.93
SEWAGE AGENCY	180,819.54	273,920.24	390,650.60	64,089.18
SPECIAL ACCT.	11,844.66	1,065.79	532.74	12,377.71
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,412.55	3,265.29	6,677.84	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	860.04	846.70	1,706.74	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	1,120.73	90.00	-0-	1,210.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Dworin and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector’s Report and Treasurer’s Report for the month of September 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 \$57,096.14 for the month of September.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$10,115.45 for the month of September.

There was no Delinquent Real Estate Tax collection.

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

CHURCHILL AREA ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL – Mr. Ferry acknowledged receipt of the C.A.E.C. meeting minutes of September 16, 2013.

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Dolores Patterson of 2525 Greensburg Pike questioned if there was anything new on the sale of Westinghouse property. Mr. Ferry responded that the largest portion has been sold, but the smaller portion that houses the Westinghouse hot cell is still for sale.

SALE OF 2007 CHEVROLET IMPALA POLICE CAR – There was a motion by Mrs. Pantlik, seconded by Ms. McAbee and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4280 to authorize the sale of our 2007 Chevrolet Impala Police Car to Grace Quality Used Cars in the amount of \$2,878.

RE-APPOINT HOFFMAN'S BOARDING KENNELS – There was a motion by Ms. McAbee, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4281 to re-appoint Hoffman's Boarding Kennels as the animal control officer for another one-year contract to begin January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION OF CHIEF ALLEN PARK – Mayor McKenna read a Proclamation honoring Chief Allen Park's 35 years of service to the Borough and then presented him with a service pin award.

SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION TO ASSISTANT CHIEF ROCH KUJAVA – Mayor McKenna read a Proclamation honoring Assistant Chief Roch Kujava's 25 years of service to the Borough and then presented him with a service pin award.

SUMMARY OF WORKSHOP MEETING HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013 – Mr. Ferry informed that Council has started the budget process.

Mr. Lepidi attended a Tri-COG summit on blight in local communities on October 3 at the Boyce Campus of CCAC. They are trying to get a handle in the eastern communities. The summit was well attended and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald spoke. A study was done based on results of the 2010 census. Areas of blight were mapped out and he stated he has printed information if anyone would like a copy. Churchill is like an island of tranquility compared to our

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surrounding communities. Information was provided on the median income levels of the three COG'S and we are the highest. Our median income was over \$80,000 and \$17,000 over the next highest community which is Plum. The eastern communities have 40% of the blight in Allegheny County. Mr. Robinson maintains a list of owners who are in violation of the property maintenance code. They are contacted and given a time period to correct the violation. This list is reviewed by Council on a monthly basis. Also, Mr. Lepidi advised that within the past year the State Legislature passed a statute which authorizes Land Banks. This is a device where an authority would be formed to buy delinquent properties and then try to sell them. He feels that Churchill does not need to do this.

Solicitor Robb stated there is a tentative date of November 26 for the sale of the Churchill Valley Country Club. However, a court order has yet to be received.

PAY THE BILLS – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$682,188.94. There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4282 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mr. Dworin thanked Mr. Lepidi for attending the meeting on blight and providing information about it. The good news is we don't have a blight problem.

He congratulated both Police Officers on their award and commended them for their long-time commitment to the community.

Mr. Dworin commented on the minutes of the C.A.E.C. meeting whereby it was noted that Wilkins Township is interested in the recycling bins that we have. He asked Mrs. Gottlieb to explain a little more on this issue. He asked if they liked the curbside pick-up or just the bins. She replied that the Wilkins representatives who are knowledgeable about the actions of the Commissioners were not at the meeting. The one representative who was at the meeting stated they liked the Churchill approach and are looking into obtaining bids.

Mayor McKenna read a very complimentary letter from Mr. Bohm of Saybrook Drive. He experienced his first encounter to have to call 911 for a medical condition. He stated he was pleased to receive above and beyond satisfactory service from both the Churchill police and paramedics who responded. Mayor McKenna stated the Churchill officer who responded was Billy Pleins.

The Mayor also commented on the community effort to beautify the entrance of Woodland Hills Drive. He was contacted by Mrs. Leslie Swenson to do something with this area. The Mayor

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advised her he would help get it started, but thereafter she and her neighbors would have to maintain it. He then contacted Ralph at the Borough Office and recruited him and the road crew to do the heavy stuff. Afterwards he, along with Messrs. Jurewicz, Culbertson, Mrs. Swenson and some other neighbors did a planting and got it started. He noted it is a big improvement.

Ms. McAbee congratulated the Police Officers on their award.

She also commented on Mr. Bohm's letter and said she could relate to his situation with the great experience dealing with the police and medical staff when her dad was in need of assistance.

Mrs. Pantlik stated the Recreation Board has a lot going on in October. Events include a presentation by the Frick Historical Society entitled Cemetery Tales on Friday, October 11 from 2-4pm. The Race for Pace will be held Saturday, October 12 and the Greensburg Pike will be closed from 8:45 -10:15am from the Parkway exit to Carl St. The Children's Annual Halloween Party will be held Saturday, October 19 between 2-4:00 pm. Mr. Lepidi will be hosting a talk on Understanding Hospice and Palliative Care on Sunday, October 20. Mr. Jurewicz has partnered with Forest Hills to provide health talk series and on Saturday, November 23, at the Forest Hills Lodge, "Eat Like a Mediterranean" will be presented.

Mr. Kline thanked both Chief Park and Assistant Chief Kujava for their service.

Mr. Lepidi thanked Chief Park and Assistant Chief Kujava, not only for their service, but more importantly for the leadership he has witnessed by both of them. They have worked continuously to improve the department.

He spoke about the upcoming talk on hospice and palliative care. He explained that hospice care is for the terminally ill and palliative care is for people who have a chronic, serious condition who may be undergoing treatment. Representatives from a local hospice/palliative care center will do the presentation. They will also discuss volunteer activities that are available.

Other upcoming events sponsored by the Churchill-Wilkins Rotary include a blood screening in the Yagle Center from 7-10am on Saturday, November 2 and the cost is \$42. The representatives will also try to help you ascertain if your health insurance will pay the full cost or a portion of the cost of the testing. A spaghetti dinner will be held, in connection with the Interact Club (a student group), on Sunday, November 3 from 12-4pm at the Woodland Hills High School and proceeds will be used for scholarships. Annually, the Rotary usually presents three \$1,000 scholarships. This year they posed a challenge to the Interact Club to see if they could generate enough revenue to provide one or two additional scholarships. Price for the spaghetti dinner is

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\$5.00 for children 10 and under and \$7.00 for everyone else. Tugboat's Restaurant will be preparing the food.

Mr. Ferry congratulated the Police Chief and Assistant Chief on their service awards. He also thanked the supporting Police Officers that were in attendance.

ADJOURN – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY